



## Winter Break: Make the Most of Time Off

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After the stress of final exams and term papers, students look forward to time off from their studies during the holiday season. The winter break provides students with the opportunity to rest, reflect, and get ahead. Below you can find useful tips to make the most out of the winter recess.

- Set goals. Reflect on the last semester and consider what you wish to accomplish in the new year. Research the various resources (tutoring, disability services, etc.) available to help facilitate student success.
- Prepare for the spring semester. Register early, review course syllabi, and purchase textbooks prior to your start day.
- Evaluate your finances and develop a spring semester budget. Review your financial aid statement. Limit student loans when possible. Develop a realistic plan to address your financial needs.
- Tend to your health. Schedule an annual physical and a dental visit. Remember physical and mental health affect academic achievement. Be well to perform well in the new year.
- Read a book. Continue to stimulate your brain by reading poetry, short stories, or a novel.
- Volunteer. During the winter break, students have the opportunity to effect positive change within the community. One-time and short-term projects are most appropriate for students who find themselves too busy to engage in public service throughout the academic year.
- Log into your academic institution's online career center to browse internship and job opportunities. Many institutions will use Handshake, College Central, or similar career services platforms to increase the employability of current students and alumni.
- Relax and reconnect. Remember to spend quality time with family and friends during the winter recess.

For more student success tips and individualized assistance, send an email to [julia@earntolearnfl.org](mailto:julia@earntolearnfl.org).

## 2020 Reminders

- **April 15th:** Deadline to file federal income taxes.
- **April 22nd :** Earn to Learn FL Renewal Application is due.

Note that students must complete their 2020-2021 FAFSA prior to the federal deadline. The 2020-2021 FAFSA was made available online on **October 1, 2019**. Complete the FAFSA here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> .

## Save the Date

- **February 12th:** Mentors of Impact Gala
- **March 10th:** Earn to Learn FL Networking Breakfast

Space is limited. Please check your email account for event details and opportunities to participate.

***Best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year!***

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