

# I take care of myself

Practical guide to take care of our mental and physical health

## Grades are not everything

Remind ourselves that grades don't define us even though they do matter. Grades are not necessarily a reflection of our intelligence or ability. Good grades are not the purpose of getting a degree. The purpose is to learn and grades are only a small snapshot of reality.



## Breathe in, hold it, and breathe out

Take a deep breath—a good, deep breath—and let it out. If you're feeling a little lighter, you're not imagining it. Mindful breathing practices are "natural tranquilizer for the nervous system". Finding a breathing technique that works for you. Remember, when in doubt, breathe it out :)



## One step at a time is also productive

We all wish we have 48 hours a day and double the capacity of our brain, so that we can get more work done. Don't forget, sometimes it is actually faster to take one step at a time. When you feel overwhelmed, focus on one thing and do your best.



## Two-minutes exercises count

Exercises don't have to always be intensive sessions at the gym, just do something. Jumping jack for 2-min in your bedroom, dancing to your favorite song, relaxing your shoulders, a quick walk, everything counts. Choose consistency over intensity. Find two minutes every day to make yourself feel better.



## Make yourself a priority

I may not always be able to control every aspect of my life or career, and it is okay, as long as I am healthy and happy.

