Ode to Rom-Coms

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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

So for context, I have this roommate who is obsessed with putting rom-coms on while he eats lunch and it honestly amazes me. Nothing against rom-coms or this roommate, but, the frequency with which he watches these types of movies is impressive. Falling Inn Love, Garden State, 50 First Dates, and Just Friends are among the many movies that have popped up on our living room TV in the first few months here. What is stranger still is that, somehow, I find even the most terrible rom-coms wildly entertaining, and that leads into the key topic today: even the most ridiculous, unpolished things in life have so much novelty to them. Go out and try to find novelty in the bizarre today!

Find some value in this week’s highly polished but still entertaining events and announcements. Looking to pursue a career in the medical field? Sit down with Dr. Paul Dicker and discuss any questions you might have. Those pursuing a career global policy should stop by the upcoming UNMA Information Session. Learn about the value of internships and some available near you at the upcoming Plan Your Career Event. The Passport to Student Success event is looking for a physics major to represent the program. Get in the spirit of giving by participating in RUPA’s Winter Wishes. Meet an SASHP star in this month’s Honors Alumni Spotlight.

Warm Regards,
Justin Confalone
Your newsletter editor
Zoom With Dr. Paul Dicker
Join ‘88 alum Dr. Paul Dicker for our next Honors Alumni Night next Wed, Nov 17 at 8pm EST. After Rutgers, Dr. Dicker attended NYU Medical School and completed residency at the NYU/Bellevue Medical Center. Today, he is a board member of Lifeline Medical Associations. Asking Dr. Dicker about his trials and tribulations will be incredibly beneficial for students pursuing a career in medicine. I’m told these events fill up very quickly. RSVP here.

UNMA Information Session
Considering a career with the United Nations? The upcoming UNMA Info Session will focus on the master’s program in Political Science - United Nations and Global Policy Studies offered by Rutgers. This session will take place tomorrow, Nov 9 at 4pm EST via Zoom and feature UNMA faculty, staff, and student ambassadors. The UN is a great organization to pursue, so start the journey off right by registering here.

Plan Your Career Event
There is no way to mince words here, internships (or any other form of work experience) are important for continued success after graduation. Check out the SAS Office of Academic Advising Services–hosted event Plan Your Career: Gain Insight and Experience Through Internship Opportunities. This event features all you need to know about landing that first (or second/third) internship and will allow students to plan out the next steps. Stop by this Thur, Nov 11 at 8am EST via Webex by registering here.
**Physics Major Needed**

Remember that **Passport to Student Success** event that has popped up in the newsletter over the past couple of weeks? Well, now is the chance for you to be a PART of the action rather than just watching it. The Peer Mentor Program Passport to Success event needs an **SASHP physics major** who would like to pass on the knowledge and passion for their major to fellow students. Interested students can apply [here](#) (the Nov 1 deadline is no longer applicable).

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**Honors Alumni Spotlight**

November’s **Honors Alum** is Elise Petronzio! After graduating from Rutgers in 2018 with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish, Elise went on to found a small business that focuses on OCD advocacy and recovery and is currently working as a COVID-19 Contact Tracer/Case Investigator. Read the rest of Elise’s incredible story [here](#)!

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**RUPA’s Winter Wishes**

‘Tis the season! Would you like to help grant a child’s wish for the holidays? RUPA presents their annual holiday-themed **Winter Wishes**, a chance to provide New Brunswick preschool-aged children with gifts this holiday season. Adopt a wish by Fri, Nov 12 [here](#).