Participation Credit Ain't All That Bad

Perhaps I am biased as an anthropology major, but in light of the semester gaining some momentum, I wanted to stress the importance of class participation. Sharpest tool or not, forcing yourself to actively engage with whatever material you are learning has been proven again and again to greatly increase your retention rate and even leads to more enjoyment from classes. Think of it this way: we’re spending thousands upon thousands of dollars for our education here at Rutgers, and attentive professors/staff, as well as students with totally different brains to pick, separates a university curriculum from other types of learning. So get out there and make some enemies, disagree, reverse engineer the problem, become a wrench in the academic system, even consider challenging your professors (if it makes sense to). I promise it will lead to some incredible growth.

Earn some social credit by participating in some of these upcoming events. Binged through all of Lupin and need more heist in your life? Join the VPL’s as they watch Ocean’s 8 at the first Movie Night of the semester! Stay ahead of the curve by taking advantage of priority registration for the upcoming HackHERS Hackathon. Teaching a FIGS seminar too high stakes? Apply to be a Catalysts for Change instructor on any topic you choose to specialize in. Flex your RU spirit this spring by becoming an SASHP HIPster. Consider satisfying an honors core requirement with the Religion Department’s course called Religion Now. Be sure to check out the SASHP’s upcoming Peer Mentor Week! Specific days are listed in this newsletter.

Warm Regards,
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Ocean’s 8 Movie Night
Aside from sea shanties (yea, it also wows me), heist thrillers are among the most popular trends of 2021. Although Ocean’s 11 will ALWAYS be a classic, have a watch of its quirky younger cousin Ocean’s 8 at the first SASHP Movie Night of the semester on Fri, Jan 29 at 8 pm EST. Netflix is NOT required to join. Find the link here, the ID is 932 5549 5097, and the password is SASHP.

HackHERS Priority Registration
Adding another tier to the incredible 7-year run, HackHERS 2021, Rutgers’ famous women-centric hackathon is RIGHT around the corner. Any readers in women-centric organizations (Women in Computer Science, Women in Business, sororities, and other related programs) have first dibs at reserving a spot. This incredible event takes place Sat-Sun, Feb 20-21, and fills up fast. Interested hackers can register here.

Catalysts for Change Application
Catalysts for Change (C4C) is a summer program that allows high school students to explore passions through tailored coursework. Applications are open for undergraduate and graduate instructors who will teach their own courses through the program, serving as mentors to students. Instructors should expect to be compensated competitively for their time (similar to the payment of a summer internship). Read more about the position here and fill out their form if you are interested! The application deadline is Wed, Feb 10!
SASHP HIPster Application

It is finally that time of year again! Show off your RU spirit by doing a total, week-long takeover of the SASHP Instagram. Poll about study habits, show off your courses, or even tell followers about your day. HIPsters have full access to the IG page for a week and must apply by Feb 5. The application can be found here.

Honors Course: Religions Now

Why study religion, you ask? Because even if you don’t follow, it allows the exploration of some of the deepest, most-seasoned ideas that have emerged in human history. Religion IS practical philosophy, and learning about different systems of thought is always beneficial. Fulfill honors course requirements while learning more about yourself by registering for Religions Now!

Peer Mentor Week

Peer Mentor Week starts today! Reconnect with your mentor/mentee after a long winter break at one of this week's many incredible events. For example, today is Monday Mugsday, where you have a virtual coffee date with your mentor/mentee. Find tomorrow's, the rest of the week's events, and more here.