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Yale is at once a tradition, a company of scholars, a society of friends.

Yale: A Short History, by George W. Pierson
(Professor, Yale Department of History, 1936–73)
Brandon Sharp
Hometown: Solon, OH
Anticipated Major: Political Science and International Studies

One thing that surprised me was how well Yale handled the rooming. I certainly didn’t imagine my roommate, from Dublin, Ireland, would become one of my best friends.

On preorientation: I had a lot of help from upperclassmen friends in terms of getting adjusted and choosing classes, but I also did Cultural Connections, which I thought was a great experience not just for people of color, but for everyone. I think it is the right way to be introduced to all that is Yale.

On Freshman Seminars: I would recommend applying to the Seminars for the fall. From what I hear, they are amazing.

On extracurriculars: Unlike high school, you really can’t do everything, so narrowing down early on what you want to do in terms of extracurriculars is a good idea.

On expectations: Many factors went into my decision to come to Yale, but the most important were the people and the culture. First, I wanted a place that had a strong black community because that was something I was missing in high school. Second, I saw an underlying sense of humility in the culture of Yale that is uncommon at schools of its caliber. The well-established music community and International Studies major were other key factors, but ultimately the most important part of choosing a school was being comfortable with the people you will be around for the next four years of your life.

First Year’s Classes
> Introduction to Political Philosophy
> International Ideas and Institutions: Contemporary Challenges
> Elementary Modern Standard Arabic (both semesters)
> Introduction to the Elements of Music (intro music theory)
> Africa since 1938
> Intensive Elementary Portuguese
> Calculus of Functions of One Variable II
> Elementary Studies in Analysis and Composition I (music)

Activities
> Shades A cappella singing group that focuses on African-American music, started in 1988 by a small group of Yale freshmen at the Cultural Connections preorientation program.
> Yale Black Men’s Union
> Club Squash
> Black Student Alliance at Yale
> Battell Chapel Choir Conducted by graduate choral conducting student, the choir sings for Sunday University Church services in Battell.

On Cultural Connections: (CC) introduces freshmen to Yale’s cultural diversity and explores the diversity of student experiences on campus, with emphasis on the experiences of students of color and on issues related to racial identity.

On Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips (FOOT) offer six-day and four-day backpacking trips for all levels in the mountains and hills of Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, led by upperclassmen. Trip leaders have extensive training in keeping FOOTies safe and healthy in the backcountry and are experienced counselors who offer a wealth of support, advice, and friendship.

On Freshman Counselors: The Freshman Counselor Program (a.k.a. Froco) Program was established in 1938 and has been an intrinsic and essential component of Yale’s advising system for freshmen ever since. Each first-year student is assigned a counselor who acts as a guide through the transition to life at Yale. Frocos are a diverse group of seniors who are friends/mentors/ problem-solvers— but not supervisors or disciplinarians. All freshmen except those in Timothy Dwight and Stillman live together on Old Campus during their first year, and Frocos live among them. (Freshmen are grouped in Old Campus residence by college affiliation, which allows all freshmen no matter their college affiliation to get to know each other.)

On Orientation for International Students: The International Students Program is a four-day program designed to ease the transition of international students to the United States, and to acquaint them with academic life and culture at Yale. It is organized and led by international upperclassmen with support from the Office of International Students and Scholars.

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The program pays for you to do research with Yale faculty, allowing you gain experience in a field that really interests you.

On orientation: One of the most enjoyable and exciting parts of the year. Take advantage of this time without academic responsibilities to explore everything that Yale has to offer and to meet as many people as you can.

On Perspectives on Science: All of the lecture topics are fascinating. We had lectures from a range of disciplines, including quantum computing, looking at new and novel microbes and drugs in the rain forest, and tissue engineering as it relates to repairing spinal injuries. It also provides an opportunity for the summer.

If you know that you are interested in science or research, Perspectives on Science is an excellent way to explore different fields and get a feel for what you would like to study.
Anatomy of a Residential College.  
*(Yale has no dormitories)*

Even before freshmen arrive they are assigned to one of Yale’s twelve residential colleges. More than mere dormitories, the colleges are richly endowed with libraries, dining halls, movie theaters, darkrooms, climbing walls, ceramics studios, “butteries” a.k.a. snack bars, and many other kinds of facilities. Rather than grouping students according to interests, majors, or sports, each college is home to its own microcosm of the student body as a whole. So if a certain percentage of Yale’s students hail from the west coast or abroad, you can expect to see roughly that percentage in each college.

