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It is not beauty that endears, it's love that makes us see beauty.

LEO TOLSTOY

Vigilance During a Pandemic

Nowadays, a new "normal" may be very hard to achieve...

yet, it's vital we find stability during this period of continual vigilance. A balance of stress relief and focus can be achieved even if it feels improbable.

Below are some tips and tricks to promote stress-reduction and safety as we continue through this period:

Stay Safe Stay Vigilant

While the weather is pleasant, eat outside and socially distanced. This way you can enjoy the fresh air while you eat.

- 2 Hike one of the trails with a book and spend sometime outside. Meditate in the quiet, mask free, but have one on you just in case.
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- Carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you, and refill it from a larger one at home.
- Wash your cloth masks regularly, and if possible, have clean mask available while the other is being washed. Reach out to us if you need resources!

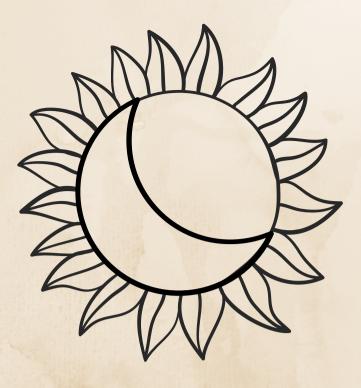
Consider exploring yoga, which can be an arduous activity and a relaxing one where a mask is not too much of a burden. Try the Down Dog app for free!

3 B Deliveries: What are They?

3 B Deliveries a.k.a. <u>Bennington Brown</u> <u>Bag Deliveries</u> is a *free* service that brings contraceptives right to your mailbox!



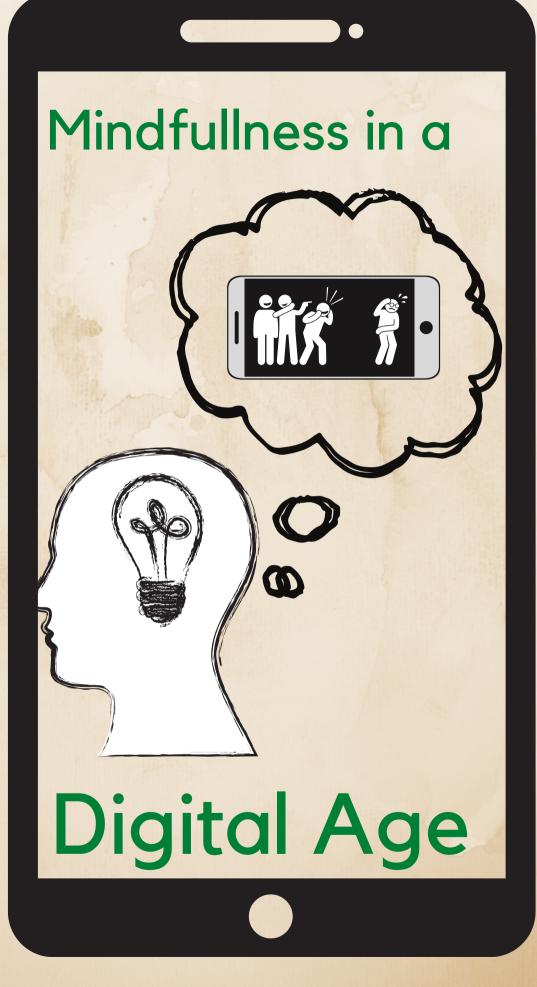




3B'will drop off unlabeled brown bags to your mail box with any requested and available contraceptives inside. This can include: condemns, lube samples, etc. There is a google form that can be filled out to put in a request. https://forms.gle/16QM1U52MHqwmZSH8

There is the opportunity for house chairs to receive the bags and distribute them to you, if you would like another discrete method of receiving your bag.

Safest activity at this moment is self-love or partnering with someone who you now has followed guidelines related to COVID-19 and using a mask!



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What does it mean to be mindful; especially when so much of our communication is on a digital format?

breathe

"Mindfullness ...the ability to stay in the present moment" (Headspace). "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive." Dalai Lama XIV, The Art of Happiness

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Mindfullness is a useful tool anyone can implement to bring stability and breath into their life.

As the folks from Headspace put it "Mindfullness...can have numerous health benefits, everything from *decreased* stress and sadness to *increased* levels focus and happiness" (Headspace).

Headspace is a great, free app that has various free meditations on it, as well a some free study music and work out videos!

They have a Daily Wake up which is different everyday and also free! It contains a breathing exercise and an interesting explanation/story. For example, on house plant care or an aerial dancer's take on mindfulness.

