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1. WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a good break, got lots of rest, and are ready to come back and finish the year on a strong note! As we begin the new semester it will be important for you to keep the following dates and messages in mind:

- No Class: January 15 – Martin Luther King Day
- Add/Drop WITHOUT getting “W”: January 16 – January 22
- Last day to Add courses: January 23
- Dropping courses WITH a “W”: January 23 – March 26
- For a complete listing of all of this semester’s important dates visit <http://registrar.rutgers.edu/NW/NWINDEX.HTM> and click on “Calendars and Exam Schedules” on the left-hand navigation bar.
- HC Coordinator, Seth Mann, will be out of the office from Monday January 16th through Thursday January 18th. If you need to get in touch with the Honors College then please contact Ms. Annabelle Luu at honorsn@newark.rutgers.edu or Dr. John Gunkel at jgunkel@newark.rutgers.edu.

2. PROVISION FOR DROPPING FIRST TERM’S GRADES

Students that completed their 56th degree credit during the fall 2006 academic term may be able to take advantage of a special provision that allows undergraduates at Rutgers-Newark to omit all grades earned in their first term at the university from the calculation of their cumulative grade point averages. Should you be able to take advantage of this provision and choose to do so, the courses and the grades for the courses would remain on your transcript. The grades simply no longer would be included in the determination of your cumulative GPA. If you are interested in finding out if you are eligible then please visit (http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/nwk-ug_0608/pg23602.html) for a full statement of the policy and the criterion for eligibility. Note: If you are eligible to take advantage of this provision, you must – absolutely must – deliver your written formal request to the Registrars Office by Tuesday, January 30, 2007. This is your only chance to do this, there are no extensions granted ever. Once this option is exercised then all arrangements are final and irrevocable.

3. MORGAN STANLEY RICHARD B. FISHER SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Honors College would like to announce the Morgan Stanley Richard B. Fisher Scholars Program for 2007. The Program is a competitive scholarship established to provide outstanding Black and Hispanic students with up to a \$15,000 reward, a summer internship, and the opportunity to establish a

lasting relationship with a worldwide leader in finance and marketing. Recipients of this award can look forward to gaining exposure in a number of different areas including Equity Research, Fixed Income, Institutional Equity, Investment Banking, or Prime Brokerage. Those interested in applying must meet the following criteria:

*Be currently enrolled as a sophomore during the spring 2007 semester

*Hold a minimum GPA of 3.30

*Possess a desire to work in the financial services industry.

Note: This opportunity is open to students from all ethnic and academic backgrounds. However, because of the nature of the program, Black and Hispanic students are particularly encouraged to apply. If you are interested in this truly fantastic opportunity then please contact jgunkel@newark.rutgers.edu immediately. Provide your name, GPA, total credits earned at conclusion of this semester and a resume if you have one. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

4. SPRING 2007 HONORS COLLEGE SEMINAR NOW AVAILABLE

If you are a sophomore, junior or senior interested in taking an Honors College Seminar that will provide you with valuable insights that are applicable to any interest, major or career objective then please continue reading. By 2030, current "minorities" will be the majority of the U.S. population, and their combined buying power is expected to be over \$4 trillion dollars – a sum that has significant economic, social, and marketing implications for the country. Our new course, "Diverse Consumers" explores how people are influenced by the cultural habits of groups to which they belong, and examines how different subgroups have unique patterns of preferences, customs, and values that determine not only what they will buy, but also how they will live. The readings and assignments are designed to build your capacity to understand consumers in different subgroups by experiencing the relationship between diversity and consumption in the world and the media. The rationale for the course is that the United States is a consumer society in which the purchase of goods, services, ideas, activities, and experiences influences political, social, and economic life. In other words, you will be able to apply what you learn in this class to everything you do or intend to do! And, you'll fulfill one-half of your Honors College Special Topics Requirement in the process! For more information on this course or for instructions on how to register please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu and copy Ms. Annabelle Luu at honorsn@newark.rutgers.edu.

5. NIGHT OF KHMER ROUGE EXHIBIT

On January 16th Robeson Gallery will begin the exhibit, "Night of the Khmer Rouge: Genocide and Justice in Cambodia. This exhibit examines photographic documents from 'the killing fields' of the Khmer Rouge and the infamous Tuol Sleng prison. The Rumble Room features a series of films and documentaries, including The Flute Player, Bophana: A Cambodian Tragedy, Samsara, and S-21: The Khmer Rouge Killing Machine. The exhibition is organized by Alexander Hinton and Jorge Daniel Veneciano in partnership with the Documentation Center of Cambodia. From 5-6 pm on January 31st in Robeson's Multi-purpose room there will be a screening and discussion of the film "Behind the Walls of S-21: Oral Histories from Tuol Sleng Prison" (Doug Kass, producer-director and Wynne Cougill, editor). The screening will be followed by an Exhibition reception from 6 - 8 pm in the Robeson Gallery. We hope to see you there.

