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Dec 2 Written By Rachael Cross

Freshman Perspectives on Registration; A Personal Registration Journey



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University of the Pacific students have recently completed registration for the upcoming Spring 2022 semester, and for many Freshmen, it is their first experience with college registration.

The process for registering for classes is very different from the high school class registration process that most first-year students are used to. Firstly, it is for many the first time that they have complete control over their schedules. In high school, students are used to having some say over the classes that they take, but they have no guarantee that they will get the classes they sign up for. There is also more of a limit on the type of classes available to take and the students have no control over when these classes occur. College registration, in contrast, allows students to have much more control over their schedule.

The process of class registration in college is also different in regards to how students register. Although high school registration can vary by school, it is still a different experience than that of college registration, which many first-year students will find unfamiliar. The requirement to meet with advisors before registration, the time restrictions in regards to when students can register, and the way that

students choose classes are all things that make college registration different than high school registration. Some first-year students may find that their own experiences with high school registration are similar to certain aspects of the college registration process, but generally the process as a whole is very different from college registration.

Continue reading for a personal registration story from Emma Garber.

When I was in high school, I always heard so much about how fun it was to register for classes in college. Picking classes that directly related to my interests sounded like a dream to younger me. Little did I know, the registration process can actually be stressful and exciting at the same time.

Registering for fall semester 2021 was a breeze. I had a Sophomore class standing (thanks AP tests and dual-enrollment) so I was able to get into all the classes I wanted. My advisor was so helpful and encouraging. She inspired me to take some classes that initially sounded too hard. Now, I am really enjoying them!

I was looking forward to enrolling in classes on my own for the upcoming Spring semester. I had an earlier registration time than many of my friends so I was not worried about getting my classes at all. Some parts of my schedule were set already with little wiggle room. I needed to take PSYCH 102 Research Methods and Statistics with the same professor as my PSYCH 101 class and I also needed to take CORE 2. These requirements left me with room to take one core class for my Psychology major and one class for my History minor. I enrolled in HIST 103 Oceans and the Maritime World. It may sound weird, but I have always been a huge fan of boats and ocean travel so I was very excited to get this class. Unfortunately, I got an email a few days later notifying me that the class had been canceled due to low enrollment. It will probably be brought back in the future, but I was very disappointed.

After this incident, I went on the hunt for another History class that would work with my otherwise great schedule. The only one I found was HIST 141 Imperial China which sounded very interesting to me. I enrolled, but then found out that Imperial China was canceled due to low enrollment as well. I am hopeful that I will have the opportunity to take this class in the future.

At this point, I was desperately looking for a class that fit some bare minimum criteria. It had to work with my schedule, not get canceled, and be in literally any subject. I decided that I would just take elective credit if it did not count for my major or minor. I asked friends what classes they were taking, talked to my advisors and professors, and scoured e-prowl for a class. I eventually found two choices, RELI 023 Hebrew Bible or ENGL 113 Creative Writing: Poetry. I decided to go with ENGL 113 Creative Writing: Poetry because I have always loved writing (I work for the school paper so this should be obvious). I also greatly enjoy poetry. I contacted the professor for the class and I was granted an override so I could enroll in the full class!

I am really looking forward to my classes next semester; who knows, I might have to add another minor in English in the future!

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Reflecting on President Biden's First Year of Presidency



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We were sitting around a table at our weekly Thursday meeting when I asked the question, “What has Biden been up to?” Compared to the last presidency, it’s been pretty quiet in the Oval Office.

Let's start with one of his biggest campaign promises: tackling the coronavirus pandemic. President Joe Biden began his presidency by distributing the COVID vaccine throughout the United States. The vaccine was later FDA approved and marketing began airing encouraging everyone to get the vaccine. Currently, President Biden's vaccine mandate is being halted by numerous lawsuits according to a CNN article titled "Biden's Vaccine Mandate Is on Hold, But Companies Are Moving Forward Anyways."

But comparing statistics from the Trump Administration to the Biden Administration, the weekly number of COVID-19 deaths are decreasing. According to an article from USA Today, "the main reasons deaths have decreased since January are mask mandates and the wide availability of vaccines." This does not mean the end of the pandemic; but it is a start.

His other campaign promises need to also be remembered. As President Biden promised he would, schools have been reopened and he was able to pass a 1.9 trillion-dollar coronavirus relief package to help the economy. He has yet to repeal the tax cuts that were implemented during the Trump administration. In terms of the environment, the United States rejoined the Paris Climate Accord; President Biden has not been able to reverse or change the entirety of former President Trump's environmental policies, but it is still a work in progress.

