

La Voz Estudiantil

Colorado State University

FINALS ARE APPROACHING!

How do you study for finals? Are you the person who procrastinates until the last minute and then stocks up on Red Bull for an all-nighter? Do you plan out the entire month before, making color-coded blocks of study time in your planner? Did you attend all of your classes and ace the prior exams, so that you feel just re-viewing a couple nights before is fine? What ever your methods are, one thing is undeniable...FINALS ARE HERE!

When asked, some students lent their Finals Prep methods, so that we could share them with you!

“I take vitamins, especially vitamin C! They boost your immune system and give you energy, because we all know

that everyone gets sick during finals and mid-terms. Take breaks as well. When you overload you don't retain as **much.**”-Caro Bañuelos

“DON'T STUDY IN BED! If you can, wait until there is no one in the classroom where you are going to be taking the exam, and study **in there.**”- Melissa Martín

“I have note cards and a voice recorder. I record myself reading my notes and transfer it to my iPod. I listen to it whenever I'm on my way to class and it really helps me to retain the information! Also when you get home try to write every thing that you remember from the lecture, then highlight the



things that you didn't remember from the notes you took in class. Those are the things that **you need to study**”-Cassie Saenz

One thing is for sure...finals are here, **SO STUDY!**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

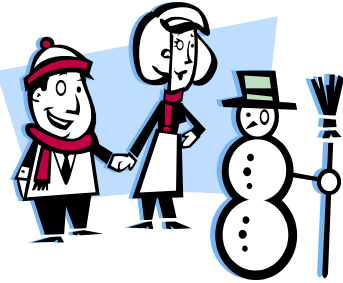
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DEFEATING AMENDMENT 46

What is amendment 46 first of all? If Amendment 46 had passed, any public program that aimed to increase opportunities for women and minorities in education or business, including recruitment, training, and outreach would potentially have been **ELIMINATED.** This includes: Fair housing and lending programs, programs that increase

and promote diversity in higher education, public school programs that expose girls and minorities to math, science and technology professions that have long been dominated by **men, minority and women-**owned business contracting opportunities, gender based programs, pay equity for women, apprenticeship and

training programs. **“ I'm glad that it didn't pass!** It was trying to eliminate ways in which people were discriminated against in the past. Right now we are not in a place where we cannot take into consideration **ethnicity, gender, or race.**”- Gabe Barela



What Are We All Doing For Break?

Mayra- I'm going to Mexico for my sisters Quinceañera! I'm also going to the Campus Step Up conference

Meagan- I'm going home to Aurora and spending time with family and my boy-friend, Ryan.

Aleshia- I can't wait to go back home and spend time with my family! My niece is going to be in town and we will be celebrating her 1st Birthday!

Raquel- I'm going home to spend time with my family! I might go to Mexico, as well. =)

Vero- I'm going to California for Christmas! Wait for it...AND... I'm going to Vegas for my B-day Jan 7! The big 21!!!!!!

Caro- I'm going to D.C. and then I will be going to Spain to study abroad! I'm sooooo excited!!!

Sara- I will probably be going to my brother's house in Loveland. Other than that I will be working here, in El Centro. Hopefully sometime during break I will find out the gender of my baby! =)

Lupe- I will be writing my Dissertation and working during the winter break. I plan to have fun with my grandchildren.

WiI- I will be staying here in Ft. Collins! WOOHOO! FOCO FOSHO! Its been a pretty hectic semester, so it will be really nice to have some time to myself. I WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO study for finals!

Brandy- I'm going to spend most of my break working out. I'm going to have Christmas at my house and my boy-friend's house. I cant wait to have a snowball fight and eat snow-ice-cream!

Reese- I kind of want to stay of here and just party every day!

Rocio- I want to go to Florida to see my cousin because she is pregnant! I want to go to Puerto Rico. This is where I enjoy my Christmases the most, with my culture, friends, and familia.

