Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Even if beach getaways and partying (hopefully) won’t be the norm this year, spring break is almost here! We’ve all worked our butts off these past few months so, from me to you, I hope everyone enjoys their week of fresh air - y’all deserve it. Anyway, things will get hectic for all of us once break ends, so for the workaholics, give yourself permission to take it a little easier. I’ll talk to you all when we get back!

We’ve got some events before and after the week off, so don’t get too comfortable yet. Those inclined towards public service should apply for the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship as the deadline is approaching. What better way to come back from a relaxing week than a film with some new pals? Sound good? Then stop by the upcoming Colloquium Movie Night. Learn all about the structural issues present in Covid-19 vaccine rollout for communities of color at the upcoming Girl Talk: Women of Color and the Covid Vaccine. Those feeling inclined towards theater should stop by the upcoming Mason Gross Presents: One-Act Plays. Meet some fellow students at the SASHP Spring Mixer. Need a motivational boost on Colloquium work? Seek some advice at the Honors Colloquium Final Project Workshop. Want to pass your knowledge/experience of RU to a new generation of freshmen? Apply to be an SASHP Peer Mentor. Learn about humanity's steps towards space by reading the new blog post: Mankind's Next Step to Living on Mars.

Warm Regards,
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Your newsletter editor
Gardner Fellowship Application
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 Fri, March 12, and can be found here.

Colloquium Movie Night
Ease yourself back into coursework after the break by decompressing at the upcoming Colloquium Movie Night. This event takes place on Fri, Mar 26 at 4pm EST and counts as an outside event for Honors Colloquium. Movie night will show the 2018 drama The Hate U Give, which, portrays a young woman standing up for what is right and protesting the murder of her best friend at the hands of a police officer. Join the Zoom call here.

Girl Talk: Women of Color and the Covid Vaccine
We’ve heard about the lack of Covid-19 relief present in communities of color, but, what about disparities in administering the vaccine? Join medical leaders at the upcoming event, Girl Talk: Women of Color Talk Covid-19 Vaccinations and Communities of Color, as they discuss the many reasons why these communities are not rushing the vaccine. This event takes place Tues, Mar 23 at 6:30pm EST. This is a super pressing issue in our world right now, so, learn more by registering here.
Mason Gross Presents: One Act Plays
There is an art involved in making effective one-act plays, and, I think the students performing them should be given some love at the upcoming event, Mason Gross Presents: One-Act Plays. From Mar 18–Mar 20, enjoy one-act plays done by Megan Hart and Don Nigro that are sure to satisfy the inner intellectual. And hey, this is the perfect way to ease yourself back into the semester. Find out more information here.

SASHP Spring Mixer
Those interested in networking, meeting some new friends, or just having a good time overall should stop by the SASHP Spring Mixer. This event will give all SASHP students the chance to form new friendships, get advice on navigating the waters of academia, and learn more about how to apply to the Peer Mentor Program Board for the 2021-2022 academic year. The mixer takes place tomorrow, Mar 11 at 8pm EST. More info can be found here.

Honors Colloquium Final Project Workshop
Freshmen/Sophomores that could use a productivity boost or an excuse to meet some new people should stop by the Honors Colloquium Final Project Workshop. This event, taking place Thurs, Mar 25 at 8pm EST, will allow students to share ideas, receive feedback, and segment off time to work on their “Three Minute Question” presentation. Be sure to RSVP here. Who knows? Maybe you will get a bright idea that will take your project to another level!
Peer Mentor Application

I'm sure many SASHP students remember meeting their Peer Mentors during their first year at Rutgers. Well, now's your chance to be the one on the sending end. Peer Mentors provide life advice, break mentees into the college culture, and provide support however else they can. Those interested in being the next group of mentors can apply here.

New Blog Post: Mankind’s Next Step to Living on Mars

“You might be asking if this rover is the next step to getting humans onto the Red Planet, and in a way, it is. However, Perseverance’s main mission is astrobiology, searching the Red Planet for signs of ancient microbial life,” Writes author Kevin Feng. “The rover will characterize Mars’ geology, past climate, and most notably, be the first mission to collect and cache Martian rock samples.” Read the rest of this informative post here.