Like he promised, President Biden withdrew troops from Afghanistan and the Middle East. Under the Biden Administration, the United States also rejoined the World Health Organization. In terms of immigration, proposals were drafted to create an improved path for undocumented immigrants to attain citizenship. This has yet to be accomplished. Instead, immigrant detention facilities seem to still be the current sloppy solution to a messy problem. It is important to mention that President Biden did file an executive order that rescinded the travel ban from a majority of Muslim countries.

In President Joe Biden's first year as president, he has accomplished a large amount of work towards completing his campaign promises. Although he might be a nice change of pace from the previous administration, it is still important to hold him accountable. It will definitely be interesting to see how the rest of his presidency continues into the next upcoming years.

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Changing the World One Bra at a Time



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Misinformation about women’s health has been widespread since the dawn of time -- this isn’t meant to be dramatic or exaggerative. It is the fact that quite literally, since as early as literature could record, there have been sometimes dire misconceptions about women’s health.

Founder and CEO of Ms. Brafit Limited, Nicole Joseph Chin, wished to fix these inequities -- an amazing feat that led to the invitation for her to become the Inaugural CEO of Color in Residence at the Eberhardt School of Business. This program was created by Eberhardt School of Business Associate Professor Sacha-Joseph Matthews.

The creation of Ms. Brafit Limited started with two of Chin’s personal challenges -- self empowerment and self-care. Chin found it imperative to engage in service to the many others who also face these challenges. Found at www.msbrafit.com, the services that Chin’s company offers to help these challenges are breast care services, solutions, care, and fitting.

While at Pacific, Chin has seen the amazing intersection between faculty, students, and purpose. In fact, the cohesion that she has seen has been so forthcoming that Chin says, “I would have come to the Pacific had she been 20 years younger.”

“I got to meet athletes representing University of the Pacific, I got to meet students in creative spaces, I got to be in the business space, the creative space, the health space, the finance space. I got to be part of conversations that are relevant... those around life skills, social engagement, impact, performance and quality of life.”

From these important conversations, Chin affirms that it is important that we see leaders who “challenge the status quo” and take a step off of the beaten path.

“I came from another country, another territory, and I brought with me specific cultural experiences that I would have to marry into many different discussions... I want to give students the ability to see that they too can aspire to build anything, create anything, innovate anything, and to use their voices to change anything,” says Chin.

Chin mentions that the creation of her business (the beginnings of which had started in 2002), had begun with herself being uncomfortable in her own clothing. Chin sees “social enterprise as the way to change the world and the way to impact humanity... to change the way that business is done in the world.”

Mentoring has been a critical part of Chin’s journey: whether it be through the mentors that led her or through those that she mentors. “I have been mentored by some amazing people. Sometimes it wasn’t even deliberate mentorship but in hindsight it was mentorship.”

From her own journey with mentorship, Chin has found a critical intersection between empathy and leadership. The pursuit of forgiveness and understanding within the business setting is a large part of growth: without this, the business space can seem daunting in an already uncertain place.

The challenges that Chin faced when starting her company were not few, but she found importance in being patient and flexible. Patience and flexibility lend to much needed determination in her field. And it is patience and flexibility that are not only key takeaways for those in business, but for anyone in any field.

There exists a beauty in constant reinvention of oneself -- a feat that most definitely can be learned from Chin.

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Women's Rights are Human Rights Exhibit



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Both a virtual and in-person exhibition -- which took place from October 7th to November 18th in the Reynolds Gallery -- “Women’s Rights are Human Rights” is an affluent exhibit that touches on different issues that intersect with gender, namely, the issues of inequality, violence, and discrimination.

The exhibit was curated by Elizabeth Resnick; Resnick has both a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) and an MFA (Master of Fine Arts) in Graphic Design from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Resnick is a Professor Emerita of Graphic Design at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston.

Resnick’s exhibit has made its way throughout many countries in the world: Taiwan, Greece, South Korea, Poland, and Spain, just to name a *few*. And, of course, this is with good reason.

“Women’s Rights are Human Rights” consists of 100 posters from varying artists. The artists presented in the exhibit are both women and men. This falls hand-in-hand with the critical importance of allyship in obtaining equal rights for women. Recently, the conversation of male allyship -- and allyship in general -- has been a subject of large discourse. It is critical to see this materialized in the form of art.

