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1. HC STUDENT STORY – VANESSA FLORES

Honors College graduating senior, Ms. Vanessa Flores, was recently featured along with other 2007 graduates in an article about the path they took to reach their degrees. To read the article visit <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/news/index.php?slId=viewArticle&ArticleID=5691&prevTitle=Top+Stories&prevURL=index.php>. Vanessa's piece appears at the end.

2. CALL FOR COMMENCEMENT VOLUNTEERS

The university is currently looking for graduating seniors to serve as student representatives from the Newark campus to participate in the university-wide Commencement Ceremony that will take place on the New Brunswick campus on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 1:30 pm. This would be a great honor and experience for you and would be much appreciated by the Honors College and the Newark College of Arts and Sciences / University College. Participants will not be asked to speak publicly – they will simply be there as representatives of the Newark campus. More information about the event may be found at <http://commencement.rutgers.edu/> and <http://commencement.rutgers.edu/univcomm.shtml>. If you are interested in representing our campus at this event then please send me a response immediately including your full name, preferred email address and phone number(s). This is great honor and we encourage those interested to reach out to us and volunteer. Note that the offices involved with planning will make an effort to assist selected students who may have transportation issues. Thank you in advance for your interest and I hope to hear from you soon.

3. OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON TUITION AND FEES

The Committees on Educational Planning and Policy and Budget and Finance of the Board of Governors invite all interested members of the University community to appear before them to comment on budget, tuition, fees, and housing and dining charges for 2007-2008 at a hearing to be held on Monday, April 16, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Rutgers College Student Center, College Avenue Campus, New Brunswick. The Committees will take the comments received from the University community into consideration in formulating its recommendations to the Board of Governors. **Members of the Newark campus are invited to participate in the hearing via videoconference. The videoconference will be set up in Room 449 in Conklin Hall on the Newark campus.** The procedures for requesting to speak before the Committee are as follows: All prospective

speakers must sign up individually with the Office of the Secretary. To make a request to speak at the hearing, call (732) 932-7434 or email Secretary@oldqueens.rutgers.edu, before 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007. The time allotted to each speaker will be approximately three minutes to permit the maximum number of speakers to be heard at the hearing.

4. SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND VOLUNTEER EVENT

The Honors College and the Greater Newark Conservancy is proud to announce "Celebrate Earth Day: A Day of Service to our City of Newark from the People of Rutgers". We want you to join the concerted effort of RU-N students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends for a day of community service, fun and ice cream provided by Ben & Jerry's! This is our 3rd year doing this program and I guarantee you will have a good time! This year there will be two opportunities to help out: Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20. Please be sure to check out all the exciting details and sign up at <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/earthday/>. Hurry and join the growing number of students, faculty and staff that have dedicated their time to this important day of service. If you have any further questions about the event please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu. Hope to see you there.

5. ANNUAL SPRING CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

On Friday, April 20th, 2007, the Career Development Center will host its 28th Annual Spring Career Fair. This will be the final Career Fair event for the 2006/7 academic year. **MORE THAN 80** employers from different industries will be here on the Newark Campus seeking candidates for both internship and professional (entry-level) positions from a wide variety of academic disciplines including: Liberal Arts, Business, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Technology, Natural and Life Science, and more. You may review a listing of the employers scheduled to participate by visiting the Career Development Center's web site at: <http://cdc.newark.rutgers.edu>. Candidate Pre-Registration is recommended but not required but having your "ticket" will save you time on the morning/afternoon of the event. You may pre-register at the following web-link: <http://cdcnewark1.rutgers.edu/empreg/webpages/CDCStudentReg.htm>

You **MUST** have a resume **AND** be dressed appropriately to gain entry to the Spring Career Fair. The morning session will take place between the hours of 9:30 and 11:45 AM and the afternoon session from 1:15 to 3:00 PM. Recruiters will not be accessible during lunch period. If you have questions or need assistance preparing for the Career Fair, visit the Career Development Center during our Walk-In Periods or by appointment to speak directly with one of our professional Career Counselors.

