

## Take a Minute for your mental health

How are you coping? Are you taking time to breathe? Are you finding ways to manage your stress and anxiety? Here are a few helpful ideas for you!

## THINK POSITIVE! What are Positive Affirmations?

Positive affirmations are phrases or mantras that you repeat to yourself that describe a specific positive outcome. You may choose to use positive affirmations to motivate yourself, encourage positive changes in your life, or boost your self-esteem. If you frequently find yourself getting caught up in negative self-talk, positive affirmations can be used to combat these often subconscious patterns and replace them with more adaptive narratives. Positive affirmations require regular practice if you want to make lasting, long-term changes to the ways that you think and feel.



Here are a few positive affirmations to try:

- I look forward to the future and my role in it.
- · I appreciate all the good things in my life.
- I commit to learning new things.
- I am feeling positive, healthy and strong today.
- I am courageous. I am confident. I am worthy. I like who I am!
- I never give up.



## **BE KIND TO YOUR EYES!**

It seems everyone is staring at a computer screen, phone or other digital device these days. And it's causing a serious problem called digital eye strain. Symptoms of eye strain include: eye fatigue and discomfort, dry eyes, headaches, blurred vision, neck and shoulder pain, eye twitching and red eyes. Here are a few easy steps you can take to reduce your risk of eye strain:

- Get a comprehensive eye exam
- Use proper lighting
- Minimize glare
- Update your display
- Adjust your computer display settings
- Blink more often
- Take frequent breaks

**And remember:** Currently enrolled AVC students are eligible for vision care coverage that includes free comprehensive eye exams, and frames and lenses if prescribed by Wallis Family Eyecare.

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