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3 Cool Card Games Created by Columbia Alumni

For icebreakers, gatherings, or family nights in.

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Deep Dilemmas

Would you rather travel back in time to tell yourself two words or have your home clean itself every day? How about choosing between getting a paper cut every time

you open an envelope and stopping at each floor every time you use an elevator? Deep Dilemmas, a deck of “would you rather” cards created by Bryan Richman ’19BUS, is guaranteed to spark unusual debate. Richman, who describes himself as a “management consultant by day and e-commerce entrepreneur on nights and weekends,” wrote the cards’ two hundred questions during quarantine in 2020.

Trivia for Us

Cofounded in 2019 by communications professional Deydra Bringas ’18SPS, Trivia for Us promotes team building and Black culture through friendly competitions tailored primarily to an African-American audience. “We’re determined to change the quiz-game landscape to be more inclusive and diverse,” Bringas says. Originally focused on hosting interactive activities for corporate meetings, school events, and parties, Trivia for Us recently launched a card-game edition for home use. The deck contains one hundred questions in categories such as entertainment, Black history, and “finish the lyric.”

Blitz Champz

Blitz Champz, a “football card game for jocks and nerds,” encourages players ages seven and older to practice math and think strategically. Participants earn points for drawing cards corresponding to particular football plays (six for a touchdown, three for a field goal) and reduce their opponents’ scores with tackles, interceptions, and blocked kicks. Whoever gets to twenty-one points first is the winner. Blitz Champz is the creation of Adrienne Smith ’01BUS, a former star member of the US women’s national flag and tackle football teams. Today, in addition to running Blitz Champz, Smith is the cofounder and CEO of the Harlem Edutainment Company, which hosts educational activities and field trips for K–12 students.

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