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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Quick admission: I have rewritten this opening blurb many, many times. Let me explain. While this isn't technically my first time writing to you all (I wrote a quick introductory message back in May– whew), it is my first newsletter of the semester, which means that I have now officially and fully assumed the mantle as your new Newsletter Editor. As such, the pressure was on to formulate the perfect back-to-school message to you all. However, no message I wrote seemed good enough. After a while, I was left only with a digital pile of scrapped sentiments in my Google Docs version history, my head in my hands. But right as I was about to silently scream in frustration, I had an epiphany: I just had to go for it. No overthinking, no dipping a toe in the water for a temperature test. Just a straight dive into the deep end. All or nothing. All in.

This centering thought did wonders for curing my writer's block and suddenly I knew the exact message that I wanted to convey in this first newsletter. Here it is: whether you're a new or returning student here at Rutgers, I sincerely hope you take the opportunity to go all in this semester. We've all been handed a fresh slate with the beginning of this new semester, and I think we could all benefit from silencing the doubting voices in our heads and just going for it– from joining a new club or sticking to your studying plan. You've got this. Welcome (and welcome back), everyone.

Here's a few things to keep on your radar as we start up the semester. Stay on top of your academic and professional pursuits by scheduling an appointment with your SASHP Honors Advisor. Part of the Peer Mentor Program? Stop by the fall kick-off to meet or re-connect with your mentor or mentee. Mingle and make art at the Honors Peer Leader's “Paint a Pot” event. Find your people or discover a new passion at this year's Involvement Fair.

Add/Drop: Remember: your schedule is not set in stone. Or at least, not yet it isn't. The last day to drop or add a class is Sept. 15.

Warm Regards,
Noa DeOcampo
Your Newsletter Editor
Honors Advising

From suggesting just the right course to register for to fulfill your major or core requirements, to pointing you in the direction of relevant and beneficial internship and research opportunities, your SASHP honors advisors have you covered. As we start the semester and head into the add/drop period, meeting with your advisor can help set you up for success. Find out how to schedule an appointment & learn more about Honors Advising here.

Peer Mentor/Mentee Fall Kick-Off

Mentors & mentees in the SASHP Peer Mentor Program, this one is for you! Drop in to the Peer Mentor Program's fall kick-off event TODAY (9/7) from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in Frank M Deiner Sr. Park. Expect refreshments, games, prizes, and—most importantly—the opportunity to connect or reconnect with your mentors/mentees!

SASHP Peer Leader 'Paint a Pot' Event

Does making art while making a friend sound like your idea of a fun time? If so, stop by the SASHP Peer Leader 'Paint a Pot' event on the Voorhees Mall Lawn next Thursday, September 15, to paint some succulents and meet some new people! Note: be sure to bring something to sit on so you can create in comfort.
Involvement Fair

Looking for a way to get more immersed into the Rutgers community this semester? Take a tour down College Ave this Friday, Sept. 9 at the re-scheduled Involvement Fair! With over 500 different clubs, teams, and student organizations in attendance, you're sure to find something worth signing up for.

Honors Alumni Spotlight: Zeke Pariser

This month, the Honors Alumni Spotlight is featuring Class of 2012 graduate, Zeke Pariser! Zeke graduated with a major in Philosophy and a minor in English and went on to pursue a career in general education immediately after graduation, eventually landing in the financial services industry. Today, he works in the hedgefund group of the investment business, Blackstone. Read more about Zeke’s professional journey as well as his experience in the SAS Honors Program here.