



The Last Straw

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Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Monday's are the most hectic day of the week for me, as I am usually running around from class to meetings to rehearsal starting at 10 AM and ending at 10 PM. And I'm no Superman, so the only thing that powers me through that 12-hour schedule is my mid-day dose of caffeine. This past Monday, I stopped inside of the College Ave Panera ready to recharge with an iced latte before my next class. I had about 15 minutes to get my caffeine fix before I had to be seated in Alexander Library for a guest lecturer, so believe me when I say it was a coffee run. However, while waiting for my drink, I overheard several customers ask for straws only to be denied. They had run out of straws! ICYMI: Panera has yet to follow Starbucks' lead and use sipper cups, so drinking without a straw is not as easy as you might imagine. Especially if, like me, you opted for whipped cream... it was a long morning, okay?! Anyways, I was pumping myself up to face my fear of rocking a whipped cream mustache around campus, when I realized that I actually carry a reusable straw in my bag! I'm embarrassed to say that past-me only bought it to combat the mushy paper straws that were abundant during my last trip to California. But never again will I disrespect its truly ex-straw-ordinary power. Yikes. Maybe I do need to cut down on caffeine.

These exciting upcoming events and opportunities are sure to give you an energy boost! Check out this month's **Honors Alumni Spotlight!** Treat yourself at the **Jameson De-Stress Night!** Sit in on a "**Conversation About Art & Business.**" **Scrapbook** or celebrate **Earth Day** with the Peer Mentor Program! Attend the **SAS Interdisciplinary Research Conference.**

Warmest Regards,

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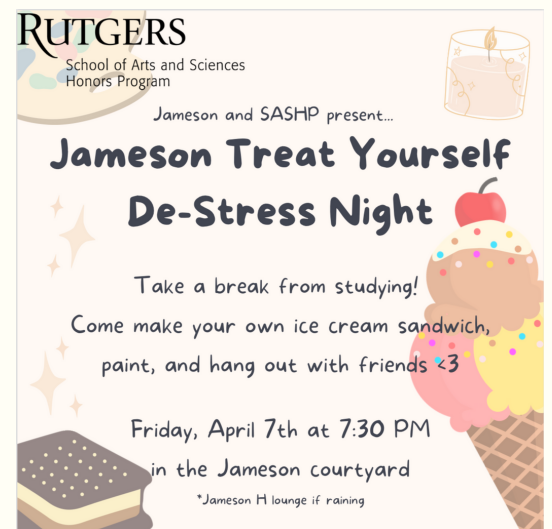


Honors Alumni Spotlight: Rajeh A. Saadeh

This month's Honors Alumni Spotlight is featuring **Rajeh A. Saadeh**! Rajeh graduated from Rutgers College in 2007 with a degree in **political science** and **Middle Eastern studies**. After his time at Rutgers, he went on to graduate from **Penn Law School** and operate a **law firm** in his home-state of New Jersey. His advice to current students? "**Foster and facilitate the relationships you make at Rutgers; they will benefit you personally and professionally more than your transcript or resume.**" Read more about Rajeh's academic and professional journey [here](#)!

Jameson Treat Yourself De-Stress Night

Stresses of the spring semester's second half getting you down? Treat yourself at **De-Stress Night** THIS Friday, **April 7 @ 7:30 PM**. Stop by the **Jameson courtyard** (or Jameson H lounge if it's raining) to **make your own ice cream sandwich, paint, and hang out** with friends!



Conversation about Art & Business

NEXT Thursday, **April 13th @ 4:30 pm** in the **Rutgers Academic Building**, SAS, Mason Gross School of the Arts, and the Zimmerli Art Museum are partnering to host a "**Conversation on Art and Business**" with the CEO of the Carlyle Group and the Director of the Guggenheim Museum! Register [here](#) for the event by **April 10**.

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Buds to Bloom

The last Peer Mentor Program event of the semester will be an Earth Day celebration called **Buds to Bloom!** Join them on Thursday, **April 27**, on **Bishop Beach (CAC)** @ **4:30 PM** to plant flowers and decorate a clay pot! Supplies will be provided and it's sure to be an un-be-leaf-ably good time! (Note: the rain date will be April 25 @ 4:30)

*** This event is open to all SASHP students

Scrapbooking Night

On Thursday, **April 20 @ 6:30 PM**, the Peer Mentor Program will be hosting their penultimate event of the semester! Join them in the **Red Lion Cafe** at the **College Ave Student Center** for **Scrapbooking Night**, where you can decorate scrapbooks while sipping on boba! If you're interested, be sure to **RSVP** here by NEXT Wednesday, **April 12**.

*** This event is only open to students in the Peer Mentor Program



SAS Interdisciplinary Research Conference

Are you considering an interdisciplinary honors thesis for your capstone? Stop by the **School of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Research Conference** on Friday, **April 21** in the **Livingston Student Center** from **10 AM - 3 PM** to see SAS seniors present their research! As a senior who is familiar with my peers' amazing projects, I can definitely say that you won't want to miss seeing where their brilliant brains have taken them in their interdisciplinary research!



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