Monday, November 2, 2020

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

I know, I know, Halloween is technically over by the time this gets out to everyone. But! It is the 31st for me writing this (and I want one more chance to use the stained paper), so I want to talk about what my family calls “Halloween Part II.” There’s actually a part II for any holiday: Christmas Part II, Easter Part II, even St. Patrick’s Day Part II. Basically, after celebrating Halloween (Part I) by partying (in non-pandemic times), trick or treating, shaving cream wars, etc, we would celebrate again the day after by going to the local Walgreens and buying that magical candy for 50% off. Call us cheap, but it was always incredible to celebrate the aftershock of Halloween by buying candy, decorations for next year, and even random things like Halloween dog toys (all on sale). Unrelated (but actually always related) Election Day is tomorrow, and instead of feeling the aftershocks of not making your voice heard, get out and vote while there is still time.

Celebrate your own version of the Halloween aftershocks at some of these events. Looking to further your studies as an all-around good humanitarian and politician? Join the UNMA ambassador panel for their Virtual Open House for Masters in Political Science - UN & Global Policy at Rutgers. Speaking of higher ed, those looking to boost their scores in the MCAT or GRE may find some value in the upcoming ODASIS courses. Speaking of improving scores, get more out of your professional college-self at the Passport to Student Success. Speaking of (x3) higher education, anyone who wants to become a teacher should check out the GSE Five-Year Program Info Session. Those pursuing a business degree/future business venture should register for Honors Alumni Night - Business Edition. Get some eyes on your talent through the Peer Mentor talent spotlight. Have Spotify? Tune into the new SASHP Radio. Check out the Honors Blog’s new article on daylight savings: “How to ‘Spring Forward’ While ‘Falling Back’.”

Warm Regards,
Justin Confalone
Your newsletter editor
M.A in Poli Sci - UN & Global Policy at Rutgers: Virtual Open House

Looking to do some rewarding work in the field of humanitarian policy? Prep yourself with proper education. The UNMA is hosting a live open house on their M.A program tomorrow, Nov 3 at 4pm EST via WebEX. The event will allow prospective students to meet with UNMA faculty and current students on our Student Ambassador panel and have any of your questions addressed. As somebody who wants to go into UN-type work, this event seriously looks impressive. Students interested can RSVP here.

ODASIS MCAT Course

For those who don’t know, the MCAT is the crème de la crème of med school testing (stands for Medical College Admissions Test). Prep yourself for greatness by signing up for the ODASIS MCAT Hybrid Course. The deadline to register is Dec 20, 2020. Interested applicants can email JonLango@dls.rutgers.edu with any questions or to receive an application.

ODASIS GRE Course

If the MCAT was the crème de la crème of med school testing, we can peg the GRE as the quintessential grad school test. It is equally as brutal and students taking it immediately after undergrad start studying as early as their fall-semester junior year. On top of that, raise your scores by putting in the work at the ODASIS GRE Hybrid Course. The deadline to apply is Dec 18, 2020. Similarly, interested applicants can email JonLango@dls.rutgers.edu with any questions or to receive an application.
Passport to Student Success

The Passport to Student Success Workshop is open to all SASHP students and will cover course registration, majors, minors, and departments at Rutgers. This workshop will take place on Fri, Nov 20 at 2pm EST. It's hosted by the SASHP Peer Mentor Program. I'm including it this early because - even if it's sometimes painful to do, this stuff is important to think about early. The zoom link is here.

GSE Five-Year Program Info Session

Interested in teaching? The top-ranked school of education in New Jersey (c'mon guys, it's Rutgers!) is offering an incredible Five-year bachelor's/master's program with teaching certification. Interested students can attend their info session which covers how the program works, admission requirements, areas of licensure offered, and concludes with a brief Q&A session. RSVP is required: takes place on Fri, Nov 6 at 2:30pm EST and the link is here.

