Monday, April 26, 2021

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Today’s title is two-fold. First, as a wordplay since finals are here and, after an entire semester of learning, we should now be as ready as we can be for the first round of exams, essays, and/or projects. Second, we’re all feeling a sense of finality after two semesters of remote learning and in-person instruction back on the horizon. This past year has been a total break from anything and everything that the students, faculty, and staff knew about learning, instruction, and higher education in general. And, now that we’re approaching the end of it, we should do what finality inspires best and reflect on what we’ve learned. Finals this semester might be tough, but give it your best and treat yourself well, you got this!

Speaking of treating yourself, some of these upcoming events are sure to be entertaining and/or insightful. Destress from the finals fatigue/frustration at the Peer Mentor Program Destress Night. Learn about one of the most monumental court cases of the decade at The Trial of Derek Chauvin for the Killing of George Floyd: A Panel Discussion. Looking into a career in health? Stop by the RUAMSA Grad School Fair. Meet your next built-in best friend at the Meet A Roomie Event. Learn about Rutgers and their efforts to fight climate change at the Climate Task Force Town Hall. Join the ASC and the AACC and an all-star panel with faculty, staff, and students to explore the history of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American population at the upcoming Breaking Down APIDA Identity event. Spend your summer making your voice known through the Summer 2021 Rutgers Advocacy Corps (RAC). Check out our new Blog Post: Creating a Website from Scratch.

Warm Regards,
Justin Confalone
Your newsletter editor
Peer Mentor Program
Destress Night
It’s time: after weeks of prep, we’re finally hitting the start of finals. When it comes to exam seasons like this, the most important thing is your health. The Peer Mentor Program is hosting its final event of the semester, Destress Night, to keep your mind, body, and soul in check during this round. All are welcome to join next Mon, May 3 at 8pm EST. This event will include three options: 1) playing Codenames, 2) Scavenger Hunt, 3) Paint N Sip & Pop Culture Trivia with the Artists Collective. Find out more here.

The Trial of Derek Chauvin for the Killing of George Floyd: A Panel Discussion
Several days prior to writing this, Derek Chauvin was announced guilty on all three counts. While that’s incredible on its own, learn about the nitty-gritty of one of the decade’s most-watched/covered trials from experts in the field at the upcoming event, The Trial of Derek Chauvin for the Killing of George Floyd: A Panel Discussion. Some panelists include Director of the Program in Criminal Justice, Dr. Alec Walen, Associate Professor of Sociology, Dr. Paul Hirschfield, and Lecturer in Criminal Justice, Luis Soto. Hear from the rest of the all-star panelists today, Apr 26 at 4pm EST. The flyer is below.

RUAMSA Grad School Fair
Those looking for info on a specific pre-health program directly from the school should stop by the RUAMSA Graduate School Fair. Multiple types of schools will be attending, including MD schools, DO schools, post-bacc programs, MPH programs, a PA program, a PT program, and a dentistry school. This event will be invaluable for anybody interested in any facet of the medical field, so be sure to stop by tomorrow, Apr 27 at 8pm EST. Join the Zoom call here.
VPL Meet a Roomie Event

Staying in non-honors housing and looking for a roommate next year? Meet the next built-in best friend at the upcoming VPL-hosted Meet A Roomie Event. Especially post-Corona, having a roommate that you totally vibe with can make or break the first few weeks of a new academic year. This event takes place tomorrow, Apr 27 at 9:30pm EST. Join the Zoom call here.

Climate Task Force Town Hall

Rutgers has made some great strides towards a sustainable campus in the future. Get the most recent updates from RU's Climate Task Force, meet with other attendees in breakout rooms, and stick around for a lengthy Q&A to address all your climate concerns. With Earth Day recently, now is (especially) the time to help advocate for Rutgers to continue passing great policy. This event takes place Tues, Apr 27, 2021 at 6:30pm EST. Register here.

Breaking Down APIDA Identity

Join the ASC and the AACC and an all-star panel with faculty, staff, and students to explore the history of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American population and its representation in the US. Panelists include Professor of American Studies, Dr Allan P. Issac, Professor of Japanese Literature, Dr. Paul Schalow, and Director of Rutgers-Global, Dr. Rick H. Lee. This event will highlight the importance of APIDA representation and share resources for supporting the APIDA. Additionally, this event will have ASC speak about the Asian American Leadership Cabinet and its ongoing initiative to create an Asian American Studies major and minor right here at RU. Join the Zoom call here for this event, taking place today, Apr 26 at 7pm EST.
Blog Post: Creating a Website from Scratch

“Although I definitely can’t create a website as sophisticated as Medium or WordPress,” writes author Kevin Feng, “I can create simple websites for my own projects/resume needs—from scratch!” Read the rest of this topical article here.

Summer 2021 Rutgers Advocacy Corps (RAC)

Applications are open for the summer 2021 Rutgers Advocacy Corps (RAC). The Rutgers Advocacy Corps is a unique, virtual opportunity for students interested in federal policy and advocacy. The program allows students to learn how to become effective policy advocates by participating in policy briefings related to federal financial aid, meeting with members of Congress and staff to advocate for investments in financial aid programs, and participating in several professional development events over the course of the semester. The program itself runs from June 2 to August 18 and the application is DUE this Fri, Apr 30 at 5pm EST. Apply here.

For a full list of opportunities, click here.
PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
THE TRIAL OF DEREK CHAUVIN FOR THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD: A PANEL DISCUSSION
APRIL 26, 2021
4:00 - 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION PANELISTS:

DR. ALEC WALEN, DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND PHILOSOPHY
DR. PAUL HIRSCHFIELD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DR. K. SEBASTIAN LEÓN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LATINO AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
BRIAN DONELLY J.D., LECTURER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CAPTAIN OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT IN UNION COUNTY
PHILIP NETTL J.D., LECTURER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY
LUIS SOTO, LECTURER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MAJOR AT NORTHERN STATE PRISON LOCATED IN NEWARK
JAMES KOHL J.D., LECTURER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY AT RUTGERS

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