6. 25th ANNUAL WEINTRAUB LECTURE

The Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, who served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 10 years before retiring last year, will deliver the 25th Annual Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub Lecture on Wednesday, April 18, at Rutgers School of Law–Newark. The lecture will begin at 6 pm. Justice Poritz will present "The New Jersey Supreme Court: A Leadership Court in Individual Rights."

The Reception will begin at 5:30 pm; the Lecture will begin at 6 pm in the Baker Trial Courtroom (1st floor), Rutgers School of Law–Newark. For more information visit

<http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/news/index.php?slD=viewArticle&ArticleID=5685&prevTitle=Top+Stories&prevURL=index.php>.

7. SPECIAL TEAM CONSULTING COURSE AVAILABLE NOW

The Rutgers Business School is offering a new course entitled "Team Consulting" which will give undergraduates the truly unique experience to become a member of a small business consulting team! Teams of 3-5 students will be assigned to clients based on matching student concentrations and career interests with client needs. Students are responsible for the implementation, analysis and preparation and presentation of findings. Examples of project deliverables include business plans, marketing plans, feasibility studies and benchmarking reports. For profit clients are typically small businesses in need of plans to launch or grow. Not for profit clients have similar growth needs, and have included municipalities, state agencies and a variety of other institutions. Applicants should meet all the listed

pre-requisites for the business school curriculum (pg. 142 – undergrad catalogue) and will be selected via a short application process. Students may pick up applications from the Business School office in Engelhard Hall, Room 111. Students selected for this course may use it to fulfill one-half of their HC Special Topics Requirement. Please let us know if you plan to apply.

8. RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION: NJ HISPANIC RESEARCH & INFO CENTER

The New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center (NJRIC) at the Newark Public Library is seeking a Research Assistant to start as soon as possible. The mission of the NHRIC is to rescue the legacy of New Jersey's leading Latinos by researching their lives and collecting their oral histories. Participants in this project would be trained in the skills of Oral History interviewing, such as doing background research, preparing question guides, the legalities of interviewing, transcribing, and so on. Conducting this sort of research is a valuable and rare opportunity for undergraduates and would prove extremely useful in future studies and employment. Students who are interested in this opportunity must have knowledge of written and spoken Spanish and be able to commit up to 6-8 hours a week for the first initial weeks of the project. If you are interested then please contact Dr. John Gunkel at jgunkel@newark.rutgers.edu as soon as possible. Participation and successful completion of this research would fulfill one-half of the Honors College Special Topics Requirement.

9. PAID INTERNSHIPS! SUMMER OPPS IN BANKING & BUSINESS

Valley National Bank is currently accepting summer internship applications from enthusiastic sophomores, juniors or seniors with an interest in management, accounting, human resources and/or the banking industry in general. As an intern you'll get the rare chance to work closely with upper management of a huge bank and receive quality mentorship rich with personal attention – the four HC students who have interned there have all had an excellent experience. Valley National has assets of more than \$12 billion and operates 166 branches in 109 communities located throughout NJ and NY. This internship will provide an extremely valuable experience that could help students build their resumes and acquire skills that will prove essential for their future careers. And they pay nicely! Applicants should have excellent communication skills, knowledge of MS Office Suite, and good organizational skills. If you are interested in applying then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu as soon as possible. Successful completion of this internship will fulfill the Honors College Special Topics Requirement.

10. PAID RESEARCH POSITION AVAILABLE IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROBIOLOGY

A leader in preclinical neurobiology and major provider of drug discovery solutions is seeking summer interns. This company works extensively with pharmaceutical companies and not-for-profit organizations to validate targets and select compounds to advance into clinical trials. As an intern you will have the chance to work on cutting-edge research with industry leaders as they combine their expertise in behavioral neurobiology with state-of-the-art technology to produce proprietary, high-throughput behavioral testing platforms. Research generally addresses such major CNS disorders as ADHD, anxiety, cognitive impairment, depression, eating disorders, pain, and psychosis/schizophrenia. If you are interested in this learning more about this opportunity then please contact Seth J. Mann at smann@rutgers.edu.

