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1. UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Commencement is fast approaching. For information on all the scheduled commencement activities please visit <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/commencement/>.

2. RESCHEDULED: 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 Tuesday May 1, 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 Tuesday, May 1, 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.

3. SPEAKER: COFOUNDER OF NEWARK-BASED DIVERSITY INC.

The Honors College invites you to join us for a talk on April 30th at 4:15 pm given by Mr. Luke Visconti, Partner and co-founder of Newark-based Diversity Inc., regarding issues related to marketing practices and the “selling” products and ideas to diverse range of demographic subgroups. Topics covered will include:

- How diverse populations that are defined by ethnic, social, religious, gender, sexuality, or age are changing the marketing landscape.
- How does Diversity Inc. target some of these diverse subgroups?
- What do future business leaders, heads of NGOs, etc... need to consider as they build plans and models that incorporate diverse subgroups.

The talk will take place on Monday, April 30th at 4:15 pm in Conklin Hall, Room 424. We hope to see you there.

4. POSITION AVAILABLE AT LOCAL NEWARK CHURCH

Bethany Baptist Church (<http://www.bethany-newark.org/>) is currently looking for to hire an Assistant to the Controller. Responsibilities will include bookkeeping, accounting, budgeting, and the like. The church actually is a good sized and well-established non-profit organization, so this would be good experience for someone interested in this kind of work. If you think you might be interested in this opportunity then please email Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu.

5. LEARN CHINESE, KOREAN OR JAPANESE AT RU-NEWARK

The Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures offers Chinese, Korean & Japanese in collaboration with the Department of Asian Studies, New Brunswick via "Distance Learning." For specific registration information and other questions please contact the Dept. Of Classical & Modern Languages (973-353-5594 or 5498) or the Department of Asian Languages in New Brunswick (732-932-7605/7383).

6. 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.

7. NEW COURSE: WRITERS AT NEWARK READING SERIES/COLLOQUIUM

The *Writers At Newark Reading Series* Colloquium will grant 1 credit hour, pass/fail, to undergraduate students who commit to reading at least four books from the Writers At Newark readings list (one book per event), attend four scheduled events in the Reading Series, and write four short responses to the readings/books each semester. *Writers At Newark* readings include fiction, nonfiction and poetry readings by a diverse group of nationally known writers. Fall 07 readings are on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00, Sept. 19 (Rick Moody and Jo Ann Beard), Oct. 10 (Major Jackson and Rigoberto Gonzalez), Nov. 4 (Elisa Albert and Ed Schwarzschild), and Dec. 5 (Suketu Mehta and Katherine Russell Rich). Spring 08 readings are on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00, Jan. 30, (Junot Diaz and Jayne Anne Phillips), Feb. 6 (Cyrus Cassells), March 12 (Jennifer Gilmore and Angela Pneuman), and April 2 (Monique Truong and Tayari Jones). Note: Writers and their works are described in detail on the MFA website: www.mfa.newark.rutgers.edu. Those undergraduates signed up for the Colloquium will have reserved seats at the readings, and will be invited to liaison with the MFA Program at other informal and formal events, such as the student MFA reading series.

8. RUTGERS CHORUS CONCERTS

-Sunday, April 29, 3:00 PM, St. Mary's Church, 528 Dr. M. L. King Blvd, Newark, NJ (Four blocks south of Bradley Hall) (\$5, 10, 25). This concert will be given in honor of Dean Lydia Rodriguez as she retires from over 25 years of service in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

-Sunday, May 6, 4:00 PM, Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park St. at Claremont St., Montclair, NJ. (\$5, 10, 25)

-Tuesday, May 15, 8:00 PM, St. Rose of Lima Church, 50 Short Hills Ave. at Millburn Ave., Short Hills, NJ (\$5, 10, 25)

For further information or a brochure please contact John Floreen at jfloreen@earthlink.net

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.
