

# Meditation

Meditation is the window to the soul. When I truly focus on my meditating, it's like I'm on the outside looking in. I'd like to share with you some of my favorite places on campus to practice meditation:

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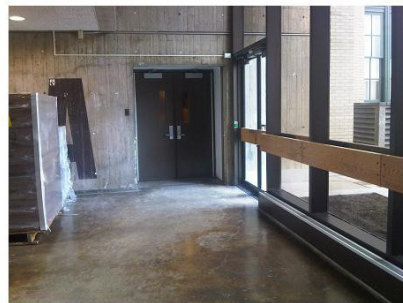
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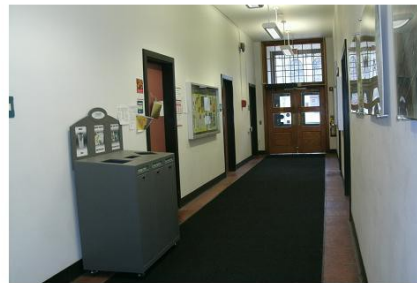
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(jump down for solution)

Each picture is a location on Carnegie Mellon's campus. If the teams went to these locations, they found silly but innocuous posters, each of which had a letter underlined in them. If the teams collected the underlined letters, they got FOCUSMORE—this was a clue phrase telling them that they needed to rethink the puzzle.

The important parts of the flavor text are “window to the soul” and “on the outside looking in”—teams should notice that, in each of these locations, there is a window. Players should go outside and view the posters from the back. If teams did this, they were given equations with variables.

If the solvers collected all of the equations, they could use a series of equation style of thinking to determine what the numerical values of variables were. Then using the variables as indices into the alphabet got the teams the answer.

(Unfortunately, I have lost my copies of the equations and what the answer actually was).