Yalies identify with their college throughout their lives, meeting one another in far-off places not only as an Eli but as a Saybrugian, Sillimander, or Morsel as well. A truly little-known fact is that while students always have the option of switching colleges throughout their years at Yale, scant few do. Read the over-the-top boosterism by members of each college in the freshman welcome issue of the *Yale Daily News* and you’ll understand why—they all think they’re the best!

Yale’s college system is the early-20th-century brainchild of philanthropist and alumnus Edward S. Harkness (B.A. 1897). Architecture critic Paul Goldberger tells us in *Yale in New Haven: Architecture and Urbanism* (Yale University, 2004) that Harkness, like many alumni of his generation, took pleasure in Yale’s growing international reputation and stature but worried that as the University grew, the close bonds between students that had meant so much to him would diminish. In 1927 Harkness and his friend, fellow Eli and architect James Gamble Rogers, made a “secret mission” to England to study Oxford and Cambridge Universities’ collegiate system. “The men came back convinced,” writes Goldberger, that dividing the undergraduate body into a series of residential colleges “was the best route to preserving the network of Yale-inspired connections” that had been so important to them throughout their lives. In the fall of 1933 the first seven of the twelve colleges opened.

The Courtyard: The image of the secret garden was architect James Gamble Rogers’s inspiration for the courtyards around which each residential college is designed. According to legendary art historian and Yale professor emeritus Vincent Scully, Rogers transformed Yale into a loose association of “little paradises.”
Yale in Miniature.  
(A tour of Calhoun College)

FLOOR 1
Dean’s Apartment
Dean Leslie Woodard lives in Calhoun with her Shetland sheepdog named Jimmy Dean and two cats. An avid dressage rider, she wants to assure all that her horse, Centaurs is stabled elsewhere. She comes from a family of mathematicians and scientists, but her own connection to such activities is limited to her being a big fan of Star Trek. She is also a devotee of film, classical and jazz music, and opera.

FLOOR 1
Dining Hall
One of the social centers in every college. Throughout the year, ‘Hounies’ celebrate their college pride through various events organized jointly by the Master’s Office and the Dining Hall staff.

FLOOR 1
Buttery
Run by students, “The Trolley Stop” is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 pm to 1 am. Hang out with friends over a Calhoun signature buffalo chicken wrap.

FLOOR 2
Library
Open 14 hours a day, the library has large tables, comfortable couches, and carrels for studying, as well as a large collection of books and magazines; next-door is a computer cluster.

FLOOR 2
Music Suite
Two soundproofed practice rooms, one with a Yamaha upright, the other with a drum set, keyboard, guitars, and amplifier.

BASEMENT
Game Room
Music blaring and the simultaneous thwack of a good break on two pool tables means a game of Eight Ball is in the offing.

BASEMENT
Digital Media Center
Fully stocked with all the hardware and software needed to create your own digital masterpieces.

BASEMENT
Pottery Studio
Clay, three pottery wheels, and a kiln.

BASEMENT
Student Kitchen
All the tools you need, whether you’re preparing a full-course dinner for friends or just heating some ramen.

BASEMENT
Student Lounge
Cosy lounge chairs, a giant flatscreen TV, DVD player, VCR, and PS3 console make this a popular spot.

BASEMENT
Art Studio
Stocked with art supplies, easels, and walls designed for painting displays. Artistic ‘Hounies’ can also store their own supplies and projects here.

BASEMENT
Master’s House
Jonathan Holloway is joined in the Master’s House by his wife, Associate Master Aisling Colón, their daughter, Emerson, and their son, Ellison.

BASEMENT
Weight, Exercise, and Fitness Rooms
A full range of state-of-the-art equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, rowing machines, and reclying and upright stationary bikes.

BASEMENT
Student Weight
Two soundproofed practice rooms, one with a Yamaha upright, the other with a drum set, keyboard, guitars, and amplifier.

BASEMENT
Dance Studio
With mirrors, barre, a sprung wooden floor, and a rollout tap dance floor.

