Welcome to the Center for Buddhist Studies Community Wellness Digest! In this monthly email, we will share wisdom from Buddhist teachings you can use in your daily life, wellness tips, and information about university and community events. We welcome your feedback. Let us know what you think by emailing buddhist-studies@email.arizona.edu.

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**Sticking to New Year’s Resolutions**

Did you make a New Year’s resolution? Maybe you aim to eat healthier, or to start a mindfulness practice, or to lose weight. Read these helpful tips from [Harvard Health](http://harvardhealth.com) and the [American Psychological Association](http://psychologytoday.com) for guidance about how to stick with your resolutions yearround.

**Starting a Meditation Practice?**

There are many reasons to start a meditation practice. Meditation can help calm a busy mind and relax the body. It increases our awareness of detrimental thoughts and habits, and contemplative compassion for self and others. If you are curious about meditation but don’t know where to start, read the [beginner’s guide](http://mindfulness.com) from 108’s bowl, which walks you through a breathing meditation and describes various types of Buddhist meditation. You may also wish to explore [Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction](http://mindfulness.com), a secular evidence-based mindfulness practice developed by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn at University of Massachusetts in the 1970s. At UA, the [Mindful Ambassadors](http://mindfulambassadors.com) program offers resources for students and the [Contemplative Pedagogy Learning Community](http://contemplativpedagogy.com) provides support to faculty and staff seeking to incorporate mindfulness into the classroom.

**Leading A More Peaceful, Healthy Life**

Seeking peace in your life? We all experience occasional bouts of sadness, of feeling a bit blue. Our friends at the [Andrew Weill Center for Integrative Medicine at UA](http://awcm.arizona.edu) made a video describing 10 ideas that can be of particular benefit for those who struggle with mild to moderate depression but can also potentially benefit nearly everyone who follows them. Watch the video or read the transcript here.

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