Meet Your New Editor!

Hi! I am Srobona Basu (You can call me Sro!!) and I am the editor for the OIS newsletter this year. I’m a sophomore majoring in Marketing with a minor in Theater. I started working as an International Student Ambassador for the OIS this year and I love my job!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT PARTH LALAKIA

A junior at Rutgers–Camden, Parth has already done more in his three years than a bunch of students put together can do in four years.

Parth is a Civic Scholar, Honors College student, founder and chairperson of the Phi Mu Delta Fraternity, President of the International Student Association (I.S.A), Treasurer of the American Medical Student’s Association (A.M.S.A), Treasurer of the West Indian-Indian Connection Club, and Secretary of the Residence Housing Association (2013-2014) — and there’s much more!

Spring 2015 was a busy semester for Parth as he collected awards: the Emerging Student Leader Award, the Academic Excellence Award, and the Rory “Cal” Maradonna award — presented to a full-time student demonstrating considerable involvement on the Camden campus and dedication to promoting Rutgers–Camden.

Wait for it, there’s more... From January 2015 to present, Parth has been working as a Student Researcher: Faculty Lab under Dr. Kwangwon Lee at Rutgers–Camden. Parth also diligently serves the Office of Housing and Residence Life as a Resident Assistant (RA) and was an Orientation Leader on campus during summer terms 2014 and 2015. He also volunteers at Center for Family Services in Camden as well as the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He also did an excellent job as an International Student Ambassador last year.

We are extremely proud of Parth and in awe of the fact that not only does he do so much, but he also manages to keep a high GPA as a Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Philosophy. If you ever run into him on campus, give him a high-five!

Cheers to Parth!

EVENT FOCUS

In addition to useful workshops and seminars around campus (focusing on CPT and OPT, time management, and resume critiques), international students can enjoy fun events organized by OIS! This month, we will visit Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens.

These unique glass mosaic gardens were created to rejuvenate the South Street neighborhood of Philadelphia. Email ois@camden.rutgers.edu by Wednesday, September 16th if you’re interested in attending! Just remember to get $5 for the tickets and also around $3 for your round trip PATCO ticket!

BIRTHDAYS!

Shrey (9/4), Mada (9/9), Spyros (9/11), Anandini (9/14), Engin (9/15), Santwana (9/15), Krithi (9/16), Vilena (9/21), Marissa (9/24), Jiahua (9/26), Ana (9/28), Gauri (9/28), Athul (9/30), Bryan (9/30)
POPE FRENZY

“To go or not to go?” is probably the hardest question that you’re going to be faced with in the coming week, maybe you’ve been wrestling with opposing urges to either be pulled into the madness that is the Pope’s visit to Philadelphia or to be galaxies away from it. Well, we present to you—The Pope Schedule, because we know that you will need it, whether you choose to be at all these events right in the front of the line, or choose to avoid these exact spots and shy away from the crowds.

Saturday, September 26, 2015
10:00 am: Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul. This event is not open to the public and will be held exclusively for those with personal invitations.
4:45 pm: Visit to Independence Mall in Philadelphia. There the pontiff will likely talk about immigration and religious freedom to an estimated crowd of 50,000.
7:30 pm: ‘Festival of Families’ on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway outside the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Sunday, September 27, 2015
9:15 am: Pope Francis will meet with bishops at St. Martin’s Chapel in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.
11:00 am: Pope Francis will celebrate the closing mass for the World Meeting of Families 2015.
After the closing mass, the Pope will formally meet with organizers, volunteers and benefactors involved with the World Meeting of Families at the Atlantic Aviation hangar in the Philadelphia International Airport at 7:00 pm after which he will depart for Rome at 8:00 pm.
So there you go, that’s the Pope Schedule. You know you’re going to need it! Have fun that weekend, being one with the crowds or swimming in the opposite direction from them! Reminder: Classes are canceled from 4:00 pm Thursday 9/24—Monday 9/28 at 12:20 pm.

PHOTOS FROM AUGUST!

FACEBOOK GROUP Make sure to join Rutgers-Camden International Students of Facebook—there you’ll find posts about upcoming events, job opportunities, and much more!