

Dean's Remarks • October 14, 2022

Dear SPS Community,

This week has been a big week for our Metaverse Collaborative. Earlier this week, I spoke with The Financial Times about our related work for a story on the metaverse revolution, and our Metaverse Collaborative team hosted the second day of our Metaverse Bootcamp for NYU SPS students. The energy in the room for our Bootcamp last week and this week was tremendous.

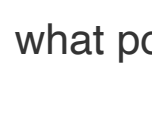
Read through to learn more about the bootcamp, our upcoming technology themed SPS Spirit Week, Parents and Alumni Weekend, and more.

Warmly,

Angie

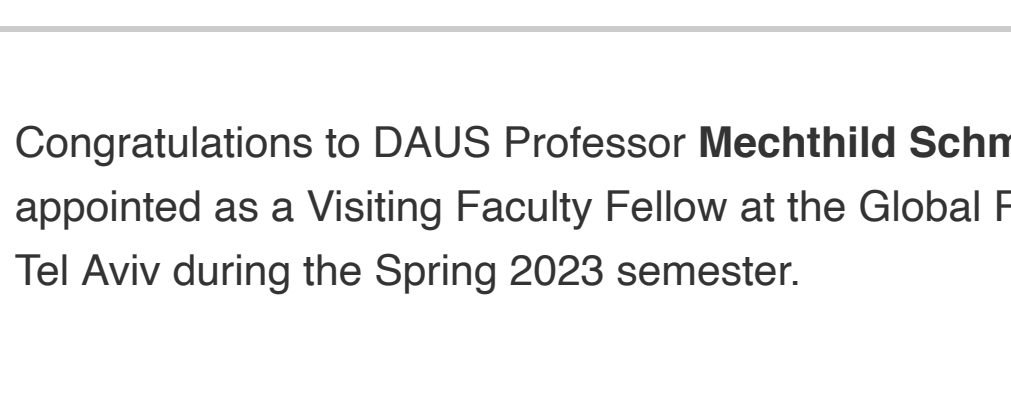
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NYU SPS HIGHLIGHTS

In Case You Missed it...



Our **Metaverse Bootcamp** kicked off on Friday, October 7 at Kimmel, with over 200 students signed up to attend. Special thanks to Marc Beckman, Pierre Gervois, and Elizabeth Haas for organizing and

hosting the event that featured guest speakers and fireside chats. The students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day. Our second day and final day of the bootcamp is this Friday, October 14.

This week, NYU Schack Associate Dean **Marc Norman** participated on a panel at the Mansion Global Experience Luxury Conference about real estate in the metaverse. He touched on the metaverse real estate market and its similarities and differences to the physical real estate market, and what participating in the metaverse means for physical real estate - for instance, what population density would look and how it would change prior to rezoning.

Last week, Dean **Angie Kamath** attended the kick-off meeting for NYC Office of the Mayor's Future of Workers Task Force. The FWTF is spearheaded by Abby Jo Sigal, the NYC Mayor's Office of Talent and Workforce Development Executive Director. The task force will be composed of leaders from New York City's private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors, and is charged with rebooting the city's approach to talent and workforce development.

Congratulations to DAUS Professor **Mechthild Schmidt Feist**, who has been appointed as a Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Global Research Institute at NYU Tel Aviv during the Spring 2023 semester.

NYU Tisch Center of Hospitality Professor **Jukka Laitamaki** recently spoke at the United Nations Climate Week Panel "Food for Thought" on the foodservice industry food waste initiatives, tactics, and strategies. The event was organized by the Consulate General of Finland in New York and Business Finland. The US food service industry produces 18% of the US food waste, making the industry an important partner for reaching the United Nations goal to halve global food waste per capita by 2030.