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Master’s Office
The master is the chief administrative officer and the presiding faculty presence in each residential college. During the year, the master hosts lectures, study breaks (especially during finals), and Master’s Teas—intimate gatherings during which students have the opportunity to engage with renowned guests from the academy, government, and popular culture.

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If a student is having difficulty with a particular course, the college dean can often help by talking with the student’s instructor or with the relevant department’s director of undergraduate studies, or by referring the student to one of the programs that offer tutoring assistance. Getting to know each student as an individual helps the dean to address concerns as personally and effectively as possible.

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Mastering Life.

What really makes a residential college a college versus simply a place to live is that each has its own dean and master—adults living among students in micro-cosmos of Yale College as a whole. The master is the head of his or her college, responsible for the physical well-being and safety of students who live there, as well as for fostering and shaping the college’s academic, intellectual, social, athletic, and artistic life. Calhoun Master Jonathan Holloway does not think of Yale students as “kids.” But he does think of them as adults in training. He advises his students to explore widely, remember they are investing in their futures, and not to be afraid to make mistakes. “The very concept of having a college master and dean exists because we know students are going to make mistakes,” he says. Master Holloway is Professor of History, African American Studies, and American Studies and, like most masters, a leader in his field. After he became a college master, he discovered a whole different aspect to his students’ lives. “I simply had no idea how busy they were outside of the classroom. In fact, they are busier outside of the classroom than they are inside!” He doesn’t teach differently as a result, but he understands how complicated students’ lives can be. An important part of what makes the residential colleges “home,” he says, is that “adults live alongside students, celebrating their successes and helping them navigate their challenges.” He sees mentoring and counseling Yale students as his opportunity to have a positive effect on the future.

A Dean of One’s Own.

Residential college deans serve as chief academic and personal advisers to students in their colleges. Calhoun College Dean Leslie Woodard says the college system means she sees students not just in class but at dinner, at social events, in the college’s hallways and courtyard. She attends their concerts and gallery shows. “When I advise Calhoun students about courses or majors or projects, because I have that personal relationship I can point out things they might not have thought about—about how this or that course would influence or relate to something else they are interested in,” she says.

Dean Woodard says some new Yale students get their acceptances, throw their clothes in a bag, hop on a bus, and that’s it—they are already very independent. “But there are others who, until a week before college begins, had a curfew and someone to make sure they did their homework.” Her job is to assist them with the process of transitioning to independence. “A lot of what I do is work with them to budget their time so they don’t get caught with ten things due on Wednesday and it’s Tuesday night and they don’t know what they’re going to do,” she says.

”Yale students are quite literally the best and the brightest,” says Dean Woodard. “It’s a wonderful thing to be able to have a little bit of influence on how their incredible assets are applied. What I want them to know is that somebody has got their back. That’s really how I look at it.”
Debate This.
(Pierson Dining Hall conversations in progress)

Amira Valliani, Jeff Sun, and Chris Palencia are talking about U.S. travel restrictions to Cuba. Jeff suggests you could get there through Canada or Mexico, but someone says that could result in a hefty fine. They conclude the best way to go would be for academic purposes. Amira mentions a Yale professor doing research in Cuba over the summer and looking for students to help. Jeff adds that the Chaplain’s Office led a community service trip to Cuba. That’s when they start talking about the Chaplain’s Office, which they say is an amazing and unbelievably under-utilized study space. Turns out it also has food, they say with more than a little excitement. “They have an ice cream freezer and a rowboat filled to the brim with Swedish Fish and Sour Patch Kids!” says Amira.

Alan Montes and Alex Kain are talking about their recent trips to Kenya and Venezuela for election monitoring and a journalism fellowship, respectively. As they look toward next summer, they are weighing the benefits and trade-offs between summer internships vs. summer classes vs. staying at home.

They may run out of your favorite veggie Caesar wrap, but no matter what time you arrive or whom you sit with, no dining hall will have a shortage of interesting conversation. “Dinner for me was something extraordinarily important,” says a recent alum. “I’d sit down across from someone and ask them what they did that day and the answer would be remarkable. So much of my Yale education came from talking to people over dinner.”