Consider taking a look!! headspace



Upcoming Events and Information

Health Observations Days for Your Calendar:

Sport Purple for Platelets Day: 9/25/2020

National World Heart Day: 9/29/2020 Women's Health and Fitness Day: 9/30/2020

Down Dog is a Yoga and Fitness app that is currently completely free until January of 2021! Take a look for personalized and detailed workouts!





Upcoming Events and Information

Mindfullness Wednesdays

Held by Kat Daley, Rage Hezekiah, Penny Owen Open to students, staff, and faculty

9:00-9:30am EST on Wednesdays

Zoom: ID: 99079887458, Password: 340246

Below is a list of all of the student groups happening. There are open to all students, on campus and virtual!

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."
— John Holmes
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BENNINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT GROUPS FALL 2020

FLOWING WITH YOUR POWER: SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT GROUP FOR FLOW STUDENTS

WITH KAT DALEY AND JOCELYN SALCEDO MONDAYS 12:00-1:00 EST HTTPS://BENNINGTON.DOXY.ME/KAT

MINDFULNESS WEDNESDAYS

START YOUR DAY WELL WITH KAT DALEY, RAGE HEZEKIAH, AND PENNY OWEN OPEN TO STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY 9:00-9:30AM EST ON WEDNESDAYS ZOOM: ID: 99079887458, PASSWORD: 340246

SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

WITH ALI TARTAGLIA WEDNESDAYS 7PM TO 8PM EST ZOOM MEETING ID: 4424345023 (US) +1 929-205-6099

SUPPORT GROUP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING ON CAMPUS AND REMOTELY

WITH RAGE HEZEKIAH AND HEIDIE VAZQUEZ-GARCIA FRIDAYS 3:00 - 4:00 PM EST ZOOM MEETING ID: 941 9234 3786, PASSCODE: 424564

BETTER TOGETHER SUPPORT GROUP

WITH ALI TARTAGLIA AND KAT DALEY SATURDAYS AT 2PM-3PM EST ZOOM MEETINGID: 4424345023 (US) +1 929-205-6099

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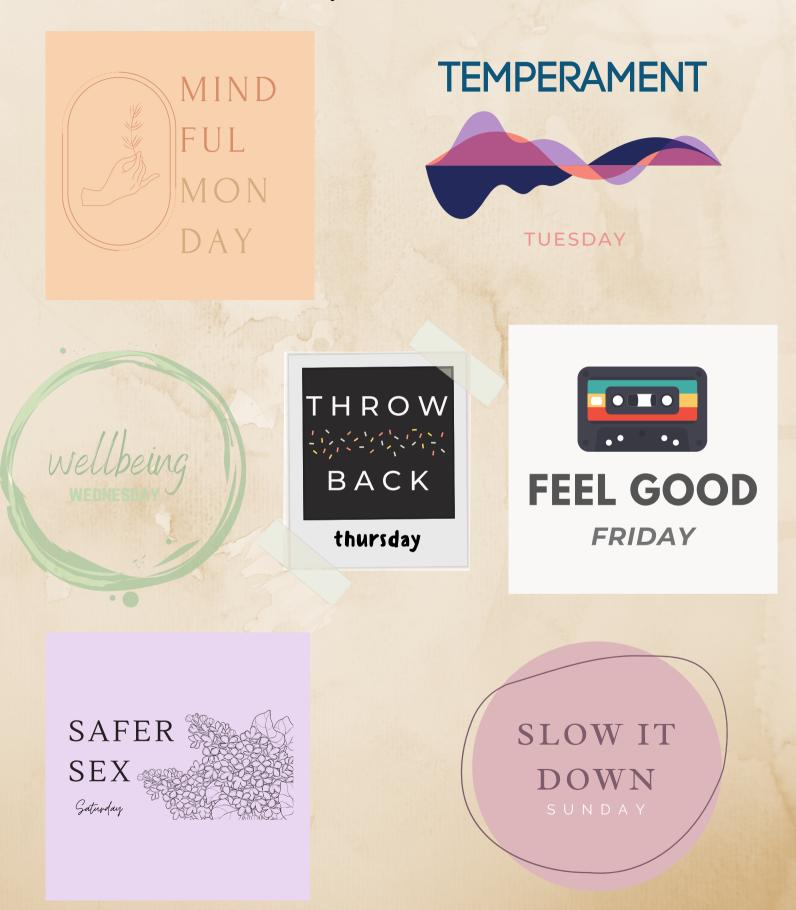
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Weekly Themes!



Thank you for reading! Keep your eyes out for our <u>next issue</u>!!



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