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WHILE YOU PEE IN LEE

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Hackathons

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Hackathons are a great opportunity to get practical experience and begin building up your resume. For those who have not heard of them, they are events where makers come together for 12-48hrs, make some cool projects, and get judged by company representatives. These began as coding competitions but have since expanded to all kinds of engineering. The winner at Hoya Hacks last year even created a wind tunnel out of everyday materials. They usually have all kinds of cool tech available too, with devices ranging from Oculus Rifts to servos. There is generally no topic or overarching theme to the projects. Companies and the hackathon organizers can have special awards for specific types of projects that use certain APIs or focus on certain problems, but there are always awards for overall best hack if you just want to do your own thing.

In addition to the awards and credit, these are great opportunities to work with other motivated people and to network with companies. There are few other times when that many engineers get together and all focus on making. Don't be afraid to talk to other teams about their projects or ask company reps questions about their company or for help on your project. Remember, companies go to hackathons to see students at work first—hand and to recruit, so if you

make friends with some representatives, not only are you more likely to win their award, they are likely to ask you to come in and interview for an internship.

For those who are unsure how to get started with a hackathon, there is a club on campus, Hackers@VT, which holds workshops for learning hackathon skills and organizes transportation to nearby hackathons. Virginia Tech even sponsors their own hackathon on campus: VTHacks. Major League Hacking (<http://mlh.io>) is the main hackathon organization and sponsors most college hackathons, including VTHacks. But there are also many smaller hackathons hosted by organizations like NASA and MetroStar. Just don't forget to apply early! Many of the big hackathons have rolling admissions or close the application weeks or even months before the Hackathon.

Some Upcoming Hackathons To Watch out for:

- Hoya Hacks Washington D.C., Jan 26-28th
- VTHacks V Blacksburg, VA Feb (n.d.)
- BitCamp College Park, Maryland April (n.d.)

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Holiday Dorm Room Cooking



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It's December now and that means the Holidays are approaching. What better way to get into the spirit than by enjoying some Holiday-themed

food. Here are a few options that you can make in your dorm room:

Peppermint Hot Chocolate

Peppermint hot chocolate is a pretty simple holiday treat. Just crush up a peppermint or a candy cane and mix it in with whatever brand of easy-to-make hot chocolate you prefer. This adds a fun twist to a classic winter beverage.



Studying for Finals



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With less than a week of classes left, and finals right around the corner, I'm sure we've all begun studying—or at least planning to study. Here are a few

tips to get you through finals week:

Start Early – Start studying for your final exam at least a couple of days before so you have time to really review all the material as well as ask questions and get help from others.

Prioritize – While it's important to review all of the material, make sure to be wise about what topics and areas you spend most of your time and effort studying. In general, it may be useful to identify which areas you need to improve the most on, and spend more time on those.

Eggnog Coffee

This is a great way to make your morning routine more festive. Just mix some of your favorite eggnog into your morning cup of coffee. Be sure to top it off with some nutmeg and whipped cream for the best experience. This will be an excellent way to wake you up in the morning or to help during long nights of studying for finals.

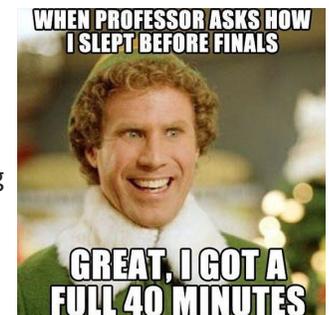


Cranberry Sauce

This is another simple recipe that can make any meal more festive. Just put 350g of cranberries in a microwave safe bowl with 250g of sugar, orange zest, and 150 ml of cranberry juice. Cover the bowl and microwave for five minutes. Then stir and microwave for another five minutes or until it reaches your preferred consistency. You now have a festive topping for any meal.

Resources – If you're overwhelmed by the several resources to study from, take some time to evaluate how you learn best and what resources are realistic to use given time. For example, if there is a topic you need to learn in depth, consider reading the textbook. Online resources can also be really helpful. And don't forget about practice exams.

Eat and Sleep – Even though we tend to pull all-nighters near finals, it really is important to take care of your health, including eating right and sleeping enough. Studies have shown that taking proper care of your body before an exam contributes greatly to your thinking, and as a result, your performance.



Stress – Just remember that the exam can't make you or break you. Don't let the stress of preparing for finals get to you, and reduce stress with activities like going to the gym, yoga, or even reading a book.