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****HAVE A HEALTHY AND SAFE SPRING BREAK. THE HC OFFICE IS OPEN ALL WEEK SO DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS****

1. MARCH 15 – DEADLINE TO FILE FAFSA

The priority filing deadline for your 2007-2008 FAFSA application is March 15, 2006. Students who currently are receiving a scholarship from the Honors College that has a need-based component (which is most of them) or who even wish to be considered for one for the next academic year should complete and submit the FAFSA form as soon as possible. See number 11 for information on help with this process.

2. MANDATORY ADVISEMENT FOR RISING FRESHMAN

Please be aware that Honors College advisement for freshmen (those who will be sophomores beginning fall 2007) will take place immediately following spring break on March 20th, 21st and 22nd. Please be sure to come to the Honors College Office (Smith 236) as soon as possible to reserve an advisement period. If you are physically unable to come to campus over spring break then please email Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu as soon as possible to schedule an advisement period. Remember, Dr. Gunkel is the academic advisor for all Honors College freshmen, who therefore should sign up for advisement through the Honors College rather than through the Dean of Student Affairs Office.

Note: Upper-level students naturally also may receive advisement through the Honors College. Please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#) or [Seth Mann](#) for an appointment.

3. STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

The university is looking for members of the NCAS and UC-N graduating class of 2007 to be the Undergraduate Commencement Speaker at our commencement exercises on Thursday, May 17th. Strong graduating senior who have demonstrated commitment to leadership and community service are encouraged to seek nomination for this honorable role at Commencement. To be considered please obtain a copy of your student transcript, letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members, and a one-paragraph summary of the intended themes of your speech. A campus selection committee consisting of students, staff, and faculty will review the nominations, choose finalists, and interview the finalists. The topic of the speech is open and the student may choose to speak on any topic that is both personally meaningful and relevant to the Class of 2007 and their families. Students are responsible for obtaining all nomination materials which must be submitted by April 2nd to:

Undergraduate Commencement Speaker

Deans Office
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
325 Hill Hall
Newark Campus

4. TRIP TO CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

A professor on campus is exploring the offering of a special topics course in Cape Town South Africa in July (the class would last about 8 days in July on the ground in South Africa). The course would offer the truly amazing opportunity for students to explore innovative organizational responses to growing social crises in the area of Cape Town South Africa. The total cost for students (including airfare, housing, food and tours) would be about \$2500. Note successful completion of this study abroad opportunity would fulfill ½ of your HC special topics requirement. If you are interested, please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu immediately.

5. HINDU CULTURE AND DHARMIC TRADITIONS

The New Jersey chapter of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) is organizing an exhibition on Hindu Culture and Dharmic traditions at the Dana Library Lobby, Rutgers-Newark campus from March 2nd - 28th, 2007. The subject areas covered range from the basics of Hindu greeting Namaste, to Ayurveda (Indian medicine), Arithmetic, Architecture, Metallurgy, Physics, Cosmic Rhythm, Hindu Women, Yoga, and Spirituality. This exhibition has been displayed across United States including NJ State House and State Houses in other states. The exhibition has been very well received by one and all and has also received wide press coverage in the local media (<http://www.hssus.org/content/view/154/2/>). There will be a program on Monday March 19th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Dana Room, Dana Library.

6. LAST CHANCE - KPMG: FUTURE DIVERSITY LEADERS PROGRAM

I would like to bring the following opportunity to your attention. The accounting firm, KPMG LLP (KPMG) is seeking high-performing freshman and sophomore students who have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate a commitment to diversity and are interested in future opportunities at KPMG through participation in their exciting Future Diversity Leaders Program (FDL). FDL identifies 50 students annually to participate in a three to four year scholarship program that focuses on leadership. This opportunity provides the chance to attend a major conference, obtain scholarship support and be placed in an internship at KPMG. Interested students should be enrolled in or have intentions of being enrolled in the our business school, with the expectation that they will choose an accounting, finance, IT or other business major that would align with KPMG's multiple practices and disciplines. If you are interested in this opportunity then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu for further information.

7. HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND CITIBANK FELLOWS PROGRAM

The nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is pleased to announce the opening of the HSF/Citigroup Fellows Program. The HSF/Citigroup Fellows Award is a two-year award totaling \$10,000. HSF/Citigroup Fellows will also be paired with a Citigroup employee who will serve as a professional mentor and offer career guidance. HSF/Citigroup Fellows will be invited to attend a professional development conference in the fall of both their junior and senior years. The conferences are fully funded by the Citigroup Foundation and will take place in different locations throughout the United States. If you are interested applying then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu and also be sure to visit <http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/programs/citigroup.php>. It will be important to get started on this process sooner rather than later so be sure to contact us today!

8. LAST CHANCE: UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIP

United Nations Association of the USA is currently accepting intern applications for summer 06. The deadline for summer applications is March 15 but the earlier they receive them the better. For an

application and a full description of their programs visit [United Nations Association](#) website, pass over “Education”, pass over “Program,” and then select “internships.” If you are interested in working with grassroots outreach, high-level policy studies and providing information and educational materials for Congress, the executive branch, the corporate community, NGOs, the general public and the media then please begin following the application procedures as soon as possible. I also encourage you to set up an appointment to come see [Seth Mann](#) as soon as possible to review draft responses and resume drafts.

9. FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

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-Mondays Free Period (11:30 – 12:50) –March 12

-Wednesdays Free Period (2:30 – 3:50) –March 14

The workshops will take place in Blumenthal Hall, Room 302. These are great opportunities to have your questioned answered and to insure that you have a clear understanding of the entire federal student aid application process.

10. NEW SUMMER COURSE - FRANCE: NOW AND THEN

France and the United States have shared fundamental values for over two centuries and seem to have always been fascinated with one another, and yet, as we know, their relations have also been fragile. Why? How is France different from the United States with respect to significant, and often controversial, issues such as justice, immigration, violence, etc? With these questions in mind, students will explore the historical, judicial, intellectual and social landmarks, which have shaped French culture and civilization since its Revolution. This course is designed for students who wish to explore French culture and learn to reflect critically on the culture of the United States. Students with or without knowledge of French are welcome, since course materials (full-length movies, literary and journalistic excerpts, web sites and visual art samples) will be available in both French and English. This course is listed on the On-line schedule of classes under “French” (420:347).

11. NEW SUMMER COURSE – IRANIAN WOMEN POETS AND WRITERS

This course will explore different periods of literature through the works of Iranian women poets and writers and their struggles for freedom and justice, watching and analyzing movies and videotapes on Iranian women’s issues and relating them to those of women in the other parts of the world. This course is listed on the On-line schedule of classes under “350: English.” The official course title is “Topics in Literature: Iranian Women Poets and Writers” and the course number is 337. Questions about the course should be directed to Prof. Minoos Varzegar.

The Newsletter is published every week to provide timely information about events and opportunities of particular interest or benefit to Rutgers-Newark Honors College Students. Be sure to read carefully each week for important announcements and opportunities such as scholarships, internships, and research positions. Furthermore, we recommend that you create a folder on your hard drive or on your e-mail account to save all the newsletters for future reference. For additional information on what appears above please follow links listed with individual items or contact the parties listed to learn more about a particular opportunity. Please do not reply directly to this e-mail.
