

## ACADEMIA

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Students, grab your #2 pencils and get ready to take notes. NYU students have finally done what college students have been dreaming of after a hard exam for decades: file a petition saying the class is too hard. And [it worked](#), Maitland Jones Jr, a professor of organic chemistry was fired by NYU in August. Although the petition did not call for his firing, NYU cut him loose because he wasn't [upholding their standards](#).

Eighty out of 350 students signed the petition against the professor.

#### **-OH, so polarizing**

On one side, students claim the class was too difficult, they lacked resources needed to succeed, and accused Dr. Jones of being condescending and dismissive. While fellow professors and alumni are coming out in droves arguing that it takes away faculty freedom and undermines the prestige of the university. Some faculty are even taking a step further, saying they are fear-driven in lieu of the student being viewed as a customer in the [commodification of education](#).

This sparks a bigger debate on grade deflation and “weed-out classes” on which the university has made little comment, but expect these kinds of cases to continue as colleges nationwide continue to raise tuition, and students are more commonly viewed as [customers](#). – MR

## SUSTAINABILITY

### Let the Petitions Begin



*Greenpeace International*

In light of the upcoming Global Climate Conference (COP 27) taking place in Egypt, opposition to the newly announced sponsor, Coca-Cola, has grown as more than [80,000](#) have signed petitions to have them removed.

#### **Bottles on bottles on bottles**

Despite company executives stating they "share the goal of eliminating waste and appreciate efforts to raise awareness" Coca-Cola has been ranked the [world's top plastic polluter](#) for the third straight year and made [zero progress](#) towards its sustainability goals.

#### **Wait, but I return my Coke bottles for \$, shouldn't that count for something?**

It counts for your earth-minded conscience, sure, but also counts for Coca-Cola to get around sustainability [legislation](#) that would otherwise cost them hugely. As long as their bottles qualify for bottle returns, they don't have to pay any of the penalties around the environmental impact they have.

**So, this could just be a lobbying ploy.** Climate activists are accusing the company of "greenwashing" and expressed concerns not only about the signal the sponsorship sent, but also how the company's self-interest could affect the negotiations. Who knows, maybe if Coca-Cola gets the boot, Kendall Jenner will show up and offer everyone a Pepsi. – MR

## WHAT ELSE IS BREWING

[Trouble in paradise](#). After taking an unexpected leave during training camp and battling ongoing rumors about his relationship, [seven time](#) bowl champion Tom Brady, and supermodel Gisele have both hired divorce attorneys. This comes after Gisele expressed concerns about Brady's return to the field after retiring last season. Yes, love is dead.