

WVPH-FM Quarterly Issues and Programs List

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Issue: While Rutgers encourages its students to study abroad, how does it help them finance it?

Studying abroad is an opportunity presented to all students, however not something which all can afford. While Rutgers constantly encourages its students to do so, it is important for the school to be able to help its students pay for it as it is something that can be very expensive.

Core of the Matter 8/19/18: Spurti Vemuri on the Affordability of Study Abroad - 4:30 PM (0.5 hours)

Spurti Vemuri talks about the financial help she received from Rutgers in order to be able to study abroad. While Rutgers continues to encourage its students to study abroad, they also focus on helping their students financially in order for them to do so. She discusses the importance of Rutgers' ability to prioritize and understand that students need funding for programs such as these as it is not something which all universities do.

Issue: How does Rutgers help its first year students transition into college life?

For first year students, college is can be a reality check. When the transition is rough, they may struggle in finding a place in which they belong, and they may not have anyone to talk to. As a university with a large student population, it is vital for Rutgers to ensure that its students are made aware of the organizations and resources that are available.

Core of the Matter 9/9/18: Ashini Dias for Scarlet Council - 1:00 PM (1 hour)

As a chair on Scarlet Council, Ashini Dias discusses the importance of Scarlet Council and how it aims to help Rutgers create a safe space for the community. The organization works to connect alumni and current students, to give students perspective on life after graduation. For first year students, it is an opportunity for them to talk to people who have been in the same position and faced the same struggles as they have. Through Scarlet Council, members are able to create bonds that will last a lifetime.

Issue: What is Rutgers doing to help its students combat the stresses of student life?

Stress can be a major issue for students. When students are unable to cope with it properly it can be life threatening. It is important for Rutgers to continue to find ways to help its students cope with stress.

Core of the Matter 9/16/18: Sophie Pastore on Stress Relief Tips - 12:30 PM (2 hours)

Sophie Pastore, an engineering major and member of the Engineering Governing Council, discusses the ways in which EGC helps its students cope with stress. Because engineering is a credit-intensive major, stress is often second nature to its students. EGC works to provide programs and events, especially during midterms and finals, to help its students relax and take a breather to prevent them from being overwhelmed.

Issue: How does Rutgers prepare its students for life after graduation?

It is important for the University to prepare its students for the drastic changes that are to come after graduation by providing them with strategies that will increase their chances at success and help their transition into adulthood.

Core of the Matter 9/18/18: Naadiya Drake on Utilizing Rutgers Career Resources - 11:00 AM (1 hour)

Having just graduated this past May, Naadiya Drake discusses the importance of taking advantage of the resources Rutgers provides for post-graduation readiness whether for a job or just the next steps in life. Before graduating, Drake emphasizes the importance of not waiting until the last minute to plan what one might want to do after graduating. The advising centers on campus are just one of many resources that the school offers its students to help them in preparing them for their future.

Issue: In what ways does college radio allow students' voices to be heard?

College and community radio stations provide an outlet for voices to be heard and issues to be discussed, which would otherwise be ignored by mainstream media outlets.

Core of the Matter 9/18/18: Liz Wright on the Continued Importance of Community Radio - 12:00 PM (1 hour)

Liz Wright talks about how the college and community radio is not only an outlet to play music, but also provides a way in which the community can directly address issues that are important at that moment. For instance, aside from the music departments, WVPH has News and Public Affairs departments which focus on gathering content about events and issues happening both on campus and throughout Piscataway. Addressing such issues over the air allows those on the listening end to be better informed about what is happening or to be reassured that they are not alone in whatever struggle they might be having.

Issue: How does the depiction of women in politics affect their treatment in the public?

Women are sometimes perceived in politics in a negative light. It can directly affect their treatment in societal settings, especially college campuses. It can hinder opportunities they could have had.

Core of the Matter 9/26/18: Sapana Shah on Women's Hardships in the Community - 11:00 AM (1 hour)

Lawyer and councilwoman Sapana Shah talks about how the current political climate has caused women to be viewed in a negative light. Working for Middlesex County, Ms. Shah addresses how the #MeToo movement has helped women come forward with their personal stories of assault, but that it also leaves room for others to criticize and question women. She discusses that because women are brave enough to tell their stories, they are often penalized for it. In universities, she emphasizes the importance of stopping this victim blaming culture because it will only discourage young women from reaching their potentials.

Issue: What organizations at Rutgers focus on helping students financially?

While it is no question that many students have trouble paying for tuition, there are organizations that can help students with their financial needs.

Core of the Matter 9/26/18: Zoe Banen on Rutgers Scholars - 12:00 PM (1 hour)

Zoe Banen, a member of the organization Rutgers Scholars, talks about the importance of the organization and how its sole focus is to help students financially. The organization's goal is to help students with an academic drive and who are serious about their education. She discusses how Rutgers Scholars has helped students throughout the years, even to the extent of paying tuition in full.

Issue: What new initiatives is Rutgers planning to advocate for mental health?

With a large student population, Rutgers continuously works to advocate for mental health awareness. The University aims to strengthen its current resources while working on new programs to create surrounding the topic to focus on its student inclusivity.

Core of the Matter 9/29/18: Hasin Tasneem on Mental Health Taskforce at Rutgers - 9:00 AM (2.5 hours)

Hasin Tasneem shares updates on the goals of the Mental Health task force in the Rutgers University Student Assembly. She discusses how the goals for this semester include educating the university's students on mental health resources such as CAPS, which is Rutgers' Counseling, Alcohol, and Other Drug Assistance Program and Psychiatric Services. Students may feel that they are alone in their struggle if they are not aware of the organizations on campus that are built for this. In addition to creating new initiatives, the task force is also working on strengthening its existing ones.