Students: Eric Bank and Vikram Jairam, and Pierson College Fellow Rosalie J. Blandon, who is the associate dean for finance and administration at Yale School of Public Health, are debating the charisma quotient of Barack Obama vs. John F. Kennedy.

They did that day and the answer would be remarkable. So much of my Yale education came from talking to people over dinner.” Says another alum, “I only thought I was open-minded before Yale. Debating an issue could turn my views upside down in a single conversation. That was the fun of it.”
Decoding the Colleges.
(Residential College rundown)

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<td>Collegiate Gothic, with a touch of Tudor; built in 1934</td>
<td>Delicious reputation: as test kitchen for Yale's Sustainable Food Project, Berkeley pioneered a sustainable menu for all the colleges</td>
<td>Annual snowball fight, North Court vs. South Court</td>
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<td>Branford</td>
<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened 1933; home to Harkness Tower and its bells</td>
<td>Robert Frost described our courtyard as &quot;the most beautiful college courtyard in America&quot;</td>
<td>Independence Day, when Branford declares its independence from Yale in a day of barbecues and parties</td>
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<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened 1933</td>
<td>The Cabaret in the basement, with hugely popular student shows</td>
<td>Trolley Night: Clang, clang, clang goes the party; &quot;Hounfest&quot;</td>
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<td>Davenport a.k.a. D'Port</td>
<td>One of its facades is Collegiate Gothic, the other is Georgian; opened in 1933</td>
<td>The Gnome, who watches over us, when he's not being abducted; our own orchestra, the Dpoppi; late nights at the Dvee grill</td>
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<td>The coed &quot;Men of JE&quot; like to sing and incite mischief</td>
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<td>Morse</td>
<td>Modern; designed by Eero Saarinen; built in 1961 with a 14-story tower and no right angles</td>
<td>Our sculpture, Lipstick (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks, by Claes Oldenburg</td>
<td>Casino Night, one of Yale's biggest parties, once ranked in Rolling Stone's Top 10 College Parties (with the Stilestians)</td>
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<td>Georgian; built in 1933</td>
<td>Wrestling in the Jello Pit of Justice on Pierson Day; our cheer: P is for the P in Pierson College, I is for the I in Pierson College…</td>
<td>Tuesday Night Club, a college-wide party to help make it through the early part of the week</td>
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<td>Saybrook</td>
<td>Collegiate Gothic; completed in 1933</td>
<td>We're in a chase scene in the latest Indian movie; our own Chamber Orchestra (known as SYCHO)</td>
<td>Party in the &quot;ca Pack&quot; and always respond &quot;Saybrook!&quot; when asked, &quot;Say what?&quot;</td>
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<td>Varied: Collegiate Gothic; modified French Renaissance, Georgian; completed in 1940</td>
<td>Biggest numbers, biggest courtyard; Intramurals dominate; won the Tyng Cup three years in a row</td>
<td>Get sill in the 80s-style Safety Dance; the Olympics to welcome Sillifresh</td>
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<td>Ezra Stiles</td>
<td>Modern master-piece, designed by Eero Saarinen; opened in 1962</td>
<td>Our memorial mouse mascot in the Dining Hall; Silver Screen Film Society</td>
<td>Casino Night (with the Morrisels); annual Arts Festival; Ezra Stiles Day spring celebration</td>
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<td>Trumbull</td>
<td>Quintessential Yale/Collegiate Gothic; completed in 1933</td>
<td>Potty Court, where our gargoyle &quot;Thinker&quot; is enthroned and decorated every year</td>
<td>Rumble in Trumbull (bounce-house &quot;fights&quot;); Pamplona (running of the Trum Bulls around campus)</td>
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Spine-Tyngling Fun.
(Intramural sports)

So you played sports in high school but aren’t quite hardcore enough to suit up for the Bulldogs. You’re in luck. The residential college intramural scene offers a chance to continue your career at a surprisingly high level of competition or to start playing a new sport—no need to mention a way to prove that your college reigns supreme. The Tyng Cup, annually awarded for overall excellence to the college accumulating the greatest number of points through intramural play, was first presented in 1933. The Tyng continues to be the most coveted of all intramural awards, spawning competitive rivalries that make IMs a way of life for former high school all-stars and P.E. dropouts alike.

