Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

Of all the gin joints in all the world, why is everybody at this one? Students from all corners of the Earth streaming to Rutgers, the Honors Program, for learning, for safety, for preparation to enter the real world, but I don’t see why. It is a place of intrigue and mystery, where worlds collide, viewpoints clash, and, maybe, romance blooms, but who wants that? Still, if you’re having trouble, don’t ask me. I stick my neck out for nobody. But, if you round up the usual suspects, I might know of a few events you could enjoy.

For those of you who want to paint a target on your back and take the lead, learn how at the Mark Conference or by seeing Bakari Sellers speak. Further the damage by adding to a discussion at a forum at the Zimmerli. To stay more covert, you could enjoy culture and support cancer research by seeing a basketball game. If you really just want to embrace regret, rub the salt in your own wounds at the variety show Bitterness and Heartbreak: Laughing While We Cry this weekend. Prepare for the next leg of your journey by developing your values and skills as a scholar with the Gardner Fellowship or gain experience as a writer with an internship at Popular Science.

Additionally, you can take a stand today by pledging to be a part of the 1 Billion Rising Campaign through VPVA. The campaign hopes to represent the estimated 1 billion women across the world who’ve experienced sexual violence in their lives by having 1 billion people sign a pledge saying they are against sexual assault. To contribute to the movement click here.

In the meantime, enjoy the sights, but watch your back. You never know what will happen next. And if I don’t see you again, we’ll always have honors.

This could be the start of a beautiful friendship,
Kim Peterman
Student Director of Honors Media
Mark Conference
This unique full-day conference experience will showcase 20+ diverse speakers that have made their mark on society and inspire attendees to take action in this TED-styled event on March 3 from 10-6PM. Speakers include writers, filmmakers, social-changers, and the choreographer of Hamilton. There will also be performances by the Ignite Speakers from the Department of Leadership and Experiential Learning. Learn more and get tickets here: http://markconference.rutgers.edu/?Src=FBTickets.

Bakari Sellers Talk
Bakari Sellers is an attorney, CNN contributor, and former representative for South Carolina, who won his congressional seat at the notable age of 22. The talk will be on Wednesday, Feb 21 from 6:30pm-9:00pm in the College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room. RSVP at this link.
Do a Slam Dunk for Cancer Research

Get tickets for an upcoming NBA game, Brooklyn Nets v. the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday March 25 at 1 PM in Barclays Stadium. The tickets are $90. The money goes to raising awareness for colon cancer and Lynch Syndrome and supporting current patients. Buy the tickets here.

Art Meets Science at the Zimmerli

Come to the first in a series of international meetups that focus on collaboration across the arts, sciences, and technology. The first meeting on Wednesday, Feb 21 from 6-7PM at the Zimmerli will focus on taking ideas from students, researchers, and the greater campus community on how these talks should take shape. Come out to share your ideas.

Bitterness and Heartbreak

Revel in rejection at this Valentine's Day event. Come to this variety show featuring songs, sketches, and stand-up centered on heartbreak and its aftermath on February 16th and 17th at 8PM located in Scott Hall room 135. Tickets will be $5.
Gardner Fellowship

Are you interested in studying leadership and politics? Consider applying to the Gardner Fellowship. Through 6 credits of research in their junior year, students will learn about issues of local, national and global significance. The program included trips to the UN and Washington D.C., research with a faculty mentor, a small group seminar, and more. The Gardner Fellowship is open to sophomores in any major. Find out more at this link. Due on March 16, 2018.

Popular Science Internships

Interested in science? Like to write? Consider applying for an internship at Popular Science. There are opportunities for those interested in Print/Digital, Project Management, and Video Production. Go to https://www.popsci.com/contact and scroll down to the middle of the page to find out how to apply!