Honors Alumni Night - Business Edition

Join class of 2012 Honors Alumni Brandon Li and Mike Alter as they discuss their post-RU journeys into the business world and beyond at our final Honors Alumni Night - Business Edition. Brandon Li currently works as an investment analyst and has previous teaching experience in the Rutgers econ department. Mike Alter has worked at ICF in New York City with the focus of modernizing the electrical grid. This talk takes place on Tues, Nov 10 at 7:30pm EST. Register here (I've been told these events fill up quickly).
SASHP Talent Spotlight
Got some special talent you are eager to share? From life skills to fun skills, the SASHP Peer Mentor Program wants to see it as part of their IGTV webseries. These videos will be a few minutes long and allow students to feel a little more connected during these times. Submit your wacky talent to the program here.

SASHP Radio
Spotify your streaming platform of choice? Send in some of your favorite songs to the SASHP Radio, open to all honors students. Current playlists are 2000s–2010s Pop, Chill/Relax, Workout, Car Jams, Good Vibes (R&B), and 90s hip hop. This is a pretty ambitious collab of student music: check here to find out more.

SASHP Blog Post: “How to ‘Spring Forward’ While ‘Falling Back’ This Sunday”
“As the first Sunday of November rolls around, our clocks “fell back” one hour and you got an additional one hour of sleep (or studying). In any case, the extra one hour from “falling back,” if used in a productive way, can help us “spring forward”! Here’s how. The full article is here.

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HALLOWEEN 2020

YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN-THEMED MOVIES/TV SHOWS

- NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 30.8%
- THE EXORCIST 15.4%
- HALLOWEEN (1978) 7.7%
- FRIDAY THE 13TH 7.7%
- SPIRITED AWAY 7.7%
- BEETLEJUICE 7.7%
- HEATHERS 7.7%
- KIT-KATS 30.8%
- REESE'S 30.8%
- M&M'S 15.4%
- SOUR PATCH KIDS 7.7%
- I DON'T LIKE CANDY 7.7%

YOUR FAVORITE CANDY

HOW YOU CELEBRATE (PRE-PANDEMIC)

- I DON'T CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN 7.7%
- COSTUMES 7.7%
- PUMPKIN PICKING 7.7%
- STAY-IN MOVIE NIGHT W/ FOOD 7.7%
- PARTY! 53.8%

HOW YOU CELEBRATE #QUARANTINE EDITION

- Social distanced Halloween get-together with friends 23.1%
- Costume contest on Zoom 7.7%
- Stay-in movie marathon 30.8%
- Might play some spooky video games... 7.7%
- Not celebrating this year lol COVID 23.1%

YOUR FAVORITE FALL FOOD+DRINK

- "A warm cinnamon latte with pumpkin bread"
- "Coffee and chocolate"
- "Salted caramel frappuccinos from Starbucks!"
- "Apple pie"
- "Apple cider donut with pumpkin spice coffee from Wawa"
- "Pumpkin pancakes + hot coco"
- "Water"
- "Cinnamon dolce iced lattes & oatmeal"
- "Apple cider anything!!"
- "Warm apple cider is a MUST around this time of year. Mixed it up with some caramel and a hint of cinnamon? A whole new realm of cozy weather deliciousness."
- "PSLs and pumpkin load cakes"
- "Apple cider donuts/ apple cider"
"I didn't celebrate Halloween growing up, so I dressed up for the first time in 2018, and I chose a costume based off of one of my favorite musicals. I posted a photo on social media, and a bunch of people involved in the production saw my costume and loved it!"

"Every year since we have outgrown the age of begging for free candy from strangers, my sister and I have created a tradition of staying in, watching Halloween movies, and baking spooky-themed Halloween cookies! Last year we even ordered the purple promotional pancakes from IHOP and ate that whilst working through a good chunk of Tim Burton's filmography."

"My dog Captain guards the candy bowl every year, and trick or treaters always love petting him!"

"Halloween fun at Rutgers!"

"I went trick-or-treating with my brother's friends, who were several grades above me when I was about 10. That year in particular was much more exciting than other years."

"Having a shaving cream war on mischief night with almost every kid in my town"

"Having 50+ kids stopped by to get candy"

"Hanging out last year with my current friend group"