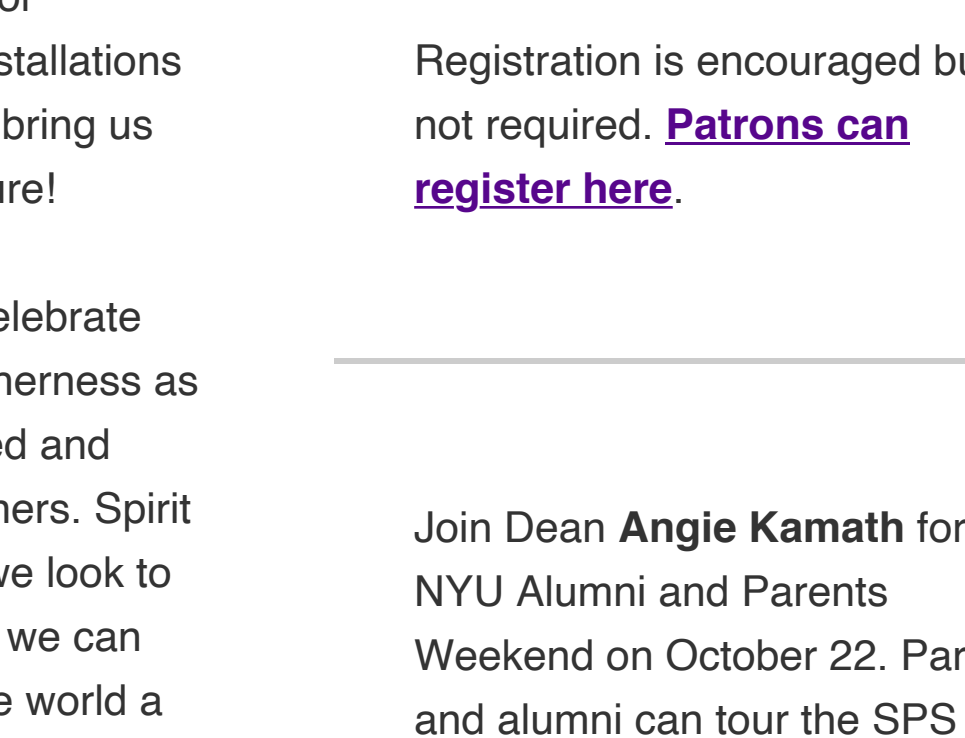
New Initiatives

SPS Global Diversity Scholarship for J-term and Spring GFI's – Application Now Open!

SPS understands the value of global education and believes firmly that all students should be able to access global experiences. In an effort to advance equity and inclusion within SPS global programming, the Global Diversity Scholarship is designed to enable more students from historically marginalized communities to participate in Global Field Intensive (GFI) courses. The scholarship, which is available to all graduate students and DAUS undergraduate students, covers the cost of the activities fee associated with the GFI in which selected recipients participate. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

STAFF/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Alka Gupta is the Associate Director of Public Relations at NYU SPS, where she promotes the School and its students, faculty, staff, administrators, and programs through external and internal communications. Her favorite part of the job is interviewing students, learning about their trials and triumphs, and doing justice to their stories.



Previously, she worked as a writer and editor at LIU Brooklyn, NYC Human Resources Administration, and Hearst Magazines, among other institutions. She double majored in English and Political Science at Barnard College, and earned a master's degree in political science and a master's degree in journalism from the NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

She is the daughter of an Indian diplomat, and has lived in or visited most of the continents except Australia and Antarctica (which she hopes to do in her lifetime). This year she is planning to overcome her fears and participate in two bucket-list items - indoor flying/skydiving and taking a helicopter flight around Manhattan, both of which she highly recommends. She loves dogs and playing ping-pong!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

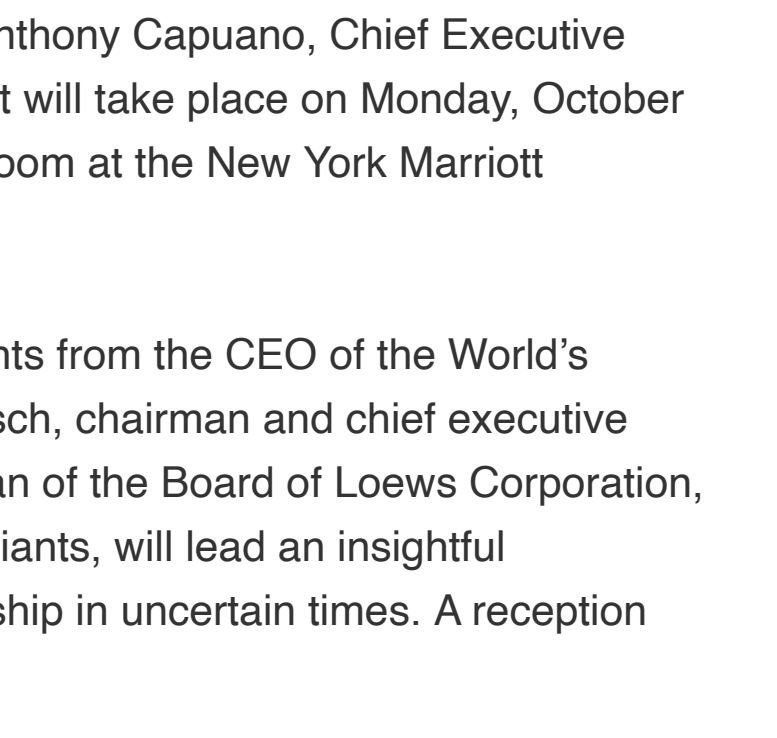


NYU SPS Spirit Week

We are thrilled to invite you to the future as we celebrate Spirit Week 2022! This year's theme, *The Future Begins with Us*, embraces new technology, concepts, and the idea that each of us are embarking on the future... today! Join us throughout the week - for interactive activation installations and daily activities that bring us all together into the future!