6. SPRING 2007 RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

A faculty member in the School of Public Affairs and Administration is seeking a Research Assistant for the spring 2007 semester. Students would be assisting in the development of a new special topics course dealing with the intersection of public affairs and diversity. Students interested in issues such as public policy, diversity, education, political science and numerous other fields in the humanities and social sciences will find this work interesting and fulfilling. This is also an excellent opportunity for students who think they might be applying for graduate study after graduation. Furthermore, an opportunity such as this is an excellent resume builder and is becoming increasingly important for graduate school admissions. Note, this Research Assistantship is for academic credit and can be used to fulfill one-half of

your Honors College Special Topics Requirement. If you are interested in applying for this position then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu. Please be sure to copy Dr. John Gunkel at jgunkel@newark.rutgers.edu.

7. PAID INTERNSHIPS! SPRING AND SUMMER OPPS IN BANKING & BUSINESS

Valley National Bank is currently accepting 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.

8. VOLUNTEER & TUTORING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE IN NEWARK

YouthBuild USA, a national non-profit organization with an office operating right near campus, conducts GED and education training for inner-city youth. The mission of YouthBuild USA is to unleash the intelligence and positive energy of low-income youth to rebuild their communities and their lives. YouthBuild USA seeks to join with others like you to help all people in all communities to fulfill their own potential and contribute to the well-being of others. They are seeking tutors to work 4-5 minute blocks of time starting in February of 2007. Tutoring schedules are flexible, the location is convenient and the work is very fulfilling. If you are interested in this opportunity then please contact Seth Mann at jgunkel@newark.rutgers.edu.

9. PAID SUMMER LAW INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

A reputable law firm in NJ is currently accepting applications for 12 week paid summer internships. This intern program is an excellent learning opportunity for young people who are seriously considering a career in the field of law:

- You will work to support a variety of legal matters and be supervised by an elite team of paralegals.
- You create relationships within a caring group of lawyers and paralegals, many of whom will be able to provide invaluable career advice.
- You will attend a series of seminars and workshops that will teach you about different roles and practice areas within our firm.
- By the end of the summer you will have an understanding of how a law firm works. This experience can be very helpful in making decisions about your career.

The firm mostly does Pharmaceutical and Bankruptcy law, but has divisions of Personal Injury, Land Use, Intellectual Property, and general corporate law. Interested students should contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu by Wednesday January 10, 2007. We hope to hear from you soon.

10. SUMMER INTERNSHIPS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resources for the Future (RFF) is currently accepting applications for summer 2007 paid internships. RFF is an independent non-profit organization, located in Washington, D.C., specializing in research, policy analysis and public education on environmental, energy and natural resource issues. Each intern can expect to work with one or more RFF researchers on a variety of ongoing projects or assist in the development of entirely new areas of research and policy analysis. RFF's three research divisions are Energy and Natural Resources (ENR), Quality of the Environment (QE), and Risk, Resource, and Environmental Management (RREM). All three divisions seek highly motivated candidates in the social and natural sciences. Candidates for all divisions should have outstanding policy analysis, strong

writing skills, and an interest in complex environmental policy problems amenable to interdisciplinary analysis. The ability to work without supervision in a careful and conscientious manner is essential. If you would like to learn more about this great opportunity then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu.

11. MTV INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MTV Networks is now accepting internship applications for the spring and summer semesters. These opportunities are available to all sophomores, juniors and seniors who are looking for a rich and rewarding experience at one of the world's most successful networks. Applicants should be available at least 2 days p/week. If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed on their website (<https://jobhuntweb.viacom.com/jobhunt/main/jobhome.asp>) then please contact Seth Mann (smann@rutgers.edu) as soon as possible. This is a great chance to work at MTV in NYC but you must act soon to insure your best chance at obtaining a position.

12. SEO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

SEO is the nation's premiere summer internship program for talented students of color leading to full-time job offers. Since its inception, SEO's Career Program has placed over 4,000 Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and Native American students in internships that lead to opportunities in exciting and rewarding careers in the most competitive industries worldwide. More than 80% of SEO interns receive job offers from partner firms after their internships. Students from all major are welcome to apply and can earn from \$600-\$1,200 a week in a mentored summer internship in Accounting, Asset Management, Corporate Law, Global Corporate Financial Leadership, Information Technology, Investment Banking, or Philanthropy. Opportunities are available throughout the tri-state area and Hong Kong. If you are of Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian or Native American Descent and are interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities then please contact Seth Mann at smann@rutgers.edu. Act fast! January 22nd is the next and last deadline for this round of applications!

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.

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