Monday, October 25, 2021

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

We’re officially less than a week away from Halloween! Since this is the last big Monday newsletter before the day of scares and creeps, we have to celebrate with a tale. Once upon a time, my hometown fell victim to a seemingly connected string of smashed pumpkins that decorated the front staircase of every house on my street of suburbia. After about a week’s time, the town pinned this all on one person... whom we called the Pumpkin Smasher. Nobody had proof but every day at school there were whispers of sightings and encounters with the town menace. This being was a danger, a criminal, someone who posed a risk to all of the town. Then, two days before Halloween it was my turn to see him. My friend and I were on lookout duty for the pumpkin smasher (because we were obviously playing spy, and there, from my friend's forward-facing sunroom we saw him. Tall, buzzed head in a dark robe; this phantom of Haddon Township carried what looked like a hammer. He noticed us staring, looked our way, we ducked and almost hit the floor with how low we got, and, when we came back up, the man was no longer in sight... vanishing without a trace. Happy Halloween everyone!

Celebrate the season with these upcoming events. Show off your holiday spirit by sending your costume to the Halloween Costume Contest. Fulfill Colloquium requires and watch a legendary horror movie at the upcoming SASHP Movie Night: Get Out. Hear from department advisors about how best to use your time at the upcoming event, How to Maximize Your Major/Minor Experience. Help decide this summer’s book at the Summer Reading Committee Meeting. Help introduce the next wave of students to the SASHP by signing up to be a SAS Honors Program Ambassador for spring 2022. Get the information you need about your academic journey during the upcoming Program Outreach Month.

Warm Regards,
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Your newsletter editor
Halloween Costume Contest
Squid Game, Wanda, Britney, the possibilities are endless for this year’s Peer Mentor Program hosted Halloween Costume Contest. Show your spirit by DM’ing the fit to @hpmentor on Instagram. Be sure to include your name, class year, and title for the costume in your DM. Winners will receive a shoutout on the SASHP’s Instagram channels and to the hundreds of readers of this newsletter. Submissions are accepted from Sun, Oct 24 to Mon, Nov 1.

SASHP Movie Night: Get Out
Fulfill Colloquium requirements while watching Jordan Peele’s masterpiece: Get Out at the upcoming SASHP Movie Night. This Oscar-winning film offers incredible social commentary while also perfectly fulfilling the horror element that comes with Halloween. As this film gets intense, there is a trigger warning so only attend if you feel comfortable. This event takes place this Wed, Oct 27 at 8pm EST in the Jameson G Lounge on Douglass Campus.

How to Maximize Your Major/Minor Experience
Experiencing your major to its fullest is a tough but often necessary component of higher ed. Fortunately, department advisors want to help show you how at the upcoming event How to Maximize Your Major/Minor Experience. Advisors from Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Life Sciences, and the School of Communication & Information will be present. Stop by Room 2160 at the Academic Building on Wed, Nov 3 at 11:30am EST. Registration is required by (Mon, Nov 1) here.
Summer Reading Committee Meeting

2018 was The Best We Could Do, 2019 was Tell Me Who You Are, and most recently, 2021 was Your House Will Pay. And the 2022 book is up to you! Sign up for the upcoming Summer Reading Committee Meeting to help be part of the team that decides next year's SASHP summer reading book. This event takes place this Fri, Oct 29 at 4 pm EST via Zoom. Join the meeting here. Meeting ID: 932 6101 0156, Password: 546553.

Honors Program Ambassador App

Want to be part of SASHP outreach and recruitment? The Honors Program Ambassador Application is now open! Honors Ambassadors will participate in a variety of virtual recruitment events in the coming months. They serve as the Honors Program's representatives to provide answers to many of the questions that new students and families may have about life at Rutgers and the SASHP. Apply here until Fri, Nov 19 at 5 pm.

Program Outreach Month

Hear from faculty and SASHP students from the life sciences, computer science, Aresty, and more during the upcoming Program Outreach Month... running on select days from Mon, Nov 1 to Mon, Nov 29. Program Outreach Month features a series of speakers from multiple fields. Find all of the information you need, including dates and speakers, here.