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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

With finals being a few weeks away, now is the time to start preparing the perfect study space. There are many components that go into this (location, brightness, interesting desk ornaments, etc), but, I would argue that the most important aspect is the white-noise that fills the space. Music is great for this, but, in my wild experimentation I have also tried a Youtube fireplace and on-ride train videos to much success. Something about both of these just adds a really interesting vibe to the room. If neither of these sound great, I would recommend doing some experimentation of your own this finals season.

Another important part of good study habits is giving yourself a little time away from the books; fortunately, we've got some awesome things to do on the horizon! Learn about some of this year's incredible option B capstones at the upcoming Interdisciplinary Research Conference. Learn all about recent graduates and older alumni alike at the Honors Alumni Gathering. Learn more about some awesome work being done in neuroscience at the upcoming Talk and Small Group Mentoring with Dr. Andre Fenton. Give back this month by applying for Community Service Week. Check out the most recent Senior Spotlight for SASHP Senior Leader Xiangyue (Max) Wang.

Warm Regards,
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Your newsletter editor
Interdisciplinary Research Conference

Looking to see some awesome theses written up by your seniors? Want some wisdom on how to make your Capstone option B even better? Of course you do! Make sure to stop by the upcoming Interdisciplinary Research Conference. This event will take place next Fri, Apr 23 at 1pm EST and will last about two hours. This year’s seniors recently finished their theses, so there are bound to be some up to date, fresh ideas here. Additionally, this event will showcase the Interdisciplinary Research Teams. More information about the conference will be released later this week, but stay tuned!

Honors Alumni Gathering

This event is only open to Class of 2021 students. Meet, talk to, or reconnect with old and new friends alike at the upcoming Honors Alumni Gathering. This event will feature numerous honors alumni (including students from the 2020 graduating class) and pair attendees together in a series of networking speed one-on-one video sessions. Students looking to attend should check here for more information. This event takes place next Sat, Apr 24 at 4pm EST. RSVP here.

Talk and Small Group Mentoring with Dr. Andre Fenton

Join NYU professor of neuroscience, Dr. Andre Fenton, as he speaks at the upcoming event, Talk and Small Group Mentoring. Dr. Fenton investigates the molecular, neural, behavioral, and computational aspects of memory. He studies how brains store experiences as memories, how they learn to learn, and how knowing activates relevant information without activating what is irrelevant. This event will start with a conversation about Dr. Fenton’s research, then turns into a Q&A session, and finishes with a mentoring event with MIND mentors and speakers. RSVP here.
Community Service Week

Those looking to give something back should sign up for the Virtual Community Service Week - running from Apr 19-25. With opportunities ranging from clothing drives to spreading gratitude, there is an opportunity for everyone this year! Find out more info on all of the events here. Since this is open to all SASHP students, be sure to spread the word!

Senior Spotlight: Xiangyue (Max) Wang

Show some love to this month's Senior Spotlight featuring #honorsfamous Xiangyue (Max) Wang. With a double major in math and physics (and a minor in philosophy!) Max plans to take the skills he learned at Rutgers to NYU, where he will be studying data science. Additionally, Max is a member of the SASHP Student Advisory Board, a Peer Mentor, a Rutgers University SENATOR, former member of the Dream Project (gave me some great advice when I was preparing for my own Dream Project trip), and a co-founder of CIRCLE (a start-up that uses tech to empower farmers and reduce food waste). Read all about Max by checking out the spotlight here.

For a full list of opportunities, click here.