Hello HSA Members,

Thank you to all those who were able to make it to our first meeting of the semester last Wednesday. We had a great turn out, and I hope you continue to be actively involved in HSA. Here is a quick recap of what was discussed at the meeting.

Meetings for the remainder of the semester were set:

All meetings will be at **2:30 pm** on **Wednesday's** in room **289 of the Student Center**. They are: **October 1, October 15, October 29, November 12, November 26**. Our last meeting of the semester and Holiday Party will be on **December 3rd**, so will be moved to the **Community Room in the UGL**.

(1) Please welcome our **2008-2009 Exec Board**:

**Co-Presidents**: Suzan Hadwan and Brian Rutledge  
**Vice President**: Nitya Reddy  
**Secretary**: Rasika Chepuri  
**Treasurer**: Amy Eapen  
**PR's**: Tanuka Datta and Vani Pinnamaneni  
**Webmaster**: Kalyan Sreeram

(2) Explanation of the **point system**:

Each meeting is worth **.5 points**. Events that are less than 4 hours long are worth 1 point, while events more than 4 hours long are worth 2 points. You can also earn 2 points by doing regular, outside volunteering. To be active, you must have at least 5 points per semester. In order to run for a position and vote during elections, you must have been an active member both semesters. For those of you who have class at this time, you can remain an active member by joining our email and facebook groups.

(3) **Model UN volunteer**: Honors-sponsored Model United Nations simulation at Wayne State University will be hosting its fifth annual simulation on **Saturday October 18, 2008** from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. They would appreciate your help to make this event a success by choosing a volunteer role. In order to volunteer, sign up online at [http://www.honors.wayne.edu/modelun](http://www.honors.wayne.edu/modelun) as a WSU Representative. You will need to attend ONE of the following **MANDATORY training days**: **Monday, September 29 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Honors room 2145** –OR– **Tuesday, September 30 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Honors**
room 2150. At your chosen training day, you will be offered information about the schedule of the MUN day and about our chosen topic of this year: **Globalization of HIV/AIDS**. You will also be presented information about the different positions that you might hold such as a Chairperson to a country or as a Logistics Member who makes sure that the day runs smoothly by helping with registration and other necessary tasks. Direct further questions to Modelun@wayne.edu or contact the Honors Office at (313) 577-3030.

(4) **Apply to the Model UN travel team:** This team travels to the UN in New York annually for a week long conference. For further information, contact Rami Zein at rzein@wayne.edu.

(5) **SAALT** - Be the Change: South Asian Americans Leading Together along with the Indian Students Association (ISA) of WSU bring you this service project in honor of Mahatma Gandhi on **Saturday, October 4 from 9am-4pm**. We will be working at various sites in Detroit including Habitat for Humanity at their construction warehouse, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Belle Aisle Nature Center, COTS, and Greening of Detroit. Meet on campus, and breakfast and transportation will be provided to the locations. For further information, contact Tanuka Datta at tanuka.isa@gmail.com.

(6) **Peace Corps:** The Peace Corps will be on WSU campus **October 14-15**. If you are interested in meeting them, please contact us at hsa@wayne.edu for more info.

(7) **Detroit Free Press Walk-A-thon:** **Sunday, October 19.** Join Habitat for Humanity as they raise funds for H4H. Join in the 5K Run or 26.3 mile walk. For further info, email habitat@wayne.edu

(8) **MOCAD volunteers:** Looking for a swanky Thursday night at a nearby museum? With free food? The Wayne State University Press is looking for 6 Honors student volunteers for its fall benefit, **Thursday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.** at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. Volunteers are invited to have dinner at the benefit celebration. It’s also a nice opportunity to hang out at the MOCAD and enjoy prominent authors. To volunteer, be one of the first 6 people to email us at hsa@wayne.edu, and I will let you know if you can volunteer.

Be sure to check out our website at honors.wayne.edu/hsa (currently being updated) for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities as well as facebook group: Honors Students Association.