ROUNDTABLE

Dream SNL host and musical guest combination

Saturday Night Live Season 52 premiered Sept. 26, creating online buzz from the stark pairing of NBA player Jalen Brunson as the host and girl group KATSEYE as the musical guest. That pairing made the Life section think, "Who would our dream host and musical guest combinations be?" From Deadpool himself (Ryan Reynolds), to pop-rockers Twenty One Pilots, we present you with our ideal SNL pairings.

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I was watching old clips of "Mr. Bean" with my mom during the summer, and those reminded me just how much Rowan Atkinson can make you laugh without having to utter a single word. Imagine Atkinson delivering his monologue, and it devolves into a silent comedy bit? Get the old man out there, he's still got the juice.

As for my musical guest, I was going to say Turnstile, but I just found out they're on next Saturday's show; looks like Lorne Michaels and I are on the same wavelength.

If we are on the same page, I think Michaels would agree with me when I say Hayley Williams and her band Paramore should come on the show. If you need any convincing, just search up their performance of "This Is Why" on Jimmy Fallon four years ago, it's electric.

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One of my favorite movies is "Deadpool." Not only is it hilarious, but Ryan Reynolds does an amazing job playing Deadpool. I've watched other Reynolds movies, such as "Blade: Trilogy," "Free Guy" and "The Proposal," and Reynolds just kills it in all of them. His marvelous acting skills prove that he would be an exceptional SNL host.

Choosing a dream music guest is a little more complicated, partly because there are numerous singers that I like. However, I think Billie Eilish would be a wonderful choice because she has a unique personality, and I enjoy most of her songs. Other singers I'd love to see on SNL are Shakira and Lady Gaga.

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My dream SNL host and musical guest combination is an interesting thought. It's also a no-brainer decision for me: Karl-Anthony Towns and Twenty One Pilots.

I've loved Towns since his Timberwolves tenure, but now playing for the Knicks and having helped them win a championship, it would be a great show. Jalen Brunson was just recently on SNL, but his lack of energy was apparent. KAT would bring the energy and perform some hilarious bits.

For Twenty One Pilots, they were on SNL back in 2016, but in the decade since, they've released their best music. Also, Twenty One Pilots' live performances are next level; the stuff they do live is genius, and to see what they could come up with on SNL would be awesome.



Saturday Night Live Season 52 premiered Sept. 26, hosted by NBA star Jalen Brunson with musical guest KATSEYE. Brunson's New York Knicks teammates Karl-Anthony Towns, OG Anunoby, Mikal Bridges and Josh Hart also made appearances during the episode.

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The band Paramore on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, in November 2022 performing their lead single of their upcoming album, "This Is Why." The album was released 4 months later on Feb. 10, 2023.

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How to survive MIDTERMS SEASON

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As midterms approach, you may be stumped in the library asking yourself, "How the heck do I study for this test?" Whether you're a freshman nervous for your first exam or a junior in a challenging class, learning how to study and which learning methods work best for you is hard, so here are some tips.

Finding your spot

When sitting down to study, you need to be in an environment that makes you feel ready to absorb information. Whether that means the fourth floor of Homer Babbidge Library in silence or in the middle of the Student Union with your headphones blasting, find a place that centers you with as little distractions possible.

Exploring methods

If it's your first time really sitting down to study, you may not know which method works best for you. When learning new topics, try a mix of visual, audio and kinesthetic ways of studying to identify what really makes it "stick." Use this to plan out the rest of your study session and do things that make sense for you.

Active Recall

If you take one thing from this piece, let it be this: Most of us study by rereading notes, highlighting textbooks or watching a lecture recording a second time. It feels productive because the material looks familiar, but familiarity isn't the same as knowing something. That's passive studying, and it's the reason you can feel prepared but still blank during the exam.

Active recall means pulling information out of your brain instead of pushing it in. Close your notes and think: What are the key concepts from this chapter? How does this process work step by step? Then answer out loud or on paper before you check.

Some easy ways to start are make flashcards on Quizlet or Knowt, doing practice problems or old exam questions, making concept maps with different colors to fill in gaps or simply explaining the material out loud to a friend.

Here's the secret to making midterms and finals season less doomed: Don't wait until the week before the exam to meet your material again.

We all forget a huge chunk of what we learn in a matter of days if we never revisit it, which means cramming often feels like learning everything for the first time. Instead, spend just 10 to 15 minutes after each class, or that evening, going over what you covered. Skim your notes, fill in anything you missed and then (you guessed it) test yourself on the main ideas without looking.

Do this consistently and the material will build on itself instead of piling up. By the time midterms roll around, you'll be reviewing instead of relearning and those panic sessions at the library will be less common. Future you will be so grateful even if current you is exceptionally annoyed.

Studying can be really overwhelming. But creating habits that make it even a tiny bit easier will minimize your stress so you can focus on getting good sleep and preparing smartly for your exams. Good luck this midterm season!



UConn students prepare for midterms at popular study spot on campus, the Homer Babbidge Library. When sitting down to study, you need to be in an environment that makes you feel ready to absorb information.

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