Informed Consent/ Assent Form for Parental Permission
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Your child is invited to take part in a research study named EMERGE- Collegiate Mental Health Study. The study is designed to learn more about first-year freshman mental health, wellness, emotions, and social behavior. The research is being conducted by Nicole Nowotny who is a graduate student in the NYU Psychology Department. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Jay Van Bavel in the NYU Department of Psychology.

If you agree to let your child participate in this study, they will be asked to complete questionnaires about their mental health, substance use, social behavior, and emotions. Please note, this study is not designed to provide feedback or diagnostic assessment. Participation will take about 1 hour and your child will receive 1 credit. If your child withdraws before the end of the study, they will receive credit for the time they have completed. If you choose not to allow your child to participate, your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this study.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand group identification and depression in undergraduates.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing from the study will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions they prefer not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be maintained by not keeping any identifying information. Identifying information will be collected for the sole purpose of distributing credit for participation. Once credit has been assigned, all identifying information will be deleted. Information not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without your additional consent.

The researcher cannot keep information confidential if they have concerns that someone is hurting children, that someone is hurting your child, or that your child might hurt themselves or someone else. In such cases, they will inform people in authority about their concerns.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Nicole Nowotny at nn1261@nyu.edu, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Jay Van Bavel at jay.vanbavel@nyu.edu.

For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

You have received a copy of this document to keep.

Agreement to Participate

Parental Signature and Name (please print) ____________________________ Date ________

Participant’s Name (please print): ________________________________