Hope everyone is doing well! As we head into week three of remote instruction – and for the most part are locked inside – it’s easy to forget that there is still a whole world out there full of experiences. This past weekend I went on a hiking trip to Harriman State park and had such an awesome time. Something about the outdoors always helps calm my nerves… and school work has felt so much more natural since getting back. One of the best bits of granola boy wisdom I’ve ever heard was from a recent Rutgers graduate on a three day backpacking trip in West Virginia. He said that in our lives as students we are constantly pursuing so many objectives: classes, social life, and the college culture. But with hiking there are only two: eat and keep walking. Call it mindfulness if you want, but being (safely) outdoors does this magical thing of keeping us away from our worries for just enough time to feel refreshed. So get out there and explore.

Here’s what we’ve got going on this week. Cycle across the country next summer in the name of charity with The Dream Project. Make some new friends at the 2020 Virtual Involvement Fair. See some of the freshest faces in cinema at this year’s NJ Film Festival. Join the Physics and Astronomy department’s David Shih at his upcoming Colloquium on Deep Learning. Explore the Rutgers University Outdoors Club (RUOC) in today’s Club Spotlight. Take over our Instagram account for a week by becoming an SASHP HIPster. Today is the last day that Blog Writer Applications are open. Check out the new SASHP Blog Post.

Warm Regards,
Justin Confalone
Your newsletter editor
The Dream Project: Virtual Information Session

Want to explore America, cycle 3500 miles, meet some truly amazing people, and do it all in the name of charity? Tune in Thurs, Sept 24th at 8pm for a virtual information session on The Dream Project. As somebody who did this trip two summers ago, I can vouch that the experience is something life changing. The Dream Project is a non-profit that does fundraisers, volunteering, and a cycling trip across the country to raise awareness for the charity your team chooses for that year. Sign up for the information session here!

Virtual Involvement Fair

Interested in exploring new passions and getting more involved at Rutgers? Connect to the Virtual Involvement Fair running from Sept 14-16. With Rutgers boasting over 500 clubs, teams, and student organizations, why not give them a tour? Check here for more information about attending a club’s virtual booth.

NJ Film Festival

Experience some of the freshest, most innovative faces in film all while taking part in a Rutgers Film Co-op tradition at this year’s NJ Film Festival. Running from Sept 13 - October 25, the film festival offers works of art in every genre imaginable. Check here to see this year’s lineup, view the schedule, and purchase tickets. Film is such an incredible form of art and I personally feel that this festival will still deliver something spectacular, even in a virtual environment.
Colloquium With David Shih

Join Physics and Astronomy professor David Shih as he discusses ‘The Deep Learning Revolution and the LHC.’ This event takes place Wed, Sept 16 at 3:30pm. The talk will cover the latest developments in the field, applications to boosted object tagging, pileup reduction, event generation, and anomaly detection. Check here to view the full description and register for this colloquium.

Club Spotlight

Explore the Rutgers University Outdoors Club (RUOC)

If the intro of the newsletter was any indication, the club is all about every and anything outdoors. Trips range from hiking, backpacking, and camping to more unique outings like caving, beach camping, gourmet cooking camping, fishing, paintball, and cross country skiing. While trips won’t be run this semester, the club is putting its best part - the people - front and center. RUOC has some of the most interesting people I have ever met at Rutgers and is something everybody should experience. The club will be doing weekly meetings via Zoom to offer tips and tricks, suggesting hikes/trips for everyone to explore on their own, inviting speakers, and running a few movie nights. There will also be about an hour after every meeting to just talk with other members.

"Since we can’t have any trips this semester, RUOC wants to give people the opportunity to still have a valuable resource and community during quarantine."
– Emily G (RUOC President)

***The first meeting of the semester is this Wed, 9/16 at 9:30pm. To get the meeting link, sign up here.
**Become a HIPster**

From now until the end of the semester, apply to be a HIPster! HIPsters are given the freedom to do a takeover of the SASHP Instagram account for a week. Post whatever you want: polls, pics, boomerangs, videos, anything you feel shows your SASHP spirit. Applications are open now, click [here](#) to apply.

**Blog Writers: Wanted**

Want to get involved with the team behind the SASHP? We're looking for several blog writers to create content for the Honors Program Blog. Write one to two articles per month on any topic you feel relates to your college experience or student culture in general. The deadline to apply is today, Sept 14. Fill out the form [here](#).

**SASHP Blog Post: How to Keep Track of Your Asynchronous Online Classes**

Check out our new blog post on the (relatable) topic of handling your asynchronous online classes. Click [here](#) to view the posting.

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