Such a feat can be seen in the piece “Equality” by Elmer Sosa. This piece depicts the silhouette of man and woman conjoined: both literally and figuratively making strides together.

Another piece, “Let’s Protect Women from Sexual Violence” by Takayuki Kuribayashi is self-explanatory. Allies can do a far better job at protecting women from sexual violence; too many times has it been seen that possible allies -- who hold comparatively more clout in the conversation and even in instances of assault that is right in front of them -- do not protect women.

“He Said He Loved Me” by Moises Romero Vargas once again contains a literal and figurative manifestation of women being stepped on by men. The poster shows a man stepping on the toes of a woman on her tip-toes -- but to no avail. The woman’s efforts are constrained from once again, the figurative and literal representation of a man stepping on her.

The words “He Said He Loved Me” sit at the bottom of the piece indicating that the artist is trying to depict the painful relation between men who are close to women; it is often those in close proximity to women that cause the largest discrepancies in social mobility.

The aforementioned theme is not the only theme that runs through the pieces. Also seen are themes of civic participation, destigmatization of women’s bodies, the impact of abuse

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Put Some In-Season Produce on Your Holiday Plate!



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The Robb Garden on the University of the Pacific Stockton campus provides in-season options for students and community members year round. The produce is picked fresh and is available for free to students on Wednesdays from 10:30am-12:20pm.

As a child, my favorite part of any season was always eating the fresh fruits and vegetables that were in season. My family would pile in the car and we would drive out to my uncle's farm to pick pumpkins, apples, and sunflowers. Eating in-season produce is beneficial in many different ways; it is better tasting as well as healthier for people and the environment.

When you walk into your local supermarket, you probably see some items that are there year round: strawberries, blueberries, squash, etc. In order for these delicious items to be available to you at all times, they are imported from other countries around the world. Have you ever heard of avocados from Mexico? While this variety is nice for the consumer, the transportation of this produce creates excess carbon emissions which will further increase our problems with global climate change. By eating local in-season choices, you are greatly decreasing your carbon footprint.

Allowing fruits and vegetables to fully ripen before being picked maximises their flavor. In order for these items to be transported across different countries, they need to be picked before they are fully ripe and while they are still firm. Enjoying local in-season products will provide you with the freshest tasting items for cooking and snacking.

The difference in nutritional values of ripe and unripe fruits and vegetables are actually quite small. However, eating ripe in-season produce is still worth it. Eating in-season produce reduces your carbon footprint which makes our planet healthier. Ripe food also tastes better which encourages the consumption of fresh food. Some people who do not like vegetables are just eating the wrong vegetables at the wrong time.

So what is in-season now?

According to the California Harvest Calendar, these 16 items are ripe for picking around the holiday season and into the early spring in California's Central Valley.

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

Cauliflower

Celery

Cilantro

Fennel

Grapefruit and lemons (most citrus fruits can be picked in December and January)

Kale

Leeks

Peas

Radishes

Spinach

Turnips

Winter squash varieties

Look out for these treats at your farmers market or grocery store that sells local products. Some vegetables, like carrots, are also easy to grow in your own backyard. Any one of these in-season fruits or vegetables would make a tasty addition to your holiday plate!

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Bored? Visit the Children's Museum of Stockton!



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While exploring Stockton, California, I have come across many interesting and exceptional places. Places that teach, inspire, and make the world a better place. This little museum with a whole lot of magic is a perfect example.

Ok, I get it. You are an adult who has absolutely no interest in visiting a children's museum. There are other reasons to read this article. The Children's Museum of Stockton has an impactful history. It is also an interesting place to volunteer or to take any young children in your life to visit.

In 1989, at the local Cleveland Elementary School, five children under the age of ten were killed in a school shooting. Thirty others were wounded: twenty-nine children and one teacher named Janet Geng. Geng became the Founding Director of the Children's Museum of Stockton. She created a place full of peace, discovery, and play. The non-profit organization now exists to inspire a new generation of Stockton children.

According to Devin Thompson, Psychology 2025, the museum is "a wonderful place to take young children. The staff is extremely friendly and the museum has lots of fun activities. They even have a pet turtle!" Thompson regularly volunteers at the museum. In the past, his group of volunteers have been split up to manage different booths. He also provided each guest with a candy goodie bag! Anyone should be proud to support such a vital organization.

The museum offers a multitude of fun activities for children to explore. There are over 40 exhibits with interesting and diverse themes such as agriculture, water conservation, recycling, a post office, train tables, and even an outdoor playground. There is truly something for every child. Every exhibit is thoroughly sanitized often.

