Pulling My Socks Up

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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

I was watching one of the most recent episodes of The Great British Baking Show the other day, when one contestant used an expression that I've never heard before. After having a pretty tough time baking biscuits (not cookies, mind you—biscuits) during the second week of competition, one of the contestants declared: "I really do need to pull my socks up now." Given the recent chilly temperatures, the undeniable significance of socks has been at the forefront of my mind. In fact, my pair of cozy knee-high socks has been my best friend in coercing myself to brave the cold and hop out of bed in the mornings. Upon a quick Google search, however, I discovered that this expression doesn't simply refer to wearing this fuzzy footwear. One basic definition of the phrase is to "make an effort to improve your work or behavior." With midterms & other assessments rapidly approaching in the coming weeks, I think many of us will be "pulling up our socks" with our studying habits and exam preparations. We're only about a quarter of the way into the semester—so it's not necessarily crunch time— but it's definitely better to stay ahead of the game and catch up on those notes that you've been meaning to revisit. So, whether you're on track or feel that you might be slipping, just remember that it's never too late to pull your socks up and get going! You've got this!

These approaching events and opportunities are sure to knock your socks off! Attend the next Colloquium Movie Night in McCormick! Tune in to the upcoming 'Professor Talk' event, 'Myths of the STEM Labor Market.' Take a break from your studies with "Sweets in the Suites." Gear up for spring 2023 registration at the "Passport to Student Success" event. Apply for the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program. Check out the latest Honors Alumni Spotlight: Meg Tsai.

Warmest Regards,
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Your Newsletter Editor
Colloquium Movie Night - McCormick

The Honors Peer Leaders are hosting yet another Colloquium Movie Night NEXT Friday, Oct. 14! And this time, the food-themed film they're screening is the Pixar classic, Rataouille! Head to the McCormick Lounge @ 8 PM to munch on some pizza and snacks (included with entry) & grab a good seat to learn why "Anyone can cook."

*** This is considered an outside event for Fall 2022 Honors Colloquium

Professor Talk: 'Myths of the STEM Labor Market'

Rutgers Public Policy Professor Hal Salzman will present on American STEM education and employment myths in the Bloustein Public Service Association's upcoming virtual 'Professor Talk' titled, "Myths of the STEM Labor Market." Students can register here before or on the day of the event NEXT Friday, Oct. 14 @ 4 PM.

Sweets in the Suites

Midterms, assessments, exams, oh my! As we head into the next couple of weeks, I'm sure many of us will be tackling exams with rigorous studying. However, it's necessary to take a break and allow yourself some time to decompress. Well, the sweet solution is this: the Honors Peer Leaders are hosting a 'Sweets in the Suites' event on Oct. 20 in the McCormick 1st Floor Lounge. Stop by from 7:30-8:30 PM to snack, mingle, and treat yourself to a scary good time!
**Passport to Student Success**

It's never too early to start prepping for spring 2023 registration! Attend the annual Passport to Student Success event in the BSC International Lounge (Busch) on Friday, Oct. 21 from 2-3:30 PM to discuss different majors & minors with peer mentors, and chat with reps from Aresty Research Center, Study Abroad, and more! It's the perfect one-stop shop to get your advising questions answered.

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**Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program**

Calling all juniors! The Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program is looking for juniors interested in advocacy, government, and policy to apply for their selective 3-semester certificate program. In the program, students will "learn about political power and decision-making" and even hone these skills through internships. Learn more and apply [here](#) by Oct. 24.

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**Honors Alumni Spotlight: Meg Tsai**

Meg Tsai is the featured SASHP alum from this month's Honors Alumni Spotlight! Meg graduated with a double major in Biological Sciences and Psychology. Today, she is a resident in orthopedic physical therapy at Colombia University, and she aspires to one day pursue a career in pediatric orthopedics. Learn more about Meg's academic and professional journey [here](#).