Monday, November 6, 2023

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

We’ve all heard of girl dinner—the small portions of contrasting foods combined on a plate as one meal. Although I love a plate of random nibbles, I think my more common and perhaps more peculiar tendency is my strange food combinations. For example, right now, I am eating a plate of sliced apples with two dips (peanut butter and biscoff cookie butter) and a crushed Butterfinger candy bar and chunks of chocolate, caramel, and pretzel bark to coat the slices in. I know it sounds kind of crazy, but it’s basically a deconstructed caramel apple and it’s heavenly. Another common snack of mine is vanilla ice cream with crunchy grapes on top. Grapes seem like the most unlikely fruit to taste good on ice cream, but something about them is so good. They remind me of a childhood froyo shop where I would get popping boba on my frozen yogurt. I always feel like a little witch brewing up bizarre concoctions that look a bit unsettling but are actually delightful. That’s why I’ll call these “food potions.” (Eh, it’s a work in progress.)

I could go on about my strange food combination (strawberries and poppy seeds on nutella toast, roast chicken with yellow lentils and naan, figs and cheese with crackers), but I only have a page, and we still have events to introduce. Read the November Honors Alumni Spotlight. Attend a National First-Generation College Celebration. Enjoy a Multiverse Trivia Night. Read the New Blog Post!

Brewing something new,
Halima Niazi
Your Newsletter Editor
The November spotlight is on Katie Mehr! Katie graduated in 2018 with a major in economics and minors in mathematics and statistics. At Rutgers, she was involved in many programs including the Peer Mentor Program and the SAS Honors Tutoring Program. After graduating, she earned her PhD in Decision Processes at University of Pennsylvania and she currently works as an Assistant Professor of Marketing at the University of Alberta. Read more here.

**National First-Generation College Celebration**

Join the New Brunswick Education Equity Group and Student Success Programs for the National First-Generation College Celebration! The event will take place on Nov. 8th, 11 AM - 2 PM in Livingston Student Center Courtyard to commemorate the achievements of first-generation college students, faculty and staff at Rutgers.

**Multiverse Trivia Night**

The Peer Mentor Program presents a Multiverse Trivia Night! This event will take place on Nov. 15 @ 7:30-8:30 PM in the Cove in the Busch Student Center. If you are a fan of Marvel, Disney, Anime, D.C., or Nintendo, then play for a chance to win SASHP swag bags. This event is open to all SASHP, but if you are in the PMP, then RSVP here for guaranteed bubble tea.
EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rutgers Scarlet Service in Washington, DC

Applications for the Rutgers Scarlet Service Internship Program and Rutgers Scarlet Service in Washington, DC for summer 2024 are now open and will run until noon on Nov. 15. Sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply here. Learn more information here or attend a virtual information session today @ 1-2:30 PM. Register here.

New Blog Post!

We can all relate to the anxiety of getting older and the fear mixed with excitement of adulthood. Saniya Tasnim shares an inspiring perspective on aging in her new article, “On Turning 20 – Is This Really Happening?” in which she explains how to cherish life instead of fretting about the future.

Frank T. Gorman, Jr. Scholarship

The Frank T. Gorman, Jr. Scholarship for Excellence in the Humanities recognizes students who are in SAS and demonstrate excellence in the humanities, both academically and through a diverse program of study. Those interested should complete the application here by Nov. 10, 2023 @ 12 PM. Late submissions will not be accepted.