The Children's Museum of Stockton is open...

Wednesdays-Fridays

Operations: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Timeslots: 9:00AM-12:00PM

1:00PM-4:00PM

Saturdays-Sundays

Operations: 10:00AM-5:00PM

Timeslots: 10:00AM-1:00PM

2:00PM-5:00PM

In order to keep the community safe, the museum closes for one hour in between time slots to thoroughly sanitize the exhibits.

The Children's Museum of Stockton is a beautiful place to look towards the future. Children are encouraged to play, grow, and learn. This is a must visit location when pursuing local family-friendly fun!

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Staying Healthy, Preventing Seasonal Colds.



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With the weather becoming colder and colder, and finals right around the corner, it's not only necessary but vital to maintain a strong healthy body and immune system. While Covid is still prevalent on a local and global scale, the common cold is silently deadly as well.

In order to stay healthy and ensure that those around you are also in good health, here are some tips to follow for this winter season.

- 1) Bundle up!! Staying warm, whether it be indoors or outdoors, is important to prevent shivers and chills. At night, add on that extra blanket to feel warm and toasty.
- 2) Get lots of Vitamin D to boost your immune system. Oftentimes, Vitamin C gets the spotlight, but it's important to not skimp out on your daily dose of Vitamin D, which should be easy to achieve by simply being outside under the sun!

3) Green tea is a great source of antioxidants and is a health nut staple. An apple away keeps the doctor away but a bottle of green tea ensures that you're sickness free! Not only is green tea good for you, but it is also great tasting. Need to spend your meal points before the end of the semester ? Grab a bottle of green tea from The Grove or head to the library Starbucks and treat yourself with a Matcha Latte.

4) Eat your VEGETABLES. Veggies are a vital part of every meal in that they provide nutrients and vitamins, as well as aid in maintaining a balanced diet. Vegetables also boost the immune system which is very much needed during the cold season.

5) Practicing good hygiene ! Washing your hands is key to maintaining health safety since hands carry lots of bacteria and germs. Making sure to cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing is also a must in order to protect those around you as well.

Boosting your own health is not only important for yourself but also plays a significant role in protecting your community. For the sake of yourself and others, be sure to maintain your own health and practice good hygiene etiquette for the holiday season!

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End of the Semester Burnout



Me after I see my teacher post yet another assignment when I haven't done the first one



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My first semester back from virtual learning, I encountered burnout rather quickly. I did some research and with my own experiences with burnout, I hope you can learn something to help you cope whenever you encounter burnout in the semester.

Burnout is essentially the complete exhaustion from prolonged and chronic periods of stress, which in this case can be caused by overloading of homework, projects, and exam preparations. It can also be caused by neglecting your own needs and desires when you start recognizing those signs of mental, emotional, and physical exhaustion.

Ironically, I am writing this article far into the hours of late night so we will start with emphasizing what I am sure you already know; you need to sleep. I'm not talking about a few hours of sleep when you have the time. As everyone has heard, for teenagers and young adults, over eight hours is recommended. I understand how difficult this is for students with busy schedules, but I have found that prioritizing sleep helps me focus on what I need to do.

It is also crucial to ensure that your body has the energy to engage with classes and persevere through the day. This means making sure you have something for breakfast, even if it is something light. Caffeine is also nice, but not as a substitute for sleep. For back-to-back classes, you should bring snacks and water. With breaks, take time to sit down and eat a full meal. This allows your body to revitalize and gives you some time to rest your mind.

While tips to prevent physical exhaustion seem self-explanatory, advice to help prevent emotional and mental exhaustion can be difficult as everyone has their own limitations. For myself, I deal with anxiety that is often heightened during the school months (who am I kidding it's heightened year-round). I

become overwhelmed trying to juggle a full load of classes and the number of deadlines and projects that require my attention and completion.

Burnout hit me hard mid-semester. I was in a constant state of exhaustion. I knew when it came to the end of the semester, I needed to be productive so I could prepare for final exams and projects. After prioritizing my physical health by improving my sleep and eating schedules, I knew I needed to also work on my mental health.

I cried a lot.

But it was cathartic. It felt good to feel sad and stressed for a little bit until I decided to stop dwelling in self pity and began slowly building myself back up. This was easier once I actually had the energy in my system to go outside and play with my dog. I ran around with him, turning my frustration over my failed film exam into speed as I raced him across my backyard. It helps my brain to focus on another activity instead of thinking about the amount of homework I still needed to do.

