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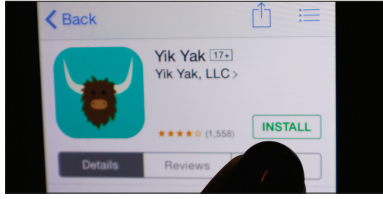
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Midterm Grade Recovery

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Midterm exams recently passed here at Hampton University. Students are either rejoicing that testing is over and that they are passing their classes or they are cringing at the sight of the grades received. With the end of the add/drop period quickly approaching, it is certainly decision-making time for students who are less than satisfied with their grades.

Depending on how academically focused and motivated a student is at this point in the semester, they will have different attitudes towards the mere idea of receiving midterm grades. "They're confirming. They tell me what I already knew," commented Terrell Fields, a senior accounting major from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nequa Powell, a sophomore Pre-Pharmacy major, from Suffolk, VA feels "accomplished once I receive them, but they're still pretty stressful."

Fortunately for students struggling after midterms, Student Support Services is available. There, students can find great study tips, time management workshops, and much more. Best of all, Student Support Services operates just like any other club or organization on campus. Members get to know one another through fun activities.

"Student Support Services has been very beneficial to my tenure here at Hampton," said Marquise Johnson a transfer Kinesology major from Murrieta, Calif.

"Not only does it assist me with my academic life, but also with life after college with workshops that deal with financing and graduate school," Johnson added.

Sean Robinson, a senior criminal justice major from Ann Arbor, Mich. is another student who takes advantage of the information and assistance the Student Support Services has to offer.

"It is like a family setting. The faculty and staff does everything they can to help you succeed," said Robinson.

Mrs. Jelisa Sinn-Braswell, a Tutor Coordinator for Student Support Services explained in depth what students can expect when participating in the program.

"Student Support Services are for eligible participants. They must meet various categories to be accepted into the program."

According to the Hampton University website, Student Support Services enrolls 190 eligible students to be apart of the program. The website also states that once a student is enrolled, they are allowed to stay in the program through their senior year.

Sinn-Braswell continued by adding Student Support Services "provide free tutoring and counseling for several purposes such as academics, social, financial and career."

Student Support Services also helps students put things into perspective as to where they stand post midterm grades. Sinn-Braswell also shared that Student Support Services provides tutoring for general education courses and ensures that students stay on the right path towards graduating and success.

It is not too late for students to turn their grades around before the end of the semester. For advice about midterm grades, academic counseling or for more information regarding academics, visit Student Support Services.

Student Support Services is located on the first floor of Armstrong-Slater. Their office hours are from 8am to 5pm for counseling. Students are welcome to walk in or set up an appointment.



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Hampton alum stop by their "Home by the Sea" to share inspiration and words of advice about life after graduation.

Media Takeover At HU

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It is often said that five years after a Hamptonian graduates, society will fittingly call them, "boss." On Thursday, October 30, 2014 movers and shakers in the sports and entertainment industries gathered to share their individual journeys that led them to where they are now.

Sponsored by the Hampton University Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HIPER), the panel discussion included Hampton alum Randall Harris, Rashad Drakeford, Gabby Cudjoe Wilkes, Ryan Boyd, Mia Hall, Chris Coy, Taylor James, Aminah Charles and Elise Hillman.

These individuals represent a wide array of companies such as Revolt TV, the National Basketball Association (NBA), Barclays Center, Gatorade, music artist Justin Bieber, and motivational speaker Rob Hill Sr.

The panel discussion began with simple introductions and ultimately led into a conversation full of advice and lessons gained at Hampton University and beyond.

"The biggest lesson Hampton

University has taught me is how important it is to make sure you not only succeed but give back to those coming after you in your local and global community," shared Mia Hall, a 2005 graduate. Hall currently works as the

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Community Manager for Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

As students listened, they acted as sponges soaking up all of the gems that were being offered.

There was a consensus amongst the panelist that it is impossible to get anywhere without hard work.

There is simply no way around it. However, although students may

not have a lot of work experience, Gabby Cudjoe Wilkes, a 2007 graduate expressed, "You don't have to have the expertise. Just have the work ethic." Essentially, just be ready to work and work hard.

As students matriculate through college, they are often in search of their true passions. Although it may seem hard to figure it out, Chris Coy, a 2009 graduate, challenged students to ask themselves, "If bills were paid, what would you do for free?" Coy is currently following his passion as a sports agent. He is the founder of Life After Sports Agency, LLC and Play It Coy, a sports management firm.

"It's okay to be passionate about something unorthodox," Taylor James added. "I am doing everything I want to do," he continued. James is the personal A & R and Official DJ for Justin Bieber.

He followed his passion of DJing all through his years at Hampton University and by doing so, he was able to open a world of opportunities for himself.

Following the panel discussion, students and alumni formed breakout groups based on

career path. This allowed the students to gain one on one time with the alumni for personal questions, advice, and additional insight regarding their Hampton experiences and career journeys.

As things began to wind down, students left with business cards and a deeper understanding of the greatness Hampton University produces.

"When you go into any position, you have a mission to be great," emphasized Rashad Drakeford, the director of Integrated Marketing at Revolt TV and a 2009 graduate.

Although it may sound cliché, it is evident that the lessons and skills taught at Hampton University are tools for life. With alumni and students excelling around the globe, this is a true testament to the prevailing standard of excellence Hampton University instills in their students.

'Tis The Season To Give

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November is here, which means the holidays are right around the corner. Stores are starting to replace Halloween candy with Christmas decorations and holiday music is starting to play on the radio. This is also the time of the year where student organizations and even classes are giving back to the Hampton Roads Community.

Professor Antoinette Livingston's Service Learning course in the Sociology department is taking the initiative to collect and buy coats for those less fortunate. They are planning to set up shop late on this month in Martin Luther King (MLK) Hall. Here, community patrons are able to pick out coats for themselves and their children.

Janelle Jones, a junior sociology major from Waynesboro, VA is a student in Professor Livingston's Service Learning course who is helping out with the logistics for the coat drive.

"Our goal is to give cold weather clothing for people in need," Jones shared. She also shares that the coats will be given for free.

The Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated started early with



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The Virginia Peninsula Foodbank received over \$200 in donations from The Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc..

giving back to the community.

During homecoming week, the chapter collected can goods and monetary donations to donate to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. Jalan Richardson, a senior forensic chemistry major from New Orleans and a member of the Gamma Iota chapter said that there was "no specific goal" and that the chapter just wanted to give "monetary donations and can goods to give back to the food bank."

Richardson also shared that the chapter collected "over \$200 in monetary donations and many can

goods."

The Student Recruitment Team (SRT) also has plans to give back to the community this month. Senior public relations major from Minneapolis, MN, Dedrain Davis and Symone Gyles, a senior marine biology major from Fairfax, Va are co-chairs of community service for SRT.

Each month, SRT hosts a community service event. Davis shared more about their plans to donate for the months of November, December and January.

"November is a food drive that

both SRT and Whipple Barn Staff will donate to. December is our soldier card writing event. January is a visit to the juvenile detention center."

Davis further explained why community service is so important to SRT.

"Because we represent the university to the greater Hampton Roads, it is important for us not only to attend the university but to serve their community's needs as well."

She mentioned that SRT supports a different cause each month because it "is a holistic approach to serve the needs of students in the Hampton area who are deciding on post high school plans."

A major part of the holiday season is to also give back to one's community. Within the coming weeks, even more organizations will have events and activities that will give Hamptonians the opportunity to give back to those who are less fortunate. 'Tis' the season to charity drives and support.