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Let's Talk About... PRIORITIZING

When pressed for time, we're often advised to 'Prioritize!' as if that will solve the problem. But prioritizing accomplishes relatively little, because it assumes that everything and everyone merits our time and attention – we'll just get to the less-important items later. But later never really arrives, so the list never ends. The key is to recognize that while prioritization is necessary, the critical next step is triage. You have to actively ignore the items whose importance falls below a certain threshold. Decide where your cut-off point is and stick to it. You don't have to get through your entire inbox or to-do list, you just have to get through the truly important messages and cross off the most important items. Actively ignoring things and saying no to people is difficult, but it's the only way to reclaim your time.

Adapted from "The Most Productive People Know Who to Ignore" Ed Batista. *Source: <u>Harvard Business Publishing</u>*

Upcoming Event:

Informational Meeting

March 24th @ 1:10pm Rm. 1306, Elings Hall

> Ten Ways to be a Good Mentor

- Be credible
- Be a positive role model
- Be genuinely interested
- Share experiences and insight
- Ask open ended
 questions
- Act as a sounding board
- Provide fresh perspective
- Provide helpful feedback
- Acknowledge
 achievements
- Offer your advice when asked

Source: Blue Sky Coaching

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