I began listening to music, cleaning my room, reading a book, and other activities that I used as breaks from my homework. I even set aside a couple hours to hang out with friends outside of my bedroom, holding myself accountable for finishing homework when I returned. I recommend finding ways you can destress and allow mental breaks from schoolwork. What works for me, might not work for you. But prioritizing your mental health is just as important as prioritizing your physical health.

With a little less than a month left in the semester, it is easy to be fatigued with the lengths of homework and finals due by the second week of December. As students, I know we are never alone when it comes to experiencing burnout. My last piece of advice would be to stay in contact with students who are also experiencing burnout. You can form study groups and hold each other accountable to finishing homework. Just remember you are never alone when it comes to the burden of attending university.

Just a couple weeks left. You got this!

Dec 2 Written By Rachael Cross

When is it Too Soon to Start Celebrating Christmas?



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It's the same story every year: you wake up on November 1st, and all the Halloween decorations have been replaced with Christmas ones, seemingly overnight. The quick transition from Halloween to Christmas has become somewhat of a joke in popular culture, with some celebrating the early arrival of Christmas celebration while others dread it. Everyone has their own personal reasons for why they choose to either accept or reject the early celebration of Christmas, however, the early celebration of Christmas can still raise some issues.

Of course, the most relevant argument to this topic is in regards to timing. Those against the early celebration of Christmas will likely argue in favor of delaying celebrations at least until after Thanksgiving, while the most extreme supporters of the holiday have been known to begin preparations as early as October. This raises the question: how soon is too soon?

Ultimately, Christmas is meant to be a very special time of the year. As a result, some may say that they want to get as much of that special feeling as they can before it's over. However, part of what makes the holiday so special is the fact that it comes only once a year. With the early celebration of the holiday, some may feel like the excessive celebration ruins that aspect of the holiday. Because of the widespread celebration that this holiday receives, it is nearly impossible to go anywhere during the month of

December without seeing at least a small nod to the holiday, and throughout November, many people begin the gradual transition to Christmas. As a result, there is almost no way to get a break from the Christmas celebration during this time of year, which can cause people to feel like it's not as special.

Furthermore, the early celebration of Christmas often results in the loss of the fall aesthetic that comes from November. People often seem so eager to get to Christmas and winter that they often skip over the fall celebrations. November does have its own major holiday--Thanksgiving--but it is overshadowed by the impending Christmas celebrations that are sure to come in December.

As a whole, the month of November provides one last chance to celebrate the fall. Every season has its strengths, and everyone has different favorites, but one major advantage of the fall is its beauty. It is a time when the leaves are changing, and everything seems full of color. The weather, although starting to get chilly, has not yet gotten too cold, as it does in the winter. And, of course, fall has been known historically as being a time of harvest, meaning there's plenty of good seasonal food. By skipping over November and going straight to Christmas, we lose the last chance we get to celebrate the fall.

Finally, there is the matter of who celebrates Christmas. With the extent to which Christmas seems to be celebrated during this time of year, it would seem as though Christmas were a universal holiday. Christmas is made to seem like a holiday that is celebrated by everyone, but that's simply not the case.

Christmas is a religious holiday, celebrated primarily by those whose religions fall under the various branches of Christianity. However, there are people who belong to different religions, and some who don't belong to any at all, meaning that they don't celebrate Christmas, although many celebrate alternative holidays around the same time of year.

The overwhelming amount of attention that Christmas receives can result in those who don't celebrate it feeling left out. During this time of year, there is almost no acknowledgement of people who don't celebrate Christmas, and a minimal amount of recognition for those who celebrate alternative holidays. In stores, people will often find that nearly every aisle contains at least some acknowledgement of Christmas, and often entire sections of a store will be dedicated to only Christmas-related items. However, if you start looking for items related to other holidays, you may find nothing but a small section of Hanukkah-related items--and that's if you're lucky.

This isn't to say that Christmas doesn't deserve celebration. It can be a very fun holiday to celebrate, and it is undeniably a very special time of year. The problem is instead with the overwhelming extent to which Christmas is often celebrated. It's important not to overlook the other things that can be just as fun to celebrate before Christmas comes along, and you may just find that waiting to celebrate makes Christmas more enjoyable. And, of course, it wouldn't hurt to remember that not everyone celebrates Christmas, and acknowledge that other holidays exist.

