## UC San Diego STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING Counseling and Psychological Services

**GROWING STRONG - 50 WAYS TO FLOURISH!** 

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CULTIVATING POSITIVE EMOTIONS

- 1. Make it a priority to regularly connect with someone you really care about
- 2. Show kindness to a stranger, practice smiling at others on campus
- 3. Start or join a study group to learn together and share resources
- 4. Give and receive support with others
- 5. Point out strengths you see in others
- 6. Express gratitude to those you care about most
- 7. Plan a fun activity with a friend
- 8. Give compliments to others and plant seeds of positive interaction
- Collaborate and avoid comparisons with others focusing in each other's uniqueness
- 10. Be mindful of how you want to interact with people in your life

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

> FINDING MEANING

- 1. Find and engage in what brings you joy and laughter
- 2. BE YOU: Accept yourself exactly as you are
- 3. Believe in your strengths and have compassion for your vulnerabilities
- 4. Daily find three things you are grateful for at the beginning and end of the day
- 5. Practice having an optimistic mindset focusing more on the upside of events
- 6. Specially during difficult times, look for the good
- 7. Find time each day to recharge (CAPS I relax link)
- 8. Go through the day mindful v. mindless (CAPS drop in workshops)
- Grow in resilience to recover faster from adverse moments (CAPS workshops)
- 10. Take time to savor a moment or activity during the day.
- 1. Find a way to contribute to society- volunteer work and communal activities
- 2. Find something that fulfills a sense of meaning and purpose
- 3. Utilize your strength to contribute to something larger than yourself
- 4. Experience awe and wonderment, getting in touch with the beauty of nature, inspiring people...
- 5. Open your eyes to self-transcendent emotions and engage in acts of random kindness
- 6. Nurture the desire to improve as human being building community and being altruistic
- 7. Engage in the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, forest bathing, taking walks in nature
- 8. Learn more about your own and other views of connectedness and spirituality in your community
- Find a group where you feel a sense of belonging (campus community Centers, Recreation clubs, CSI)
- 10. Identify your values and act from them.



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- 1. Know and find activities that use your strengths (Link to Strength Finder)
- 2. Have a problem? Use your strength to problem solve
- 3. Brake down the challenge into scalable, doable steps
- 4. Use failure to your advantage and future success
- Engage in activities where you find "Flow", where you find yourself completely absorbed
- 6. Take time each week to reflect on your life and set positive goals
- 7. Find your passion. Find at least a hobby that you can look forward to each week
- 8. Set one small, achievable goal for yourself each day
- Celebrate your successes, no matter how small
- 10. Practice being your own best-friend, encouraging yourself to keep pushing toward your goals

ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT



- 1. Breathe!
- 2. Make time each day for inner focus, disconnect from screens
- 3. Energize, move each day and exercise to improve your energy and mood
- 4. Practice sleep hygiene and if napping, take 20 min. (The Zone)
- Understand the impact of food choices.
   Consume foods with nutritional value.
   (Food Pantry)
- 6. Practice efficient time management, include time to restore and relax
- 7. Learn financial planning and management
- Create inviting living spaces surrounding yourself with items that sooth, inspire, and rejuvenate
- Explore the world through your senses (savor a meal, watch a sunset, smell your favorite candle, listen to your favorite band)
- 10. Decompress! Read a book for fun or watch videos for laughter

