I Can Hear The Bells

Monday, Nov. 28, 2022

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

The jingle bells, that is. I realize that we have barely hurdled Thanksgiving, but I can't help but embrace the Christmas spirit this early in the game. Honestly, I feel like I've been micro-dosed with that festive feeling on a daily basis since Halloween wrapped up. I've been steadily sipping my way through Starbucks' holiday menu since it launched the first week of November. And nearly every store, street, and public space has been decked out with boughs of holly, tinsel, and twinkling lights for weeks now. But what really put me in a merry mood most recently is that my Christmas tree is up! My family hasn't ever fully regained trust in fresh trees since the "incident" in the '90s (which involved a faulty stand, many broken ceramic birds, and a whole lot of emotional and pine-y mess). So, we opt for a beautiful, plastic, all-white tree. This year, we even upgraded our 17-year-old tree for a brand spanking new one, courtesy of one of Walmart's most recent sales. It still has that new box smell. Anyways, the amount of work that I had to catch up on towards the end of Thanksgiving break resulted in my running out of time to actually decorate the tree with my family. But even bare and fresh outta the box, just seeing the lights (that all work now– thanks, Walmart!) has me scream-singing 'tis the season!

Oh what fun it is to have so many opportunities and events! Stop by the Spa/Relaxation Night hosted by the SASHP Peer Leader at large! Sign up for the Peer Mentor Program's Holiday Escape Room. Apply to be an SAS Honors Program Ambassador for Spring 2023. Check out the Honors Alumni-Student Networking Directory. Read the newest blog post: "To Commute, or Not to Commute."

Warmest Regards,
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Events/Announcements

Spa/Relaxation Night
As we steadily approach finals, it's especially important that we pay extra care to our mental, physical, and spiritual health. That's why the SASHP Peer Leader at large is hosting a Spa/Relaxation Night! Stop by the parlor of 35 College Ave. THIS Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 5 PM to destress and decompress with face masks, coloring sheets & other relaxing recreations!

Holiday Escape Room: Escape of the Elves
Oh what fun! The Peer Mentor Program is hosting a holiday escape room: Escape of the Elves event on Dec. 5 to Dec. 7 from 6-8 PM! Put together your best team of up to 5 people and help Santa's elves escape a trap set by Jack Frost in time to save Christmas. Priority will be given to Peer Mentor/Mentee pairs and groups with a member from the Peer Mentor Program. RSVP here!

SAS Honors Program Ambassador Spring 2023
Are you looking for a way to get more involved in and contribute to the SASHP community? Apply to be a SAS Honors Program Ambassador for spring 2023! Student Ambassadors are an integral part of recruitment for the Honors Program, especially via SASHP Scholars Days where they serve as panelists and luncheon hosts. Apply here by 5:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 16.
Honors Alumni-Student Networking Directory

Beginning TODAY, Monday, Nov. 28, all SAS Honors Program students will be given access to the Honors Alumni-Student Networking Directory via Canvas! The Directory is a helpful resource for students who are exploring various career industries and graduate programs to reach out to honors alumni who went through the journey themselves. The 300+ honors alumni listed there can be contacted by current students for advice in a variety of career industries and graduate programs, from arts, entertainment & sports, to technology, engineering & math.

New Blog Post: "To Commute, or Not to Commute"

That is the question. While perhaps distinctly less existential than Hamlet's original query, writer, Adia Win's, question does hold a significant amount of weight in the minds of many college students. Check out the latest post on the Honors Blog, "To Commute, or Not to Commute: The Pros and Cons of Commuting" here to read through Adia's list for and against the commuter route and the "quintessential college experience" of dorming.