Stapleton Forum

Welcome! And Welcome Back! This is going to be a great year. I'm really looking forward to being with all of you this year. Different forums have different reasons for being, or, if you prefer, different personalities. I'm really comfortable with ours, for the most part: As I see it:

- Our Forum is a place where you can always feel "at home". You can pop in anytime to hang out, do some homework, eat your lunch, store some stuff, just say hi.
- Our Forum can help you with problems. As your forum leader, I am here to advocate for you, to walk with you down a rough road, or share your joys. As forum members, we care about each other and act like we do.
- Our Forum is a place where you will take on leadership opportunities within a safe context.
- Our Forum is where you get school news, find out important stuff, get answers to scheduling, grading, class, etc., questions.
- Our Forum ensures that you will never be able to hide. We will find you.
- Our Forum is fun. We like to be together, do fun things together or just hang out together. We always support each other in any way we can.
- Our Forum provides us with a platform for "giving back" in some way to our community. And we expect that of ourselves.
- Our Forum helps you think about your future by thinking about the present. What classes should I take? What direction should I take my education? How do I take a University class? Have I met all graduation requirements? Can you write me a recommendation? Does anyone know who is hiring in town?

I would like to fall back on the theme of **GIVE A DAMN** this year. Count on spending some time talking about what you care deeply about – enough to convince us to care about it, too, and enough to make a compelling presentation to the rest of us! **Be here from 1:50 until 3:00 on Tuesdays, and 1:50-2:30 on Thursdays.** Come in, have something to eat, chat with your friends, relax, contribute. Do not whine.

**Some things I'll base your grade on include:**
*Being here and truly being present – Fridays are face to face check in (required)*
*Participation in Forum days and special days (Multiculti, NSAU, Forum Trips, etc.)*
*Contribution to community service and the health of the whole*

But you will be asked, every semester, to do a **self-evaluation** and help calculate your grade in forum. At interim periods, grades will be G or H.
Here’s my info:
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        Friday: Block 2, Block 4, Forum Check-in

***A word about texting. We will be using REMIND again this year as a way for me to communicate with you all as a group. Feel free to text me individually, of course. BUT, please adhere to the 3-then-me rule. Ask three people your question under most circumstances, then me. I will always prefer a face-to-face conversation 😊.