During this week, we celebrate and embrace our togetherness as a community of engaged and culturally diverse - learners. Spirit Week is a time where we look to the future and see how we can make ourselves and the world a better place.

From expanding your professional network to celebrating our diversity or tapping into the Metaverse, there is no shortage of activities to attend between October 17 and October 23. Find your purple shirt and get ready for *SPS Spirit Week 2022: The Future Begins with Us!* Check out the [SPS Spirit Week 2022 website](#) for more information.



Join NYU SPS Daus for their "Dare to Enter DAUS" Mixer on October 26.

This event is open to all NYU SPS DAUS staff, faculty, alumni, and, most importantly, students. There will be food and an opportunity to network and get to know different members of the DAUS community.

Registration is encouraged but not required. [Patrons can register here.](#)

Join Dean **Angie Kamath** for NYU Alumni and Parents Weekend on October 22. Parents and alumni can tour the SPS building and learn more about the student experience. [Register for NYU Alumni and Parents Weekend here.](#)

The NYU SPS Jonathan M. Tisch Center of Hospitality will present the Annual Stephen W. Brener Distinguished Lecturer Series in Hospitality Management

, featuring guest speaker Anthony Capuano, Chief Executive Officer of Marriott International. The event will take place on Monday, October 17, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Astor Ballroom at the New York Marriott Marquis.

During the event, titled "Leadership Insights from the CEO of the World's Largest Hotel Company," Jonathan M. Tisch, chairman and chief executive officer of Loews Hotels & Co., co-chairman of the Board of Loews Corporation, and co-owner of the New York Football Giants, will lead an insightful conversation with Capuano about leadership in uncertain times. A reception will follow the discussion.

