Something I have learned over the past several years is that sometimes life finds a way to stay interesting by adding some drama to situations. For example, a couple of weeks ago I went on a hike, and, aside from the cold temperature, it was a pretty standard 4-mile out and back trail. That all changed when our group got to the top (only 1,200 feet) and several phones began to signal a winter storm warning in the area. Because we were high up we could see clear skies on one side and a massive storm cloud on the other that was getting closer. We increased our pace and began to work our way down the mountain but within a few minutes the storm was over us and snow was raining down. While we were only 1-mile from a major town, all had cell service, and the storm only lasted 5-minutes (meaning we were in no real danger), the weather added some flair to the hike and gave us all a story to tell afterwards. The takeaway here: sometimes life writes itself like a narrative and all we can do is act like the characters.

Take part in life's narrative by checking out some of these events/announcements. Rising juniors interested in pursuing a career giving back via social service should apply for the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program. Network with fellow students and honors alums at the upcoming Young Honors Alumni & Student Virtual Mixer. Hear from activist and scholar, Dr. Angela Davis at the upcoming talk: Redefining Justice and Freedom for Everyone. Looking to venture into politics post-graduation? Check out the upcoming Political Campaign Training Event for Undergrads. Learn how to thrive this season with our recent blog post: How to Make Winter a Little Brighter. Wondering what "mouse acceleration" means on your computer? Check out our recent blog post: Should You Have Mouse Acceleration On or Off?

Warm Regards,
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Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Application
Rising juniors with an interest in pursuing careers in leadership and service should apply for the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship. The year-long Gardner program will take 12-15 SAS juniors under its wing and focus on major global issues, develop strong leadership skills, and take a prominent stance in addressing these issues in the coming decades. Apps are due March 11 and can be found here; BUT, there will be an info session this Thurs 2/24 at 4 pm EST. Join the zoom call here.

Young Honors Alumni & Student Virtual Mixer
Something the SASHP does very well is giving students plenty of opportunities to connect with alumni from a number of professional fields. The next such event is the Young Honors Alumni & Student Virtual Mixer. Students will have the opportunity to one-on-one speed video chat with other Rutgers students and young alumni from the classes of 2017-2021 on the Glimpse platform. Meet a new friend, grow your professional network, or both by attending next Thurs, Mar 3 at 8 pm EST via Zoom. Register here by Tues, Mar 1.

Redefining Justice and Freedom for Everyone
Hopefully you have had the chance to tour the Angela Davis - Seize the Time exhibit at Zimmerli because activist and scholar Dr. Angela Davis is coming to Rutgers to present: Redefining Justice and Freedom for Everyone! As Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness and of Feminist Studies at University of California Santa Cruz, Davis is sure to deliver an incredible presentation. This event takes place Fri, Mar 4 at 4:30 pm EST and requires pre-registration by this Fri, Feb 25. Register here.

Political Campaign Training for Undergrads

Join the Center for Youth Political Participation and the NEWLeadership® National Network for RU Running? Political Campaign Training for undergraduates. A three-part, virtual political campaign training for college students interested in running for public office or working on a campaign, RU Running? participants will gain campaign skills and networking opportunities with public operatives and young elected leaders from around the country. This event starts tomorrow, Feb 22 at 12 pm EST via Zoom. Register in advance here.

New Blog Post: How to Make Winter a Little Brighter

“Welcome to February,” writes author Elaine Martz. “The winter wonderland that grazed us last weekend is melting and our streets are starting to look like a graveyard-flavored Slurpee from 7-Eleven.” Learn how to make the most of the winter by reading the full blog post here.

New Blog Post: Should You Have Mouse Acceleration On or Off?

“I had no idea until just a few weeks ago that my Windows 10 cursor had mouse acceleration turned on — in fact, you probably do as well,” writes author Kevin Feng. “But let’s back up a bit first: What is mouse acceleration?” Read the full blog post here.