Much of the above first appeared in "Intramurals at Yale are spine-Tyngling fun" by Aaron Lichtig (1999) writing for the Yale Herald.

More than Oolong.
(Master’s Teas)

Master’s Teas are informal qa&as hosted by the masters of each residential college and often cohosted by campus organizations such as the Film Society or the Yale Daily News. The teas give small groups of students an intimate opportunity to pick the brains of world leaders, thinkers, and talents. Members of the hosting college get first dibs on front-row seats.

Recent guests
Trumbull: Lois Lowry, author of The Giver; Joan Acocella, dance and book reviewer for The New Yorker; mountain climber Fred Beckey, Ashlar Swelan, adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt.
Branford: Robert Pinsky, former U.S. poet laureate; Chris Bridges, a.k.a. Ludacris, rapper and actor; Howard Dean, former presidential candidate and chair of the Democratic Party; Martha Stewart, designer, businesswoman, author, and talk show host.

Silliman: Brandon Scott Sessions, gay blogger, celebrity commentator, and Internet personality; Nihad Awad, activist and executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations; Daniel Washington, Academy Award-winning actor, producer, and director.
Ezra Stiles: Cesar Pelli, renowned architect; Ed Norton, actor and director; Howard Dean, former presidential candidate and chair of the Democratic Party; Martha Stewart, designer, businesswoman, author, and talk show host.

Exra Stiles: Mark Morlan, jazz pianist; Steven Schwartz, Broadway composer and lyricist.

More: Malcolm Gladwell, author of The Tipping Point and Blink; Bobby Lopez, composer and lyricist of Avenue Q; Mark Penn, author of Microtrends and adviser to Bill Clinton; Tony Blair, Bill Gates, and Hillary Clinton.

Jonathan Edwards: Alexander, actor; Michael Pollan, author of The Omnivore’s Dilemma; Gary Beach, Tony Award-winning actor.

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Morse: Malcolm Gladwell, author of The Tipping Point and Blink; Bobby Lopez, composer and lyricist of Avenue Q; Mark Penn, author of Microtrends and adviser to Bill Clinton; Tony Blair, Bill Gates, and Hillary Clinton.

Jonathan Edwards: Alexander, actor; Michael Pollan, author of The Omnivore’s Dilemma; Gary Beach, Tony Award-winning actor.
“Time and change shall naught avail / To break the friendships formed at Yale.”

from “Bright College Years,” Yale’s alma mater

It’s no accident that playwright John Guare, who wrote *Six Degrees of Separation* (theorizing that everyone in the world is connected by no more than five friends of other friends), went to Yale. As senior Travis Nelson says, that kind of connectedness—which morphs into new friendships and affects other interactions down the line—“is what Yale feeds on.” Recognizing one’s unique impact on people here and their impact on you is central to the Yale experience. These bonds very often begin in the residential colleges (you’ll soon learn all roads lead to the residential colleges). The eleven friends on these pages all belong to Timothy Dwight College. Here they talk about chance meetings, their impact on one another, and friendship in the Ivory Tower.

“My freshman year, my very first class was in the basement of a building far away from everything else. I was lost, but found another freshman-looking wanderer outside the building. I took a chance and got lucky… he was in the same class, and we eventually found the room together. It was a small seminar, and so Matt and I became friends over the course of the semester. That year, we both decided to join Yale Model Congress as a fun break from class. Over the years, it has become a primary extracurricular activity for both of us; he was president last year, I am this year. Neither of us had the slightest interest in consulting, but Matt convinced me to come out to an information session for a consulting firm… mostly because it’d be fun to hang out over free (delicious) food at the Omni Hotel in downtown New Haven instead of going to the dining hall. As it turns out, Matt and I both worked for that consulting firm over the summer, and have decided (not officially yet, though) to go back and work for the same firm after graduation. I think this just goes to show that friendships at Yale happen anywhere in any situation… and can bring a turn of events that you never could have predicted. That rocks.”

