This may very well be our last digest before winter break, so I’d like to wish you all best of luck on finals, some of which are already underway…and my heart especially goes out to those poor souls with early Saturday morning exams.

Since literally 2 out of 3 bullet-points in this digest relate to EMT cert (a new class and a scholarship for an existing one), I feel the need to present them with my usual caveat: EMT is a wonderful credential for a variety of health professions. But it is a rigorous certification process, and if you have a full semester or are struggling already, I do not recommend tacking it onto your schedule and run the risk of spreading yourself too thin. As evidenced by previous digests, these opportunities arise on a semi-regular basis. Wait until it makes sense for you to take advantage.

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2. Durham Tech EMT Cert Spring Class (registration deadline is January 5th)
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We’ve got a number of tools to help you stay organized and productive during finals. Check them out here!

2. Interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician? Becoming certified as an EMT will give you opportunities to treat sick and injured patients, respond to emergencies, and begin thinking like a clinician. Durham Technical Community College offers this 1-semester class every Fall, Spring and Summer! Registration for the upcoming Spring classes ends soon! We are hosting one class specifically for UNC students at South Orange Rescue Squad in Carrboro, and we have additional offerings on our campus in Hillsborough and in Durham. Please see our website for details: https://www.durhamtech.edu/noncredit/emscourses/entry.htm
   (Please note that while we usually do require a mandatory information session before you can register for EMT classes, we’re sending you the information you’ll need NOW so that you can get started on your career in healthcare today!) If you are interested in the spring class, first please read the attachment for details about the application and registration process.
Next, you will need to create an account at castlebranch.com, and then upload the required documents into that account. The cost for this account is $92. This is the service we use to verify EMT class pre-requisites and provide a background check. Proof of various vaccinations will be required, as well a very detailed physical assessment document. This information is used to verify that you will be eligible to complete the clinical patient care portion of the class, and instructions will be available to you once you create the account with Castle Branch. (The Castle Branch folks will be able to see your documentation and will either mark items as completed or rejected. If they reject anything, they will give you a reason for the rejection and you’ll be able to correct the problem and re-upload your documents.) Once all items are uploaded and marked as complete, you will be ready to turn in your registration form, proof of High School Diploma or GED and adequate reading level, and payment of $369 to Durham Tech. Please use this form to register for class: https://www.durhamtech.edu/continuinged/PublicSafetyRegistrationFormEMS.pdf
(You must submit your education documentation along with your registration form. Education documentation does not need to be an “official” transcript; a copy would be fine. See the attachment for details about acceptable education documentation.) Registration deadline is January 5th. We look forward to seeing you in class! Please contact ems@durhamtech.edu with questions!

3. ACERIP Scholarship for Spring 2017: ACERIP is a UNC club that offers EMT-B classes each semester for Carolina students hoping to earn their EMT-B certification, which is a great way to get patient contact hours for PA and Med school. In order to help interested students take our class, ACERIP is offering two scholarships for the spring 2017, that cover the full price of the class and the books for students with financial need. Our classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-10PM and prepare students to take the EMT-B state exam as well as the National Registry exam for students who may want to work out of state. Apply at www.acerip.org/emt-scholarship/

For those not in the 9am A&P exam, come see the parade on Franklin Street! I have it on good authority from a pretty reliable source that there will be adoptable doggos and puppers in fashionable sweaters. (It’s me. The source is me. I’m dressing up the shelter dogs.)