With the warm weather calling our names, it is hard for all of us to deny the fast-approaching summer vacation. In about a week, finals will be finished, dorms will be cleaned-out, and many of you will be headed home for a few months of respite before the fall semester begins again.

If you haven’t already planned your summer, here are some ideas from the peer advising office:

- **Get a summer job!** This is a great way to build your resume and make some extra cash.
- **Volunteer** your time to those in need. Whether staying close to home or traveling to a foreign country, volunteering gives you a new perspective on the world.
- **Take a summer course.** Many are even offered online, so even if you chose to go home, you can still get AU credit over the summer. (see link in reminders.)
- **Travel!** Take a trip across town or across the world making discoveries about your community and yourself.

**YEAR-END CLOSEOUT: END OF THE SEMESTER CHECKLIST**

There are lots of things to remember at the end of the semester, so your peer advisors have come up with an end-of-the-year checklist:

- **Time to move out of the residence halls.** Check with your RA for complete information on move-out dates and protocol.
- **Check your “student snapshot” at my.american.edu for final grades (usually posted within 72hrs of the exam). This is also a good place to look and see if your schedule for next fall is correct and that your financial aid information is up to date.**
- **Continue to check your AU email over summer break for updates. (Especially if you are on any waitlists!)** Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **4/27:** Spring semester study day, no classes.
- **4/28—5/4:** Final examinations. You can find the final exam schedule at: [www.american.edu/provost/registrar/finalexamschedule/schedule.cfm](http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/finalexamschedule/schedule.cfm)
- **5/7:** Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony w/reception to follow. (By invitation only.)
- **5/9:** College of Arts and Sciences Commencement Ceremony, 1pm.
- **5/10:** Summer courses begin. Check the summer session website at: [www.american.edu/provost/registrar/summer](http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/summer) for specific course information.