Forgetting A Friend

RUTGERS SASHP NEWSLETTER

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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Last Monday, I forgot to text one of my best friends for her birthday. I have never felt as awful as I did upon realizing my oversight days later. While I have a handful of see-through excuses, the fact of the matter is that I've been distracted by the overwhelming amount of work and responsibilities that accumulate during this time of the semester. Thoughts about group projects, final projects, exams, and cumulative performances have compounded onto my daily responsibilities, morphing into a mass that has eclipsed my focus from anything not school/work related. In the past, I've always understood my tendency to tunnel-vision on my work as a necessary tool for swiftly checking off tasks on my to-do list. But constantly unraveling to-do lists don't make up a life worth living. At least for me, the real beauty of life is made up of moments that are shared between friends, family, and every person who cares for, supports, and loves us. So, especially given the time of year (with the holidays and all), don't forget to remember those who are always there for you even when school and work aren't.

Here's a few upcoming events and opportunities to start your week off right! Sit in on the Aresty Research Panel. Stop by Jingle & Mingle Night! Attend the lecture "Gender, Nationalism, and Orientalism in the Art of E.M. Lilien" or "The Politics of Interracial Friendship from Jefferson to Obama". Apply to become an Honors Ambassador. Read the newest post for the Honors Blog, "Long Distance Friendships".

Warmest Regards,
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Your Newsletter Editor

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Aresty Research Panel

Learn about the Aresty Summer Science Program, how to apply for a research assistant position, and general tips on getting your foot in the door and getting involved with research at the Aresty Research Panel TOMORROW, Dec. 6, at 7 PM. Attend the hybrid event either in-person in the McCormick Lounge or via Zoom through the link here!

Jingle & Mingle Night

The final Peer Mentor Program event of the semester will be held TODAY, Dec. 5, from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM in BSC 174. Stop by Jingle & Mingle Night for a holly jolly time de-stressing, drinking hot chocolate, and decorating cookies and ornaments. If that's not enough of a draw, know that you'll also have the opportunity to play with furry friends from the RU Companion Club! That's the ultimate form of stress relief, in my opinion.

*** Only open to the Peer Mentor Program

Lecture: Gender, Nationalism, and Orientalism in the Art of E.M. Lilien

The Rutgers Bildner Center's Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Lecture will be presented TODAY, Dec. 5, at 7:30 PM by Dr. Lynne M. Swarts, from the Department of History at University of Sydney. Drawing off of Swarts recent book, Gender, Orientalism and the Jewish Nation, the lecture will focus on Ephraim Moses Lilien– one of the "most important Jewish artists at the turn of the twentieth century." Register for the virtual event here.
Honors Ambassadors 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.

New Blog Post: "Long Distance Friendships"

"While romantic love gets all the hype, a relationship with a close friend can be just as important and impactful as a romantic relationship and should therefore be treated with a similar level of care," writes author Ruby Hoffman. After recently finding myself guilty of neglecting one of my closest friendships, this post was certainly a much-needed read. Check out Ruby's post, "Long Distance Friendships" here on the Honors Blog!

Lecture: The Politics of Interracial Friendship from Jefferson to Obama

Attend a lecture by professor Saladin Ambar as he discusses his new book, Stars and Shadows: The Politics of Interracial Friendship from Jefferson to Obama, THIS Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 2 - 3 PM. Learn more and register for the event here.