Neil Chheda
(at head of table)
Hometown
Great Neck, NY
Major
Political Science
Activities
Yale Model Congress, Yale Debate Association, Yale World Fellows Program

“Sophomore year Jamie asked me if I wanted to go on a run, which was funny, because even the shuttle races for the Presidential Physical Fitness test were not my thing in elementary school. But she’s so cool, so I decided to run with her. Our sophomore year, we ran every morning. It was one of the best parts of the day. We’d wake up at seven in the morning, and run for an hour up to East Rock. It was never anything that I would have done otherwise. And then we ran the New York Marathon. I hated her that day. She was loving it. She was in front of me the entire time, saying, ‘Brett, isn’t this awesome?’ And I’d be like, ‘Do not talk to me.’”

Brett Brown
(Hometown)
Murray, KY
Major
Music
Activities
Yale Herald, various chamber groups, music performances, ran NYC Marathon last year

“Freshman year, Neil lived across the hall from Brett and TJ, who were roommates. Brett and Jamie run together every morning.

Brett has been friends since freshman year with Pat (below), who coeds Brett with ‘encouraging me to write for The New Journal, which I love.’

Jamie stays at Pat’s house in Boston during the Harvard-Yale game.

Neil meets his Model Congress friends every Wednesday night at Yorkshire restaurant.

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Jamie was TJ’s (above) freshman dance blind date.
Tori and Jess lived in the same entryway freshman year and on the same floor junior year.

Jamie says she and Jess “bonded playing Intramural Inner Tube Water Polo.”

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Jess

“One day freshman fall, about eight of us decided to journey up to Morse for our first Master’s Tea—I think it was the producer of Sex and the City. However, we were quickly waylaid by what we found in the courtyard. During the night, TD’s huge gingko tree had completely changed colors, and now the TD courtyard was covered with vibrant yellow leaves. We had a little bit of extra time, so we started an impromptu leaf fight. Bit by bit, more people were drawn outside to join in the fun. Soon, the entire courtyard was filled with dozens of students laughing, taking pictures, jumping, and all-around frolicking in the bright yellow leaves. The Master’s Tea was forgotten; two hours and several hundred pictures later, with leaves stuck in our hair and clothing, we all trudged into the dining hall for dinner.”

Jamie

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Elise and Tori were suitemates freshman year (by chance) and chose to be roommates again their sophomore year.

Jamie (right) met Elise (below) even before freshman year started, during foot, a preorientation backpacking trip. According to Elise, “Jamie basically carried/coaxed/encouraged me up the side of Mt. Washington, the tallest peak in the Northeast, on one of the first days I’d ever met her. She’s great!”

Jamie Redman (above)
Hometown
Spokane, WA
Major History of Science, History of Medicine
Activities Yale Women’s Crew (2007, 2008 National Champions, Undefeated Season, First Team All-American, Academic All-American)

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Met at Yale
Bob Woodward and John Kerry
George W. Bush and Garry Trudeau
Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bill Clinton
Sigourney Weaver and Meryl Streep
Angela Bassett and Tony Shalhoub
Frances McDormand and David Henry Hwang
Jodie Foster and Jennifer Beals
David Duchovny and Paul Giamatti
Edward Norton and Jennifer Connelly

Through mutual friends in Timothy Dwight College who are admission tour guides and STEP (Student Task Force Environmental Partnership) coordinators, Jess became friends with Ayaska (center), an admission tour guide, and Alice (right), a STEP coordinator.
“When I got here I thought, ‘I will learn everything at once.’ Against the advice of my college dean I took the hardest classes I could and kind of burnt myself out. But throughout the year I started to learn that that’s actually not what Yale is all about. It’s the classes, yes. And the skill set for your studies—all that happens. But the people skills—that’s something I don’t think you can get anywhere else. The learning to interact in this whole Ivory Tower environment is just phenomenal and it’s what I love about this place. People ask me do I have any complaints about Yale? And the only one is it gets cold here in the winter. Because I can’t imagine a better group of people to spend these four years with. Each person is such an integral part of the community. You’ll run into groups here or there. Two groups will come together at some random point, meet, and new friendships will be made. Some won’t be kept up, but you’ll run into that person later on or that interaction will affect the next interaction. All that kind of mixing and interaction is what Yale really feeds on.”

“Yale friends are family. Since we are all away from home, we are essentially each other’s love and support—the kind you usually would get at home, except better, because there’s no one to tell you when to brush your teeth or when to go to bed. I have formed closer relationships with people here than I ever have before. My life is better and blessed because of the relationships that have formed over the past four years. I know that I will be friends with them for the rest of my life.”

