

Monday, March 6, 2023

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

I don't have the best track record with school pictures. It isn't even because I'm camera-shy- I can be quite the ham when a lens is pointed at me, and I love the act of primping and prepping for a good photoshoot. However, my memory retention is, truly, lamentable. I don't think I've shown up prepared for my school picture day since grammar school, when teachers would send constant reminders about picture day to my parents. And while I did remember the day that I scheduled to have my senior portrait taken in high school, the stress of AP classes and applying for college is clearly reflected in my rushed makeup job and frizzy hair. With all this in mind, I am keenly aware that my upcoming senior portrait session to commemorate my graduation from undergrad is possibly my last chance to take a school picture that I actually like. To be honest, to even be conscious of the date of my portrait this far in advance (I take my picture tomorrow) is a feat. Now all I have to do is remember to leave enough time to get ready before my fifteen minutes of fame under the lights of the Lors Photography makeshift set-up in the CASC. But there's no such thing as "picture perfect" anyways, right?

Take a mental snapshot of these upcoming events and opportunities—they're that good. Apply to be a **peer mentor** or learn more about the program at the upcoming "Get the Scoop" event. **RSVP** for **Honors Alumni Night** with Kishan Patel SAS -22 & Shruthi Thiyagarajan SAS '22. Sign up for **Scarlet Day of Service**. Check out the **March honors alumni spotlight**: Ashvathi Raghavakaimal! Stop by the next **UNMA Info Session**.

Warmest Regards, Noa DeOcampo Your Newsletter Editor

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#### **Peer Mentor Applications**

The application for the **Peer Mentor Program** launches TODAY, **March 6**! By serving as a peer mentor, you can help incoming first-year honors students by sharing all of the Rutgers and SASHP wisdom that you've acquired over the past few years/semesters! Applications are open to all rising SASHP **sophomores**, **juniors**, and **seniors** in **good honors standing**. Apply for the '23-'24 school year by the **deadline** on **March 26** here.

# **Get the Scoop with the PMP Programming Board**

Interested in applying to be a peer mentor but still want to learn more? Attend the upcoming event, "Get the Scoop with the PMP Programming Board," on Monday, March 20, from 8:30 - 9:30 PM! Join the Peer Mentor Program Programming Board in the LSC Gathering Lounge for an informational social with ice cream, sorbet, and games!





## Honors Alumni Night with Kishan Patel SAS '22 & Shruthi Thiyagarajan SAS '22

On Thursday, April 6 @ 7:30 PM, Honors Alumni night will feature SAS '22 alumni, Kishan Patel and Shruthi Thiyagarajan. Join these recent grads on College Ave. as they recount their individual journeys as Rutgers pre-med students navigating medical school applications and gap years. This is a casual event with complimentary pizza and limited seats. RSVP for the event here.

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#### **Scarlet Day of Service**

Join the **SASHP team** in helping the community out during this year's **Scarlet Day of Service** (one of the largest service events of the year at Rutgers) on Saturday, **March 25**. The SASHP team is open to all SASHP students and all volunteers will receive a **SASHP bucket hat**. Sign up for the SASHP team <u>here</u> by the deadline THIS Wednesday, **March 8**.

## Honors Alumni Spotlight: Ashvathi Raghavakaimal

This month's honors alumni spotlight is on Ashvathi Raghavakaimal SAS '18! Ashvathi graduated from Rutgers with a degree in molecular biology and biochemistry, and is currently a second year PhD student at the University of Pennsylvania working with their Cell and Molecular Biology group in the cancer biology track. Learn more about Ashvathi's journey from Rutgers to UPenn here.



# Join us for an In-Person Information Session with Student Ambassadors PIZZA & POLI SCI M.A. in Political Science United Nations & Global Policy Studies

#### **UNMA Info Session**

The Master's Program (MA) in Political Science - United Nations and Global Policy Studies at Rutgers (UNMA) will be holding an in-person info session THIS Wednesday, March 8, at 12 PM at Hickman Hall, Room 612. Join UNMA student ambassadors for pizza as they share their experiences, tips, and aspirations with prospective students. Register for the event here.

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