

Surviving your professors

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Here's the deal- surviving through four years of your university life is pretty hard! And God have mercy on you if you are studying in some university with session jams. Nonetheless, things can get pretty ugly in the course of your academic life if luck doesn't favour you. And sometimes, luck also refers to being in the good books of your professors. But after barely hanging onto life for somewhat twenty years, you should know by now that it doesn't always go according to plan. One wrong move and you will swiftly go down in your professor's Deathnote! And it's a deep pit to climb back from again. However, climb you must! But how? Yours truly comes to your rescue.

DON'T PLAY HIDE N SEEK!

You do not want to play around with the wolf, trust me! If you are already targeted by one of your professors, chances are they are already on the lookout for you. You are wrong to think that you can get yourself out of this situation by disappearing. On the contrary, you are only giving the professor more ammunition which they can and will use to annihilate you with. Attend their classes, be natural and stay calm. But not too much as your professor just might not be the happiest person in the world to see you so relaxed.

GET HELP!

This is where making a few good friends, which is a challenge in itself, will come in handy. Identify those friends who have done the exact opposite of you and gotten into the good books of your professors. Convince

them to do you this one favour by helping you to get into the professor's good books as well. Have your friend play the pivotal role of convincing the professor that you have turned over a new leaf, that you are a changed man now! Pull the strings from behind the scenes.

TAKE THEIR SIDE!

Bear in mind, this is a war that you need not win, rather survive. So in case you are presented with the golden opportunity of siding with your professor in conflicts, do it. Professors often face off against each other in silently raging wars. Your plan of action is simple. Play backup for your professor. Be his shield. Pledge your undying allegiance to the one and only. You don't really have any other option because you are dead if you don't. This way, you will have earned your professor's trust. Even in defeat it's a win for you.

CONTINGENCY: PROXY!

It won't be surprising to find out that none of the strategies mentioned above could successfully help you. So here's the deal: as a last ditch effort, just get a friend to act as your proxy for the remainder of the semester and hope for the best. There really isn't anything left for you to try and fix your relationship with your professor, but your semester still needs saving. Because at the end of the day, we really do come all this way for the attendance!

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Eid and all smiles

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In the competitive world that we live in, people may not always be keen to spend their time, energy or resources on something that does not produce an evident reward. However, individuals with the genuine will to make the world a better place to live, strive to do so even under extremely unfavourable circumstances.

A few such individuals who were previously working with different charitable organisations found themselves unable to continue in that line of work due to their personal involvements. They decided to persevere and make an effort every year to come together and organise an event to make a difference, however small it may be. Thus, Project Eid n' Smile was first launched.

Since 2016, this project has led to a number of events every summer to provide the less fortunate with food and gifts. The entire team has grown throughout these years from a team of 10 members to one with 200 volunteers. The quantitative growth of the team has led to the events taking place at a larger scale with greater success each passing year.

This year, Project Eid n' Smile is organising a total of 15 events, with multiple target groups. They have already provided numerous families in certain slum areas with raw materials for them to store and utilise



according to their convenience through the first few events. They have even moved on to provide meals for an old home maintaining the residents' dietary restrictions.

For the last few events that are yet to be completed, the team has decided to distribute iftaar for about 1800 underprivileged families. All of these events are being conducted during Ramadan to exhibit the values that resonate the most with the spirit of the holy month, the values of compassion and generosity. The main event is set to take place on May 31, 2019 with the help of donations collected from interested individuals.

Even though one event per year may

not seem to have a lasting impact, but the overall model of the project aims to make a difference in other ways. While people from all walks of life are encouraged to join, most of the team consists of students, the levels ranging from middle school to university. Their primary motive is to encourage the youth to get involved in activities that concern the society and teach them the dynamics of a successful community service event.

Different teams are set up and the youngest member is made the team leader. The other, more experienced members remain on the side lines to guide them through. Hence, the events not only deliver required



goods to the ones who are in need, they also help prepare the younger generation to become better informed about the needs of the society and the necessity for benevolence.

Be it through monetary contributions or one's participation to pack and distribute the meals, everyone is welcome to join the cause and partake in this great initiative. All acts of kindness, regardless of their magnitude, can contribute to creating a better society.

Learn more about Project Eid n' Smile at fb.com/events/318355678828958. SHOUT is the Youth Engagement Partner of Project Eid n' Smile.