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Dear members of the Classics Department,

Greetings. Tufts University Presents Archaeology and Classics (TUPAC) is pleased to announce two great opportunities for the Tufts Classics Department starting from Fall 2013. Eta Sigma Phi, the National Undergraduate Honor Society in Classics, has accepted the application of TUPAC to open a chapter with acclamation, and we have been invited to induct our first members. Eta Sigma Phi (http://www.etasigmaphi.org/) is an extremely prestigious community for Classics (or non-Classics) majors, and a brilliant platform to gain contacts, present research papers at conferences of Eta Sigma Phi and that of the American Philological Association (APA). We highly recommend undergraduates to joining Eta Sigma Phi for your future academic career in Classics, since this will be a space to meet your future colleagues or research collaborators. The national prerequisite for joining the society is to have completed one semester of Latin or Greek with a grade over a B. Placement test performances may be counted as well after consultation with us. We will induct a group of students every year, and we strongly encourage you to apply for induction. If you are interested in this, please write a short email to Aniket.De@tufts.edu. We also invite Professors teaching classes on Classical Languages like Greek or Latin to spread the word among their students about this great opportunity.

TUPAC is also planning to publish an online Classics journal, The Column. The Column will be an online peer-reviewed academic journal aimed at publishing scholarly works done by Tufts students in Classics and archaeology. We will release the call for papers and relevant guidelines soon next semester, but before that we will be looking for qualified student reviewers from various topics in archaeology and the classics to help us review articles and give their opinion about it. We cordially invite all undergraduates to be reviewers for The Column. Reviewing will not include any weekly time commitments; the paper relevant to your specialization will be emailed to you along with a review form, where you shall put in your opinions. Professors are welcome to recommend their advisees for reviewing. If you are interested in reviewing articles for the column, email your name, year, major and specialization (the topic you are most familiar with, maybe your senior honors thesis topic) to Aniket.De@tufts.edu.

The honor society and the journal are important steps to facilitate undergraduate research on the classics at Tufts. We look forward to your participation and cooperation in these two endeavours of TUPAC.

With warm regards,
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