11. UMDNJ RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

A professor from UMDNJ is seeking a pre-medical student with a strong chemistry background (majors preferred) in the 2nd year of undergraduate study to work part-time in a basic research lab in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UMDNJ- New Jersey Medical School. Under supervision of the main researcher and other senior personnel, duties will include a variety of standard as well as less routine laboratory and experimental procedures. Standard procedures include preparation of buffers, re-stocking of lab supplies and general lab organization. Experimental procedures include isolation of nucleic acids, molecular cloning of DNA constructs, one step protein purification, electrophoresis, immunoblotting and other experimental assays. Depending on interest and talent,

experiments may also include working with cultured mammalian cells. The major research area of my lab is mitochondrial biogenesis; we are investigating the regulation of mitochondrial DNA stability and expression as well as the link between mitochondria and intracellular signaling pathways mediating the immune response. Applicants should have very strong chemistry backgrounds (chemistry majors are preferred) as well as an interest in biology and/or medicine. Students should be willing to commit at least 1-2 years to the opportunity and be ideally available at least 2 consecutive days per week. Finally, applicants should have experience micro-pipetting and have the ability and familiarity with lab procedures to keep accurate records and a detailed organized laboratory notebook. If you are interested then please contact Seth J. Mann at smann@rutgers.edu and, if one is available, please attach a resume.

12. TROPICAL FIELD BIOLOGY IN PUERTO RICO

Rutgers Summer Session is offering an intensive two-week tropical biology field course in Puerto Rico. Emphasis of study will be on principles of ecology and diversity of organisms. The format of the course will be extensive field trips observing various habitats: tropical rain forest, desert, Mangrove swamp, Karst Topography, coral reef and commercial plantations. Sleeping facilities are at the biology field station of University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez; they are primitive but comfortable. Ground travel will be by van. Food will be purchased on the road. The course is limited to twelve students. Biology background, career interests and college year will be considered in giving a student preference. Because of the rigorous outdoor activity required for the course, students must be in good physical condition. The fee for the course is \$975 plus tuition. If you are interested in applying then please contact Dr. Kasper at 973.353.5527.

13. NEW JAPANESE COURSE OFFERING

This is to inform you that the Department of Classical & Modern Languages, thanks to the support of the Department of Asian Languages & Cultures in New Brunswick and the Office of Vice-President Ray Caprio is able to offer Japanese 101 to our student body by distance learning next Fall 2007. Students can register using the following code & number: 01:565:101:RK (Index number 35261). It will meet on MWTh5 (2:50-4:10) in CLJ 202.

14. SUMMER COURSE OFFERING: IRANIAN WOMEN WRITERS AND POETS

Prof. Minoo Varzegar will be offering this interesting and exciting new course during summer session I. Special Topics 350:337
Summer Session I
Mon-Thurs 10:15-12:00

15. KAPLAN LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Kaplan and PMBR, the leader in law school preparation and bar exam review, is offering students the opportunity to experience a mock first-year law school class. This free event will expose students to a range of skills necessary for succeeding during that all-important first year of law school. Students will be asked to review and argue a case and make practical arguments. The professor will use the Socratic Method of Teaching (common in many first year law programs) and will explain the grading system and first year law exams in detail. The featured speaker will be Kris Byrnes who can answer questions about admissions to law school and being a good student once you are there. The event will take place on Saturday, 4/21/07, 1:00pm – 2:15pm at the Rutgers Center for Law & Justice, Room #25. Please note that space is limited, so you are encouraged to register today by calling 1-800-KAP-TEST or visiting kaptest.com/law. Once there, go to the zipcode locator box, choose LSAT, type in your zipcode and your event should come up in the free events section at the bottom.

*Note, HC students can receive 15% discounts on all Kaplan prep courses. Contact Seth Mann for details.

16. CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Program in American Language Studies (PALS), on the Newark Campus, is seeking sophomores and juniors for Computer Lab Assistant positions. The position entails managing and assisting students in one of the PALS language computing labs. Applicants should be responsible, be comfortable working with computers. Experience working with foreign students or ESL training is preferred but not required. If interested please provide a cover letter and resume to the attention of Ms. Jessica Wilson by email at tralinda@aol.com or drop off at the PALS office at 152 Conklin Hall, 175 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102. Positions are available immediately.

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.
