Dating Tips: How to impress your favorite person

As a student of Rider University I have decided to help out my fellow students by providing various dating tips.

Most of the time guys and girls do not know the things that are considered inappropriate in the dating world. Hopefully these quick tips will help this stressful period move a little bit smoother.

5 Tips for Guys to Get More Rider Chicks

1) When a girl first steps into your room, a poster of half naked women is not the best sight for her to see. Try not to have every inch of your wall covered in T and A. Although most girls won’t admit it, we like to be the center of attention while in your presence.

2) A girl always likes a gentleman. While at Daly’s, even though I know you boys are hungry, allow us ladies to cut in line. It makes us feel special and also gets you noticed.

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5) When speaking to a guy of interest, try not to be louder than him and his friends. Being louder than a guy may show that you are too pushy, and it may ultimately push him away.

5 Tips for Girls to Get More Rider Guys

1) When a girl is talking to you in a public place, looks is not getting her attention. Instead try stating something up or spitting is not a great conversational tactic. Instead, wait until you are in a private facility such as a restroom.

2) While driving around the buildings, blasting John Mayer will not get you anywhere! Always try to have the latest single playing while approaching us ladies.

Life’s Lessons: Gone too soon

I knew a girl in high school named Stephanie. We weren’t best friends or anything, but we swam together for our school’s team and she could always manage to cheer me up when meets ran long or races didn’t really go my way. She was smart, funny and always a lot of fun to be around. She’s the kind of girl that I know would have been a ton of fun in college right now with all sorts of friends, except that she’s dead.

One night over the summer before our senior year, Stephanie went to a party and had a little too much to drink. Nobody was really around while she was driving home, so nobody could really help when she crashed her car into a tree.

I was on vacation at the time, but when I got home and saw the stack of newspapers that had accumulated at our door, I’ll never forget the story with the picture of her on the front page of the one on top.

I couldn’t believe it; in fact, my first reaction was to think it was some kind of really sick and distasteful joke. I mean, this wasn’t some random person from TV or anything, this was someone I knew. This was real.

We were only 17 years old at the time. I could never even have imagined that eight and a half could be considered middle-aged. It’s just not the way we look at life. We expect to grow old and retire as senior citizens with kids of our own with kids of their own. But in truth, Stephanie taught me that every day we have is a gift because you never know when tomorrow won’t come.

I have a number of friends who drink, and every one of them would have told you that stories like this are few and far between. They say that they’re all just made up for Truth.com commercials or alcohol awareness speeches. But I swear, you’re not.

These kinds of tragedies happen every day to people we all know and love because as much as we’d like to think that we’re invincible and that we’ll always find our way home in the night, no matter how much fun we’ve had, sometimes it’s just not true.

Sometimes it takes a person like Stephanie not coming back to school for senior year to open our eyes and show us just how silly we can all be when we go out and party until we can’t remember the night.

We’re only worth it when there are so many other things we can be doing with our time? I know studying can get boring real quick and it can seem like there’s little to do on a campus that shuts down over the weekend, but there’s got to be something better. Watch a movie, grab some friends and play soccer, work out or even read a book.

It’s been about three years since she left and now that I think about what Alcohol Awareness Week means to me, I know without reservation why it is you don’t drink. Thank you Stephanie, for teaching me one of life’s greatest lessons, and thanks for always making those long.months a little funnier.

The Blood Drive will be held in the Cavalla Room on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointment only. Call x. 5060.

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