Leyla- For Winter break I plan to go to Arizona so that I can visit my cousin. If that doesn't work out, then I plan to lay low in Pueblo.

Jorge- I'm going down to the Springs to be with my family.

Heather- I am going to work at Victoria's secret again, hang out with friends and family, and finish my break off in Costa Rica for almost two weeks YAY!!!!!!

Berto- I will be working with my dad for the break. Makin' that dinero!

Hiram- I want to snow board everyday!!!!!!

Natalie- I am working at Copper Mountain as a ticket scanner...

Rich- I will be studying and writing my dissertation. I plan on spending a lot of time with my family and we may go up to the mountains and rent a cabin for a weekend! =)

Gabe- I will be working back home during break. It's time to make money for next semester =)

Corinne- I don't really have any plans for break. I am going to try to get a job for the break and stay in Foco for as long as possible

ONE OF OUR OWN

Marlon Bazon, a Senior, Nutrition/Pre Med major, is on our CSU club soccer team A who just won the national tournament! This is more than a big deal, it was really hard work.

"You must qualify to even get into the tournament. Our season started slow. We had a lot of new players, and I was one of them. However, we came together at the right time. We had to fight for the last bed, seated the last number, 24th.

We played Ohio state, Oregon, UNC (won 1-0), Pen State(won 1-0), USC(semi-finals won2-1 in overtime) and Indiana. During the finals the other team scored on us once, but we **dominated** the whole game!

I was so excited but at the same time I was nervous. All of the teams were surrounding us, watching.

It was nerve-racking but I really felt good.

I wish I would have played on the team in my past years here. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, to play a sport that I love. I made good friends and couldn't have asked for better teammates.

I want to thank El Centro because they really opened the doors for me to play on this team. They encouraged me so much as I would encourage others to think about joining the team next year!"



A Note From One of Our Directors

The CSU team Marlon is a starter on went all the way to Nationals and placed 2nd in the Nation among all colleges. Although they lost 1-0 to eventual National Champion Michigan State, they did a heck of a great job representing Colorado State University. El Centro Student Services is very proud of Marlon Bazon. He is not only a great soccer player but an exemplary student. For me, when Marlon is not on the playing field, he is still a leader and positive role model for many students. He is a proud Latino who has many great personal characteristics and is a person of high integrity.

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OUR HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR FINALS WEEK!!!

Guess what? Finals are here and so are our new hours! Anyone can come in to study from 7:30am (if you like to get up in the dead of night lol) until 10:00 pm! Talk about convenient! We all know that **the library is going to be packed...so get away from the crowds and distractions, study in El Centro for some peace and quiet!**

HOW WAS THE SEMESTER?

This semester has been a tough one. Balancing school with studying, work, activities, involvement, and a social life is a lot to handle. I know that, personally, I feel that there has just been so much to do and not enough time to really do it all. I love being involved, and I feel that I have used every possible hour doing so. I need more hours in the day next semester! Overall, it was a great four months, and I accomplished a lot! —Corinne F.

This semester has been hard, but I did better than I expected to. This was definitely my best semester thus far. I had a lot of fun and worked really hard! I am

excited for next semester because I can start taking the classes for my major...which I have finally chosen lol=) —Veronica R.

Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy Busy ! It has been pretty good because I have been able to find a balance between my extracurricular activities and my academics. I have also been able to have a social life which is very nice because **I'm not so overwhelmed. It has** been a pretty successful semester.—Gabe

My semester has gone and is going very well! I am taking for the first time two Spanish classes and I love my Spanish

Literature class! I love it so much in fact, that I am adding Spanish as a second major! I am learning so much and spending a lot of time in the library. I have been very busy but I really like this year so far! —Rocio V.

My semester is going good but busy...but not the bad kind of busy. It is better than last year because I have found the people that I like to be surrounded by. I got the whole time management thing down. I am looking forward to next semester.—Mayra G.

