



Middlebury

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There is no singular college experience. While some things such as taking classes are a given, the rest of college is by and large what you make of it. In this weekly newsletter, I will share ways to hone your strengths and take advantage of some of the things Middlebury offers that are designed to help you succeed, grow and realize your goals. Read on to see this week's tips for thriving at

Middlebury!



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## Connecting Learning with Social Responsibility

The final few weeks of the semester are a natural time to reflect not only on what you are learning in the classroom, but also about the broader impact you want to have during your time in college. These moments of widened perspective are great opportunities to explore the virtue of justice, which is the collection of civic strengths that underlie healthy community life. One way to foster this virtue is by honing the character strength of citizenship, also known as social responsibility. It is also a way to begin to practice the behaviors that define our community standard of “fostering a diverse and inclusive community committed to civility, open-mindedness, and finding common ground.”

Interested in learning more about the importance of active community engagement in creating social change? Check out this podcast on the importance of being involved.



Passion isn't Enough  
(podcast)

## Resources

When you are ready to get involved, head on over to the Center for Community Engagement (CCE). The CCE supports and empowers students to engage with their diverse communities in thoughtful and meaningful ways, and to build their commitment to the public good. One easy way to learn more about what the CCE has to offer is to sign up for their [weekly newsletter. here](#)

You can also browse their website to learn more about curricular opportunities (e.g., Community Connected Learning Courses, Privilege and Poverty Cluster), co-curricular opportunities (e.g., Community Engagement Organizations, Democracy Initiatives, Middlebury Alternative Break) and more. Follow [this link to book an appointment with someone from the CCE](#) so you can hit the ground running at the start of the next semester.



Center for Community  
Engagement



Curricular Opportunities



Co-Curricular  
Opportunities

## Important Dates

- 5/5 [Nominations for the Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award](#) are due

- 5/15 Last day of classes (Friday class schedule observed)
- 5/17-22 Self scheduled exam period
- 5/18-23 Final exam period
- 5/24 Residence halls close. Students are expected to move out within 24 hours of their last final or by the time the halls close (whichever comes first)
- 5/28 Commencement
- 6/5 Spring grades available for students to view online



Registration Information  
and Instructions

## Was this information helpful?

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[Self-schedule an appointment here!](#)

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