I know that every IG story, tweet, and Facebook post in the last 9 months has mentioned this, but I wanted to take a few minutes here to stress the importance of supporting local right now. There is this awesome coffee roaster near my hometown, so, whenever I go back for a visit, like clockwork, I make sure to pick up ¾ pound. When I was there this past Sunday, I brought several (family/friend/etc) coffee bean orders with me and stood awkwardly in front of the wall of beans getting them all together. Noticing my plight, a worker a little younger than college-age came over and began enthusiastically explaining what all the beans tasted like, house-preferred roasts, and the spectrum of light vs dark roasts. This type of experience is so niche to a small-town roastery and is one of the benefits that come with spending a few more dollars there.

Anyway, support the local RU community at some of these upcoming events. Rising juniors interested in pursuing a career giving back, via social service, should apply for the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program. In the spirit of giving, learn how to leave a mark on communities across the globe at the upcoming MARK Conference. Talk to recent alumni who are leading in their fields at the upcoming Young Honors Alumni & Student Mixer. Start the midterm season grind off right at the upcoming SASHP Group Study Session. Current seniors in need of a benchmark on their Capstone progress should drop by the upcoming Scholarly Analytic Report Workshop.

Warm Regards,
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Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program
Rising juniors who have an interest in pursuing careers in leadership and service should apply for the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship. The year-long Gardner program will take 12-15 SAS juniors under its wing and focus on major global issues, develop strong leadership skills, and take a prominent stance in addressing these issues in the coming decades. Apps are due March 12 and can be found here; BUT, there will be an info session tomorrow, Thurs 2/25 at 7:30pm EST. Join the zoom call here.

2021 MARK Conference
For some background, the MARK Conference is the largest student-run leadership conference on the East Coast. Its main goal is to encourage students to be agents of change in the broader global community and learn to think for themselves. College may feel like its own world at times, but the conference is centered around the point that students can start making an impact immediately. This event takes place next Sat, Mar 6 at 10am EST. Tickets can be found here.

Young Honors Alumni & Student Mixer
Of course Rutgers has a line-up of all-stars happy to share their wisdom with the next generation of students! Part one will have you hear from some of the greats - including staff from the Miami Dolphins, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Biden for President, Harvard Medical School, Epic Records, and Facebook. Part two will have students join a Glimpse Networking Room for one on one conversations with 2015-2020 alumni! This event takes place next Thu, March 4 at 6pm EST. Find out more here.
Group Study Session

As we approach the cusp of midterm season, some of us may be having trouble finding the motivation to put in the hours and hours required for each exam. Find your rhythm at the upcoming Group Study Session hosted by VPL Jessica Philip! This event takes place this Fri, Feb 26 at 10:30am EST. Students can join the Zoom call [here](#).

Scholarly Analytic Report Workshop

Current seniors underway on their Honors Program capstones for options C - G should drop by the upcoming Scholarly Analytic Report Workshop taking place next month. This event will provide samples to review and pointers from the academic dean on writing your Honors Program capstone report. This event takes place next **Tues, Mar 2 at 4pm EST**, think of this as a reminder to keep the capstone on your mind... Access the event [here](#).