

## 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

- 5) When a girl is walking in front of Gee Hall in a nice skirt or sophisticated dress, hollering how nice her butt looks is not getting her attention. Instead try stating how becoming her outfit is on her impervious beauty.
- 4) When a girl is talking to you in a public place, hocking something up or spitting is not a great conversational tactic. Instead, wait until you are in a private facility such as a restroom.
- 3) 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.

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.

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.

### 5 Tips for Girls to Get More Rider Guys

- 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.
- 4) Be yourselves ladies! Do not try to dress a certain way to attract a guy's attention. Most of the time a guy will notice you in a regular outfit, rather than one that looks like it belongs on 42nd Street.
- 3) Never pretend to be too interested in a guy. Make

him chase you. Guys love this!

2) Never call a guy you are interested in after fighting with a previous boyfriend. Although you may think you sound vulnerable, most of the time the new love interest is annoyed at your whining.

1) This is a small campus ladies, so be careful who you go after! If he has a girlfriend she will come and find you. Always check out the background of the guy you want to potentially date.



Lisa D'Amico

Most of you reading this may be thinking what does this girl know about dating tips? To tell you the truth, I don't know if these things work or not, but I do know they do not hurt when one is trying to find that special someone! Good luck guys and girls!

## Learning From Childhood: Nothing as it seems

A.H. Glasow once said, "Let us be slower to condemn and quicker to forgive. If we knew the other fellow's troubles, we might hesitate to criticize. We might admire his courage for carrying on."

If it is one thing I have personally learned over the years it is that everyone has a story and people are not always what they seem.

During high school and certainly during my time here at college I have learned that quiet people aren't necessarily unsociable and those who never keep quiet may have the greatest insecurities of all.

I try, as often as possible, to say hello to whoever passes me whether I know them or not, even if that hello is said non-verbally with a friendly smile. People tend to live their day-to-day lives ignoring one another and showing people into small categories. Those small categories and stereotypes give us excuses to ignore people and treat some of them as though they aren't even there.

There was a girl in my Girl Scout troop when I was young whose family was barely clinging to lower middle class status. She dressed poorly in the other girl's eyes, and at times lashed out violently to their taunts, which naturally only brought on more teasing.

As I look back now, I naturally wish I had been kinder myself. It is true my age was partially to blame, but so was the society I was raised in that makes it alright for those better off in life to pick on those less fortunate.

Those of you reading this may take a moment of reflection to think on that

poor little girl, and condemn her bullies but I ask you now to stop and think.

When you got up today, was there anyone who you passed by in silence simply because of what you had heard about them in the past?

Perhaps it was due to some other superficial trait that made their company undesirable. We've all been guilty at one point or another due to the fact we are all merely human beings and therefore imperfect.

All is not lost, so my challenge to the student body at Rider is this: experiment and take at least one person this week you see often but have never spoken to and speak to them.

You may find out that the scowl they constantly wear on their faces is due to problems at home, school or a severe lack of friendship.

You may not have much in common, and certainly it is not my goal to create a long line of lasting friendships, but at this point I would settle for a few people finding some common ground.

I have gotten so much more out of my life by seeking out those who are vastly different from me and it has been my own secret to personal enlightenment that I now pass on to you. I just ask that we all keep in mind that not all educational situations happen in the classroom.



Mary Lynch

## 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 be having 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 will tell

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 assure you, they'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.

Is it really worth it when there are so many other things we can be doing with our time? I know studying can get boring real quickly 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 I don't drink. Thank you Stephanie, for teaching me one of life's greatest lessons, and thanks for always making those long meets a little funnier.



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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.

Shortage of blood is critical!

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