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Happy Holidays vs. Merry Christmas



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Christmas is fast approaching. You can smell the pumpkin spice in the air and see the blinding lights on storefront windows and homes. It's the perfect time to start hunting for those unique gifts for your loved ones. You enter a store, pick an adorable knit sweater, and as you pay and leave, the cashier smiles and says, "Happy Holidays". It must be the end of the world, right? Happy Holidays? What happened to good old-fashioned Merry Christmas? Then you remember. That's right. It's the holiday season, and Christmas isn't celebrated by all the beautiful people and cultures that make up this country. Christmas, New Year's, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Thanksgiving all rolled into one. So, you move on in acceptance. Right?

Now imagine this entire scenario but with the opposite reaction. It seems strange to imagine anyone being upset by this, right? Well, it's become more common than you may think. The push and pull of Merry Christmas has become especially prevalent in recent years, as accountability and political correctness becomes an important topic. Many sides think the shift to saying Happy Holidays is unnecessary and that Merry Christmas holds the same sentiment. The other side thinks the change is better because it's inclusive and representative of all Americans. Both are fair arguments, but this raises more questions. Is this truly a matter of faith, or of politics?

The issue only recently became one. When was the last time anyone fought over the phrase? In politics, of course. During Trump's presidential campaign, his more conservative supporters had a bit of push and pull with the term, as Trump's claim reads, "President Trump will return the phrase Merry Christmas to the White House". This of course was used by some of his supporters as a hit on previous administrations pushes for inclusivity.

For perspective, some claims against the use of Happy Holidays include: "Of course it's a war on Christianity — or, more precisely, a war on the religious nature of America," which Dennis Prager of National Review [wrote in 2015](#).

This is a big claim to make and it's clear that the situation has become a lot more nuanced than was anticipated. From the same article on Business Insider, advocates for political correctness push back.

"Using their own logic, if saying 'Happy Holidays' is an intentional cultural displacement of Christianity, then insisting on 'Merry Christmas' is an intentional displacement of everyone else," the Rev. J.C. Austin, the vice president for the Christian leadership formation at Auburn Seminary, [wrote last year](#).

Whether you say Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas, it's still a wish of goodwill at the end of the day. Think about it. When you've said either phrase, did you ever actually think about what the person you're acknowledging celebrates? Do you wonder if they'll be offended by whichever phrase you use? If you're told either one, do you automatically assume that the teenage minimum wage worker in front of you is trying to push a political agenda? Hopefully, the answer is no. So... Happy Holidays!

Dec 13 Written By Pauline Le

Top Netflix Recommendations

Shows, Series and Movies to Watch Over Break



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The semester is finally over and with that comes winter break and the Christmas season! It's finally time to unwind and what better way to do so than to catch up on all those shows that you've been missing out on? Here's a list of netflix shows to watch that you may have been missing out on.

1. Red Notice (2021)

Who isn't a simp for Ryan Reynolds? His new movie with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Gal Gadot is filled with plot twists, mysteries, and action packed scenes. Rather than worrying about final grades, let's worry about how Reynold's character, Nolan Booth, will get out of his predicament as the world's best art thief?

2. Our Beloved Summer (2021)

If you loved Choi Woo-Sik in Bong Joon-Ho's *Parasite* (2019), he's back on the big screen with a Netflix Korean drama. This time, he's changing up the genre with a sentimental rom-com. With only three episodes out and one coming out each week until episode 16, you'll have something to look forward to each week of Winter Break!

3. Nevertheless(2015)

Staying on the Korean drama train, this steamy romance drama will be sure to keep you on the edge of your seats as you watch a college student deal with her toxic friend with benefits who she has fallen for! The second lead syndrome will hit you hard as you watch the love triangle unfold.

4. Love Hard (2021)

Who doesn't love a good comedian? Jimmy Yang's humor is the cherry on top when it comes to Netflix's new wholesome comedy Christmas movie. Perfect timing for some holiday spirit so grab a cup of hot cocoa and let yourself be dazzled with Jimmy's consensual version of "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

5. Arcane (2021)

There was nothing worse than a guy who plays League of Legends until *Arcane* came out and now there's guy's who watch *Arcane*. Just kidding! There's nothing wrong with good ol' League and definitely nothing wrong with this new Netflix series based on 2 LoL champions. Their story is action packed and illustrated with beautiful, talented animation. With a utopian plot, it's sure to convince you to watch "just one more episode."

Be sure to unwind and relax this Winter Break. Congrats on finishing off the Fall 2021 semester!