

Wednesday, September 21, 2020

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Happy Monday everyone! As a break from the hustle-like mentality of academia, I read a fair amount about Taoism this past week. Among other things, the philosophy has this incredible way of describing productivity called wu wei, or "effortless action." Basically (and bear with my tangent here) Taoism highlights nature's ability to get things done without applying excessive force... Like how water slowly erodes a rock not by crashing into it but by taking the form of that rock and maneuvering around it. While idealistic, this approach is something I feel we can all apply in our classes. Instead of diving head-first into the modules, discussions, and heavy workload that we're all facing, try to approach it calmly without overstraining yourself and see what happens.

Here's what we've got this week. Join professor Kimberly Wehle for a talk on What You Need to Know About Voting and Why. Watch the film See You Yesterday with fellow students at our first Honors Movie Night of the semester. Make your voice heard by applying for the Voices of Diversity Student Advisory Board. Bike across the country in the name of charity with The Dream Project. The SASHP Tutoring Program is offering free 1-1 peer tutoring services for all Rutgers students. Spend some of the day with Eagleton as they discuss the proposed constitutional amendment that may be implemented in Jersey. Take over our Instagram for the week as an SASHP HIPster.

Warm Regards, Justin Confalone Your newsletter editor

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#### A Conversation With Kimberly Wehle

Join professor Kimberly Wehle and celebrate National Voters Day by discussing her book **What You Need to Know About Voting and Why**. Like the book, the talk will cover the mechanics of the voting system, why your voice counts, and above all, why **everyone needs to vote**. This event is **Tuesday**, **Sep**. **22 at 11am EST**. Seriously, I cannot stress enough how important it is that our generation understands the importance of their voice, so please check this event out. Register <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Honors Movie Night**

The SASHP is hosting the first movie night of the semester this **Friday**, **Sep. 25 at 8pm EST**. We will be watching See You Yesterday, a sci-fi about two teens who try to master the art of time travel in order to prevent a police shooting. Netflix party (Chrome extension which can be downloaded <a href="here">here</a>) is required to participate. RSVP for the event <a href="here">here</a>. \*\*\*Can count towards Honors Colloquium outside event.



#### Voices of Diversity: Student Advisory Board Applications Wanted

The Voices of Diversity Student Advisory Board is looking for applicants who want their voice to be heard in the Rutgers community. Board members help shape the themes and topics for the Voices of Diversity: Rutgers Student Stories panel series, recruit fellow student panelists, participate as panelists themselves, and help evaluate the overall success of the series. The deadline to apply is Oct 2. The application is <u>here</u>.

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## 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 **Thursday**, **Sept 24 at 8pm EST** 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 <a href="https://example.com/here/">https://example.com/here/</a>.

# **Delaying Redistricting Panel: Hosted by Eagleton**

Following the theme of knowing the power of your own voice, Eagleton will be hosting a panel on the proposed constitutional amendment to delay the redrawing of NJ legislative districts if federal census data is not received by February 15. The speakers will cover various topics, including Covid-19's effect on census data, the long term effects the proposed amendment would have on New Jersey, and how you can cast a ballot for or against this. The event is **Wednesday**, **Sep. 23 at 12:15pm EST** and will run for a little over an hour. Register for the panel <a href="here">here</a>.



#### **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, apply <u>here</u>.



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