

₩ Wellness Tip: Journaling for Emotional Wellness

- Journaling is now recognized as an official psychological technique for managing stress and emotions.
- You don't need a special notebook—use whatever's at hand.
- Remember: journaling is for *you*, not social media. Writing for yourself creates a safe, honest space that feels very different from writing for others.

✓ Practical ways to start:

- Set aside 5–10 minutes a few times a week—just write, no editing, *no judgment*.
- Write down what happened, but more importantly: your **feelings**, thoughts, images, and even body reactions.
- Use paper, a notes app, or even voice memos—format doesn't matter, honesty does.
- V Keep it private. Protect your words so you can be fully open with yourself.

Testimony from a ME faculty: I began journaling at 12, and I still keep those notebooks in my safety box. Journaling helped me survive a rough childhood, navigate chaotic teenage years, and even weather depression as an adult. It remains one of my most reliable tools for resilience and clarity.

Start today—even a few sentences can make a difference.