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1. GOOD LUCK ON FINALS

The semester is finally coming to a close and final exam time is fast-approaching. All of us at the Honors College would like to wish you the best of luck on all your exams and a wonderful summer vacation. Remember, the Honors College is open all summer so don't hesitate to call us or stop by with your questions. Best of luck!

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2. ACT NOW TO REDUCE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

By now, many of you may have received or seen President McCormick's message about the state budget proposed by Governor Corzine, or you may have read about the proposal in the papers (see <http://www.rutgers.edu/FY2007Budget/> for those who haven't). The budget, as written, would seriously impact all areas of Rutgers operation, including the number and size of courses offered and the various academic and non-academic support services offered to students. It is important to emphasize, however, that this budget only represents the Governor's proposal to the legislature. Between now and June 30, legislators will be debating all aspects of the budget, and their constituents will be weighing in with their legislators in an effort to sway their vote one way or another. If you are concerned about the potential impact of the proposed cuts to Rutgers' funding, I strongly urge you to take action, either by contacting your elected officials (<http://capwiz.com/for/issues/alert/?alertid=8685546&type=ST>) or by attending the student rally in Trenton next week (<http://rustudentrally.com/>) or both.

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3. SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Students receiving any form of need-based scholarship must have completed their FAFSA renewal and any additional information requested by the Financial Aid Office by July 1, 2006 in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Students receiving state, university, or college merit scholarships must attain a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the spring term in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Students receiving any form of scholarship support must be registered as full-time students (12 credits or more) by July 1, 2006 in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Please be sure to adhere to criteria above to insure the continuation of your present scholarships. If you have any questions about the above please contact Dr. [John Gunkel](#).

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4. SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY AT UMDNJ

Dr. Nikhat Parveen, a faculty member at UMDNJ, is currently accepting applications for summer research assistantships in her lab. Prof. Parveen studies the molecular basis of pathogenesis of two bacterial species, *Borrelia burgdorferi* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. These two clinically important bacterial pathogens are transmitted to humans using different mechanisms and also show different disease manifestations. This is an excellent opportunity for undergraduates to gain research experience in the medical field. If you are interested in applying to this position please contact [Seth Mann](#) as soon as possible. To learn more about Prof. Parveen and her research please visit her website at <http://njmsmicro.umdnj.edu/index.php?pgidx=82>.

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5. MINORITY BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM (MBRS)

Each year the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Program at Rutgers-Newark places minority students in paid research positions across campus. The main goal of the program is to help fill the nation's shortage of minority men and women in biomedical research careers. Participants in the program develop their own research project, analyze and present their research findings at professional conferences, and co-author publications based on their research. Graduates of the program have continued on in many impressive graduate and medical schools such as Johns Hopkins, Yale, and Boston Universities. To apply for a position in the MBRS program you must be Black, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Island background and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. You should also be declared as a major in biology, chemistry, neuroscience, psychology, physics or nursing. If you have any questions about this opportunity or would like directions on how to apply then please visit the program website at <http://mbrs.newark.rutgers.edu/index.html> or contact [Seth Mann](#). If you do decide to apply then please be sure to let us know.

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6. AVAILABLE RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

A faculty member in the Public Administration department is looking for a research assistant to work on a study which focuses on governmental transparency of New Jersey municipalities. Transparency is the ability to find out what is going on inside of governments through information posted on websites, freedom of information act requests for documents, open public meetings, whistle blowing, and information leaked to the press. The focus of this project is to determine the levels of openness of New Jersey local governments (towns, cities, boroughs, etc.). A research assistant will be active in all aspects of the research process including: data gathering, performing content analysis of websites, searching local newspapers for relevant articles, transcribing interviews, performing literature reviews, and proofreading.

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7. PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

A Professor in the psychology department has a position open for an undergraduate research assistant. The lab's research primarily deals with the nature and management of social and interpersonal conflict, with a particular focus on the use of third party mediation as a method for resolving highly polarized conflicts. In order to study this topic the researcher uses videotaped sessions of mediators who are then asked to review their performance by "thinking aloud" about the process. This stimulated recall procedure has proven effective in getting at the mental models of experts in various fields. Students in the conflict lab will be focusing in helping make sense of the videotape and interview data gathered from professional mediators in the "think aloud" project described above. If you are interested in this excellent opportunity then please contact [Dr. John Gunkel](#).

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8. LECTURE ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS

The department of African-American and African Studies is proud to present the lecture, "Are WE in danger of losing our right to vote? Voting rights issues for the African-American Community, people of color and the poor" on May 1st, 2006 at 6:00pm in Dana Room located on the 4th floor of

Dana Library. Speakers Debo Adegbile and Ryan Haygood, both civil right attorneys with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., will speak and answer questions on the topic of Felon Disenfranchisement and Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This criminal justice issue is one of the most pressing concerns among people of color and the poor.

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9. FINE ARTS SENIOR THESIS EXHIBITION

The Paul Robeson Gallery at Rutgers University, Newark is pleased to announce the 2006 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition entitled, "Please Do Not Eat the Still Life". The exhibition will feature the work of Fine Arts seniors: James Andres, Roald Ansano, Felice Fabiano, Adrienne Garcia, Margaret Kaounis, Kodai Kubota, Jay Romero, Jennifer Simonelli, and Melanie Valente. Please join us for the opening reception on Thursday, May 4, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. The exhibition will be on view May 4 through May 18, 2006. Paul Robeson Gallery is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00am – 5:00pm and Wednesday 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Admission is free.

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10. SENIORS! JOIN YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY

Those of you who are graduating this May should be sure to join the Rutgers-Newark Alumni Association (<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~alum/alumni.html>). Your first year is free! Being a member of your Alumni Association will provide you with discounts, opportunities to attend social outings, networking events and more.

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11. PAID TUTORING POSITION

A student at North Star Academy (charter school located on Washington Place, near Newark Museum) is looking for a Precalculus tutor. Tutor would need to be available for three hours on Saturdays from now through July 1. Student will be able to pay tutor approximately \$10 p/hour for their time. The dates would range from now until the beginning of July. If you are interested in tutoring then please contact Cecilia Arias, HC Alumna and North Star Academy Student Teacher, at carias@pegasus.rutgers.edu or ariascec@gmail.com.

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