Mind Over Matter

Strategies to Help Combat the Coronavirus Blues

A Resource Guide
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This document summarizes the contents of a three-part resource guide titled, “Mind Over Matter, Strategies to Help Combat the Coronavirus Blues.” The goal of this guide is to share information with college and university campus communities about ways to help combat COVID-19 fatigue and promote general wellness, both during and after the pandemic.

What is Mind Over Matter?

1. A primary Resource Guide

   - This part features a catalog of links to information and graphics that can help college and university students, faculty, staff and administrators manage the challenges of COVID-19 during school, work and daily life. It encompasses a variety of topics to include leadership during the pandemic, understanding feelings and emotions, getting good sleep, managing stress, eating well, moving more and having some fun along the way!

2. Graphics and Toolkits

   - This part features a catalog of links to individual graphics and social media toolkits that support the information detailed in the primary Resource Guide.

3. Resources: Help is Closer than You Think

   - This document features a listing of support organizations and crisis hotlines that point to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, along with counseling options.

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We hope that you will find the toolkit useful, and that our goal of contributing to the overall wellness at colleges and universities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond is successful.