PAA TIP OF THE WEEK

BY: LENCER OGUTU '20 BSE

PREPARING FOR AND TAKING MIDTERMS

Hello Forbesians!!! It is almost midterms (which means it's almost Spring Break)! Exams can get quite challenging if you are not prepared. Luckily, your PAAs, DoS , RCAs and I have some helpful tips that may help you manage the next couple of weeks:

- **Scheduling:** Read through your syllabi or email your professors to find out about your exam schedule. You want to do your best to manage any potential conflicts in advance. **Pro tip:** Add midterm schedules to your Google calendar and set alerts to remind you!

- **Preparing for your exams:** Carve out blocks of time specifically targeted for exam preparation; this ensures you have enough time to study without neglecting your classes or other assignments. **Pro tip:** Check with professors to find out if cheat sheets are allowed (including specs), if the exam is closed or open book and if make-up days are available.

- **Studying for Exams:** For STEM classes, practice exams are usually the best way to go. Try to simulate exam taking conditions by going to a quiet place and timing yourself. For other classes, review lecture notes, problem sets/past assignments and attend review sessions. **Pro tip:** If you're not sure what exactly to read for, email your professors or preceptors to find out what topics the exam will cover.

- **Writing Papers:** Book an appointment with the Writing Center, especially if you're having trouble starting the paper. Fellows are also helpful with reading through your arguments and providing constructive feedback on a working draft.

- **Take-home Exams:** Just like other exams, schedule these in your calendar and set aside time to complete them. Find out from your professors what the expectations are regarding online resources and remember, you are still under the Honor Code!

You got this! Start early, eat healthy, sleep plenty, hydrate frequently and stay warm!

For additional academic support, check in with your PAAs or have a chat with Dr. Andrews