What’s Happening in April?

By Ryan Baldwin

April is a BIG month for us here at the ARC! We are working again with SGA for a final exam Study Luau on April 24th 3-5pm in the Student Center Ballroom C. This is a great way for students to get help from tutors, learn how to de stress, have some fun, get some awesome give always and make sure they are prepared for their exams! In addition, the ARC and Resident Tutors will be hosting Study Groups to help manage exam studying. On April 23rd and 30th from 4-10pm both the Freeman and Dinallo ARCs will be welcoming Math Subject-based Study Groups & on April 25th and May 2nd from 4-10pm will be Science Subject-based Study Groups.

What’s the benefit of a study group? First off, we are providing snacks which is always a plus! But it helps to break up the pressure of studying, you can learn from your peers in a more fun environment, and you will have the RTs on hand if you have any questions or need help! It’s a win-win! Please keep on the look out for more advertisements for these study groups!

To help students on Clove Road side of the campus, Sinatra Hall welcomed our Resident Tutoring staff to their building to offer some drop-in tutoring hours. As this program was well received we are definitely excited about offering more drop in hours throughout each upcoming semester.

Check out our website for study tips, newsletters, upcoming events and more!! TONS OF RESOURCES!

http://www.montclair.edu/residential-education/campus-living/academic-resource-center/
**Book of the Month!**
By Alexandra Ortea

A popular, must-read book to consider reading is the NY Times Best Seller *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. The story is a fictional first person narrative about a sixteen-year-old girl with terminal cancer named Hazel Grace Lancaster. Unexpectedly, she falls in love with a seventeen-year-old boy named Augustus Waters in a support group for children with cancer. The notable thing that makes this book a must-read is that John Green is able to juxtapose comedy with tragedy. In the same sentence this book can have you crying and laughing. The plot is character-driven focusing on Hazel and Augustus dealing with cancer and falling in love. Do not be mistaken though; it is not simply a love story about star-crossed teenagers. This book will have you thinking about big central questions, such as what is love and what does it mean to die? More importantly, this book explores what constructs meaning itself. Even if you have not personally experienced cancer in your life, these characters are relatable and memorable on a basic human level.

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**35 Divided by 6...Wait Let Me Grab My Calculator...**
By Dan Talasnik

The PA-NJ CRLA annual Spring 2013 Conference at Kings-College was an all-day event meant to discuss strategies to improve active learning in undergraduates throughout many nearby colleges including Montclair State University. During one of the breakout sessions, it was discussed the growing problem of students, more and more, using their high-tech calculators as crutches for simple, mental mathematics. With this spreading problem came the idea that students need not be taught the concepts and building blocks of mathematics because as long as they know how to do something, and not so much why, they can plug everything into their calculators to get their answers. It is important to realize that the problem with this is while you may know how to get the right answer with a calculator, as you progress into higher level mathematics, where the concepts and fundamentals become increasingly longer and more complex, you will be far behind because you have yet to master the basics. Remember: calculators can only calculate; they cannot do mathematics.

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There are only 10 types of people in the world: Those who understand binary and those who don't.
Why should YOU apply to be an RT??
By Karla Sanchez

Learning to become a leader is an important part of the college experience. Employers in the “real world” are looking for people who are responsible, knowledgeable, and most of all, able to take charge and express leadership qualities. You can find opportunities to grow as a leader all over campus; one such opportunity is through the Resident Tutor (RT) position through ResEd. Here are some reasons why YOU should apply to be an RT!

Have a better understanding of the subject you are tutoring. Being able to teach someone is the most valuable way to learn that material yourself. There’s a difference between knowing and understanding something; teaching is a good way to make a better distinction between the two. It takes understanding to be able to teach someone. Becoming an RT will help you build a better understanding of your subject.

Become a positive role model for your peers. Students look to the tutors to give them good advice about study habits, stress management, and general tips on how to better learn their subject. You become someone who personally contributes to the academic success of many students—something to be extremely proud of. Plus, it drives you to want to be a better student yourself.

Great social experience during college. Through the RT position, you meet so many people who are just as willing to be positive role models and leaders on campus. From the people you meet, you can learn and share even more ways to foster your leadership qualities.

Get paid to teach the subjects you love! While the main objective of the RT position is to provide helpful tutoring services to students while allowing RTs to grow a better understanding of their subjects, getting paid to teach the subjects you love isn’t a bad deal either!

Madlib Time!
By Luis Lopez Gomez

To complete the ____________ , you will need to ____________
mix the ____________ and dark ____________ !

__________ was ____________ from the sky late in the ____________
while the wind blew ____________ over the land.

The ____________ fox tried to eat the young ____________, but
it managed to ____________ the fox and take shelter in its
__________ .
Don’t let this happen to you! Study early, break things into sections and remember to take breaks from studying so you can absorb more information!

The Resident Tutors are here to help make studying easier! Come to the ARC and ask us your questions and for help, we will be more than happy to assist you.

Best of luck on your upcoming final exams!!

study
(verb)

The act of texting, eating and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.