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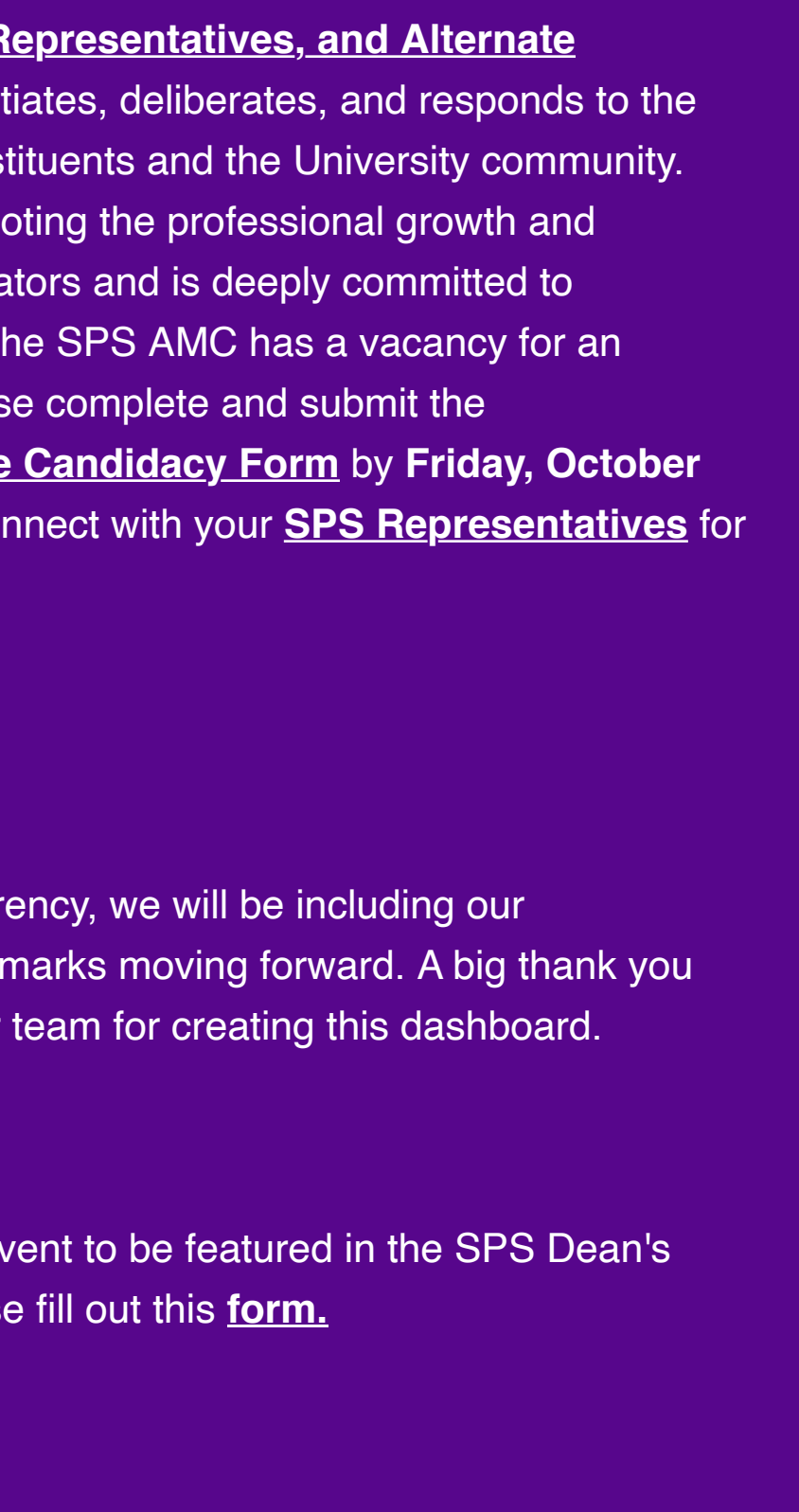
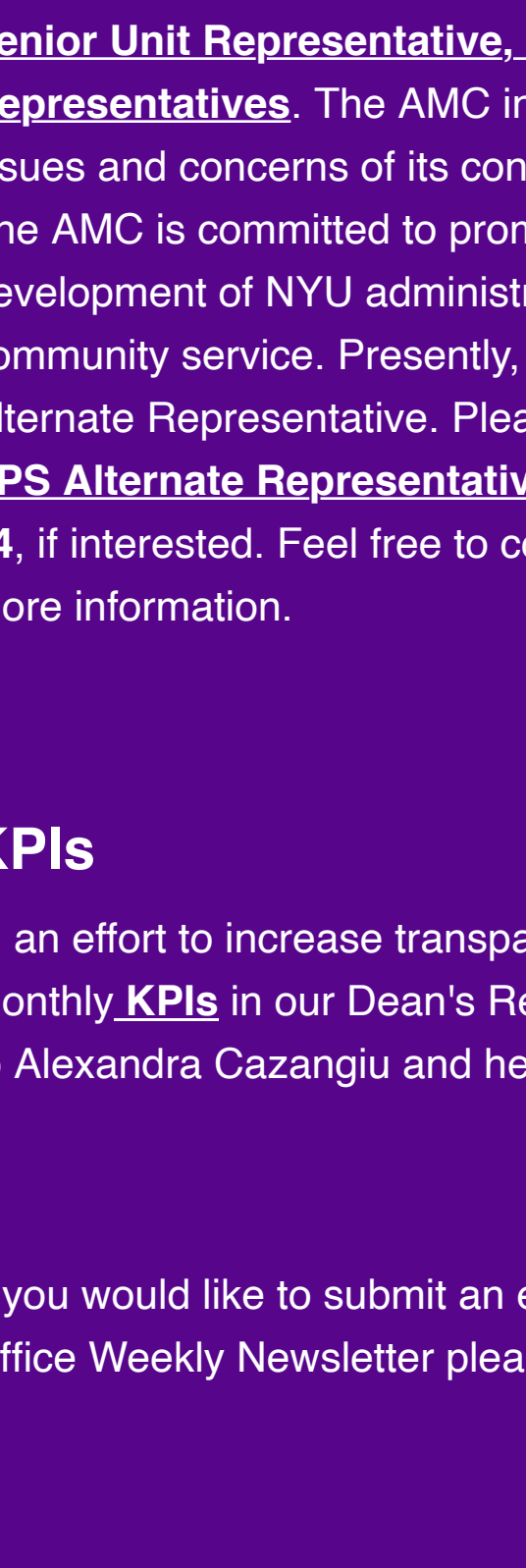
- NYU President **Andrew Hamilton** gave remarks at recent University Senate meeting on developments in Iran, stating, "I believe I speak for everyone in the Senate and indeed the University when I express my admiration for the courage of the students who are standing up for justice and women's rights, and our hope for all of us that this violence will end quickly." Read more about the president's remarks [here](#).
- It's time for eligible voters to register, and then figure out a voting plan. And good news: You can do that all in one place! Visit NYU Votes for the step-by-step on how to [Register to Vote](#) and then [Cast Your Vote](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

NYU SPS Replay Podcast:

Presenting to the world the stories of the community here at the NYU School of Professional Studies. Join us every week for new inspirations and exciting journeys through stories from our faculty, administration, alumni, and students. [#WeAreSPS](#)

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KPIs

In an effort to increase transparency, we will be including our monthly [KPIs](#) in our Dean's Remarks, moving forward. A big thank you to Alexandra Cazangiu and her team for creating this dashboard.

If you would like to submit an event to be featured in the SPS Dean's Office Weekly Newsletter please fill out this [form](#).

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