Summer Program for Interdisciplinary Research and Education – Emerging Interface Technologies (SPIRE-EIT)



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# Kira Thomas



#### **RIP TO ME**

m July 25, 2018 kirat

Dear diary,

Today's Rating: IIII

I have a few short weeks before school starts and it just hit me that I'm probably going to die due to stress and I'm not ready for all the work but I'm also excited to be back and face new challenges. If you wondering why I might die, let me tell you m schedule. On Monday and Wednesday, I have my industrial design class from 9 am- 11:40. Luckily that's all I have on those two days. On Tuesday's, I have my design drawing discussion class at 8:30 am- 9:20, then I have Mapping inequalities from 11-12:20, after that I have my full design drawing class from 2-4:40, but wait there's more. My last class is fashion illustration from 5-7:40 PM. My schedule is practically the same on Thursday but I don't have my design drawing discussion class at 8:30 am, so I get to sleep in until mapping inequalities. Then on Friday's I have my industrial design discussion class at 9 am- 10:20. I'm also taking a online class and I have to fit in my physical therapy volunteering at the Disability Resource Education Service (DRES) (which is only a hour). I also plan to join clubs at my school and continue being a Fine and Applied Arts (FAA) ambassador and a James Scholar. So I think I will get very stressed and will take any opportunity to go home or to sleep.

- Kira

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🗎 July 20, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear diary,

Rating: Unknown

The past two days I've been going to the gym and I plan to go again today. I tend to spend about two hours there working on various things. Today I probably will do some core workouts and maybe some back ones as well. I also decided to start drinking more water. My hydro flask is 32 oz and I should be drinking around 96 ounces

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| Tuesday  |
| iii July 18, 2018  |
| Dear diary,  |
| Today's Rating: 7.9 out of 10  |
| Today I really liked our luncheon lecture because a sound artist   |
| came in and talked about his work in his field. Although it did bring back some memories of a lot of stress when I had to do a sound project for school I really did enjoy hearing about all the other ways to manipulate how we hear. on a unrelated note, I've been thinking about selling some clothing online but I'm not sure if I should or not right now, at some point I feel like I should and I really want to but I'm not sure if now is the time to do so. I might not do the whole clothing thing and just do make small things like buttons, patches, or stickers/ small prints of images I design and draw of course. |
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| - Kira   |
| REU 2018   |
| Friday   |
| iii July 14, 2018  |
| Dear Diary,  |
| Todays Rating: 9 out of 10   |
| I went to try out a new cafe (Arcadia Cafe) to my surprise Angelica was there too but with her friend. I ended up sitting with them and talking about greek life, Turkey, the rivers in lowa, and more topics I can't remember right now. I definitely will go back to Arcadia because the food is good but the iced green tea latte is calling my name.  - Kira   |
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| Tuesday  |
| □ July 10, 2018  |
| Dear diary,  |
| Today's rating: 5  |
| So far this week I've been going to sleep around 2 am in the morning, partly because I facetime my friends and the other half is me taking a 2-3 hour nap after I get back to my room. I plan on going to see Ant Man tonight, which I'm very excited for.   |
| -Kira  |
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| 🛗 June 25, 2018 🙎 kirat  |
| Dearest Diary,   |
| Rating: 8 out of 10  |
| This weekend I went to the farmers market (that was very small), saw two movies, went to the garden for free, and went to the football stadium. Today we had our deeper dive session which was very fun. So far in my project I'm making some sort of foot support device that goes inside of the shoe. I'm mostly worried about the structure of the part and how comfortable it will be once it is placed in the shoe.   |
| - Kira   |
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| Yikes  |
| iii June 19, 2018  |
| Dear diary,  |
| Rating: 8 out of 10  |
| So the yikes part and the title does not apply to the workday at all but what happened after around 8 p.m. to 9:30 ish. But to begin I will talk about the work day, it was like any other normal Tuesday we had a luncheon lecture, lunch, and work time. However this Tuesday was special because we had our t-shirt design session. Hopefully our t-shirts will come out A- Okay. After work  |

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🛗 June 18, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear diary.

Rating: 7 out of 10

I haven't been posting a lot because I honestly keep forgetting to do so. Anyways today we had a class in unity which was fairly confusing. Other than that the biosensors fam and I helped out with a research that I can't talk about but I can say that it involved teamwork. Not much happened today, so hopefully tomorrow will be more exciting.

PS - RIP XXX

- Kira

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#### June 12, 2018

🛗 June 12, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear diary,

Rating: 9 out of 10

Today we had luncheon lecture from the graphic design chair, which was very cool to see a fellow design talk about their projects. Our guest reminded me why design being a designer is so important and why I should keep striving to be within the top 10% at my schools ID program. The rest of the work day was spent learning about citations and doing training. After work, I was able to go to the state gym and for some reason I keep having short days. I usually try to spend 1 1/2 - 2 hours at the gym but these last two days I've been only spending 30-45 minutes. Hopefully I can get back on track and make up more work outs for myself.

Until next time,

Kirs

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# **Bad designs**

🗎 June 11, 2018 🙎 kirat



First of all, jeans that don't have pockets are probably the worst things ever because you don't realize they're fake until you try to put something in there. I wonder if there's an actual reason why people make fake pockets because I feel like if they were to just make a pocket it would be so much easier.



This one is very nit- picky, but this is one my favorite website formats and I had to spill the tea. So when scrolling down you don't run into this problem. However scrolling up in the top center the logo appears and it can block the text making it ultimately harder to read.

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#### June 7, 2018

🗎 June 7, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear diary,

Today's rating: 9.1 out of 10

Today we out first HCL class which was pretty interesting. We also had a luncheon lecture where our guest talked about grad school and careers. One off thing that happened today was a fire drill that we had no prior knowledge on. After work we had a scheduled game sesh where we played uno, spoons, bs, and spot it. After a group of us went to walmart to get some groceries.

From

Kira

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# June 6, 2018

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June 6, 2018 kirat

Dear diary,

Todays rating: 7 out of 10

Today was incredibly special because we got our first checks.

There was also a HUGE thunder/ lightning/ hail storm that I got completely soaked in (hopefully I won't get sick).

From,

Kira

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# June 5, 2018

### June 4, 2018

🗎 June 4, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear diary,

Today's rating is a solid 8 out of 10

Today was a pretty slow day. All we did was work on C++. Before I came here I tried learning as much C++ as I could but there's only so much I can take in. So coding was quite a challenge for me but I'm still learning and trying to get better. After the work day I went to the state gym for a great leg workout. I then watched 1 1/4 movies with my two of my other roomies. For dinner today I got these cheesy bread things from Jeff's pizza. 9/10 would recommend.

Love,

Kira T

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#### June 1, 2018

🗎 June 1, 2018 🙎 kirat

Dear Diary,

So far in the program I have meet some people here and there and even learned some pretty cool things. Today, we got experience the world of virtual reality which was really fun. The activities we did in VR were really trippy though. It felt as I was physically in the simulation but not mentally, if that makes sense. Later today, after classes, I plan on working out at the gym (arm day), finishing my bio lab training, and watching Netflix.

Made with love,

Kira Thomas

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