I enjoy cooking and baking, but sometimes, such as when I'm serving others or making a large batch, it fills me with anxiety. I want the final products to turn out well, as all chefs do. That's why I was slightly terrified when I decided to bake one-hundred cookies for my students for our last day of class. Between my two sections, there are 45 students, plus two LAs, plus me, so a total of 48 cookies—but being me, I wanted to make two flavors for each person. That adds up to 96 cookies, half chocolate chip and half white chocolate raspberry... and of course, I gave myself one weekend for it all. There were some blips in the process, like rock-hard brown sugar and cookies that weren't spreading properly, but I was surprised how easily everything came together. It was surprisingly fun, pretending to be a professional baker on an intense food show and listening to Taylor Swift's new album. The raspberry cookies were the problem children, so I'm curious to see how they are received. But, I know I can make a heavenly chocolate chip cookie.

The semester is winding down, but here are the upcoming events: Attend an IRW Lecture. Take a look at the Fellowship Information Sessions. Come out to the Spring Career & Internship Fair. Seniors: register for the Rites of Passage Ceremony 2024. And last but not least, submit to #RUCourageous.

From the Tortured Poets Department,
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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Power of Black Women's Leadership in Politics

Join the Institute for Research on Women on April 24 @ 7 PM for "The Power of Black Women’s Leadership in Politics" with U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler. The event will take place at the Kathleen W. Ludwig Center. This event is free and open to the public. Register here to attend.

Fellowship Information Sessions

Calling all juniors and seniors! The Office of Distinguished Fellowships has a number of online info sessions coming up in April and May. Learn more about prestigious awards and fellowships you might qualify for here to see if they are of interest to you.

Spring Career & Internship Fair

Save the date for the annual Spring Career & Internship Fair on Friday, Apr. 26 @ 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM! This fair will take place at Jersey Mike’s Arena on Livingston Campus and is open to the general public. Over 150 employers will be attending this event to network with candidates and discuss full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities from various fields.
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**Seniors: Rites of Passage Ceremony 2024**

The Rites of Passage Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 8 @ 3-5 PM at Jersey Mike’s Arena**. It is a pre-commencement celebration to honor **Black and Latine-identified students** who have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at Rutgers University. The day features distinguished speakers, student awards, performances, and the Kente Stole presentation. Learn more and register [here](#).

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**#RUCourageous: Call for Submissions**

The **Fellows in Racial Justice (RAJU)** are excited to announce the launch of the **#RUCourageous** initiative at Rutgers University. This social action project aims to amplify diverse voices and shed light on the intricate dynamics of race within our community. They invite you to **share your story** about discrimination and resilience in the face of racism, to be included in a video which will premiere at Racial Justice Summit at Rutgers-Camden. Undergraduates who participate will also be eligible to win the **Lomench Endowment Award** and a **$500 cash prize**. Submit [here](#) by the deadline of **May 3**.