

Big Sister Syndrome

RUTGERS SASHP NEWSLETTER

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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

My little sister is going on her first trip abroad to Vienna this week, and my anxiety about it is reaching peak levels. Okay, so maybe "younger" sister is a more accurate term, as she did turn 21 a few weeks ago. Not so "little." But still! Our close bond is in part due to our minimal age difference (14 months apart), as we've always been able to connect over our many shared experiences and interests over the years. However, despite the fact that she's my best friend and equal in almost every sense of the word, I am still, and always will be, her big sister. I'm used to paving the way before her. From divulging the "secrets" of First Reconciliation at our Catholic grammar school, to figuring out how college applications work, in most instances, I've been able to provide her with all the important information that she's needed to know so that she was never heading into anything blindly. But I've never been to Vienna, have never even traveled to Europe in general. So this is something that she'll have to do alone, which scares me just as much (or even more) than it scares her. Regardless, I'm also excited for her to gain new experiences, ones that won't necessarily parallel my own but that she can still share with me when she's back home. I'll still feel like I'm dropping off a toddler at the airport, though. Prepare for the waterworks.

Here's a few events and opportunities to keep on your radar. RSVP for one or all of the upcoming **alumni events**! Settle in for an in-person or virtual **movie night**! Attend the **SASHP Coffeehouse** event! Get your tickets for the 11th Annual **MARK Conference**. Apply for the **Gardner Fellowship**. Catch up on the latest and greatest from the **Honors Blog**.

Warmest Regards,
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Your Newsletter Editor

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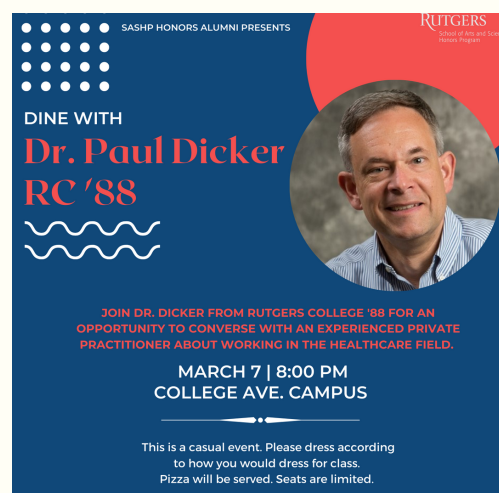


Honors Alumni Q&A with Jonathan Levin SAS '13

On Friday, **March 31 @ 1:30 PM**, join Honors alumnus **Jonathan Levin** as he recounts his "professional journey in **law** from Rutgers SAS to his current position as **Deputy General Counsel** at **Vindex, LLC** in the field of **video games** and **esports**." This is a casual event with **limited seating** (RSVP required) and complimentary pizza. Learn more and **RSVP** for the event [here](#).

Dine With Dr. Paul Dicker RC '88

On **March 7 @ 8 PM**, join **Dr. Paul Dicker** from **Rutgers College '88** for "an opportunity to converse with an experienced private practitioner about working in the healthcare field." This is a **casual event** with **limited seating** (RSVP required) and complimentary pizza. Learn more and **RSVP** for the event [here](#).



Honors Alumni Night with Brandon Li SAS '12

On Tuesday, **March 29** from **6 - 7 PM**, join Honors alumnus **Brandon Li** to learn more about his journey since graduating in 2012, as he has since obtained an **MBA** from **Columbia Business School** and currently serves as an **equity analyst** at an NYC-based hedge fund and teaches **Intermediate Macroeconomics** here at Rutgers. This is a **casual event** with **limited seating** (RSVP required) and complimentary pizza. Learn more and **RSVP** for the event [here](#).



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SASHP Coffeehouse

The **Peer Mentor Program** is sponsoring an upcoming coffeehouse event on Wednesday, **March 1** in the **CASC Red Lion Cafe!**

Performances start at **8 PM**, and range from poetry readings, to singing and dancing. There will also be an **open mic** after performances and all attendees can enjoy **hot chocolate** and **cookies** and even get their henna done at the event!



Movie Night(s): *The Social Network*

In need of some mid-semester decompressing? Settle in for one of the upcoming movie night showings of the 2010 film, ***The Social Network***. There will be an **in-person** movie night in the **Brett Study Lounge** this Friday, **Feb. 24 @ 6 PM**. OR join a virtual screening TONIGHT, **Feb. 22 @ 7:30 PM**. RSVP [here](#) to receive the **Netflix Party** link.

*** BOTH count as Honors Colloquium Outside Event

2023 MARK Conference

The **11th Annual MARK Conference** will be held on Saturday, **March 4!** "The MARK Conference is **America's largest and most immersive student-run leadership event**, hosted by Student Involvement and Leadership, part of Student Centers and Activities." **20+ diverse speakers** who have made their "mark" on society will be featured at their **mainstage events** this year, so it is definitely worth checking out. Learn more about the event and secure your ticket [here](#)!



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Gardner Fellowship

Rutgers SAS is now accepting applications from current **sophomores** for the **2023-2024 Gardner Fellowship**, a year-long opportunity to "deepen your understanding of major global issues, develop strong leadership skills, and take a prominent role in addressing pressing social challenges." There will be an **info session** with the director of the Gardner Fellowship program **TOMORROW, Feb. 23 @ 4 PM** at 35 College Ave. Learn more about the program [here](#).



New Blog Post: "Navigating the College Scene: The Benefits of a Peer Mentor/Mentee Program"

"What better way to navigate college than to have someone who's done it before guide you along the journey?" writes Honors Blog writer **Saniya Tasnim**. She continues, "The School of Arts and Sciences Honors **Peer Mentor Program** does exactly that." As a student who has been both a **peer mentee** and a **peer mentor** in the past, Saniya has a wealth of knowledge about the ins and outs of the Peer Mentor Program. Read Saniya's post, "The Benefits of a Peer Mentor/Mentee Program" [here](#)!



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