“I am following in his footsteps as Freshman Counselor.”

“Tori and Sarah were roommates junior year. When they ran into each other on York Street, Sarah introduced Tori to her friend.

Tori and Brett became friends freshman year because he was close friends with her suitemates.

Sarah and Travis became friends freshman year playing soccer in the TD courtyard.

Who Goes to Yale

- Students from 50 states
- 80+ countries
- 44% from private or parochial schools
- 50% women
- 39% minority students
- 10% international students
- 96% graduate within five years
- 88% live on campus
- 58% have jobs on campus
- 13% earn double majors
- Over 80% participate in community service
- Over 70% participate in intercollegiate or intramural athletics

- Students from all entering class
- 97% of incoming freshmen ranked in the top tenth of high school graduating class
- 40% major in the Arts and Humanities
- 41% major in the Social Sciences
- 19% major in the Biological and Physical Sciences
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Yale is an institution rich in the traditions of scholarship, abounding in the joys of learning. But a liberal education is not simply given to you. You must actively pursue it. Take every advantage of the treasures here at Yale. The world is all before you.

Richard C. Levin, President of Yale University
A Liberal Education.
(Freedom to think)

Academically, Yale makes two broad demands of students: a reasonable diversity of subject matter and approach, particularly in the early years; and in the later years, concentration in one of the major programs or departments. This style of education liberates the mind by developing the skills, creativity, and broad familiarity with the world that can foster effective leadership.

The mission of Yale College is to seek exceptionally promising students of all backgrounds from across the nation and around the world and to educate them, through mental discipline and social experience, to develop their intellectual, moral, civic, and creative capacities to the fullest. The aim of this education is the cultivation of citizens with a rich awareness of our heritage to lead and serve in every sphere of human activity.
6:1
Student-to-faculty ratio.

3+3=breadth
Also called breadth.
There is no specific class you have to take at Yale, but students are required to learn broadly and deeply. Depth is covered in one’s major. Breadth is covered by taking courses in three study areas (the humanities and arts, the sciences, and the social sciences) and three skill areas (writing, quantitative reasoning, and foreign language).

75+
Number of foreign languages offered.

2,000+
Courses offered each year in 80 academic programs and departments.

96%
Of tenured professors of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences regularly teach undergraduate courses.

7%
Courses with a graduate student serving as the primary classroom instructor—chiefly in foreign language instruction and freshman English—accounted for 7 percent of courses during the last school year. That means 93 percent of all undergraduate courses are taught by professors or lecturers.

36
Studies

3:1
Student-to-faculty ratio in engineering.

93%
Percentage of seniors in the most recent graduating class who participated in international study, research, and/or internships while at Yale.

95%
Admission rate for Yale College graduates to medical schools (national average 45%).

36/8
The degree requirements for graduation are 36 term courses in eight terms, about a third in the major. Students typically take four or five courses per term.

79%
Of Yale College courses enroll fewer than 20 students.

40
Approximately 40 of the 2,000 courses offered enroll more than 100 students.

12,700,000+
Holdings in Yale’s library, making it the second-largest university library system in the United States.

$6,000,000+
Funding for international activities in the most recent academic year.

800+
Science, math, and engineering labs at Yale College and the graduate and professional schools.

3:1
Student-to-faculty ratio in other STEM disciplines.

70
Undergraduates each year for the last five years have coauthored published research.

99%
Freshmen who return sophomore year.

1,397
International study, research, and internship experiences undertaken by Yale College students in 2009–2010.

200+
Summer fellowships for undergraduate science and engineering students per year.

150
Over the last five years 150 faculty members have published research with undergraduates.

40
Enroll fewer than 10.

#1
In supercomputer speed in the Ivy League.

1,397

100+
Number of Yale College majors.

73%
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College Meets University.
(One of the world’s greatest research universities at your fingertips)

Physically and philosophically, Yale College for undergraduates is at the heart of Yale University. An extraordinary commitment to undergraduate teaching sets Yale apart from other great research universities in the world. More than 75 departments and programs offer approximately 2,000 undergraduate courses each year—many of them taught by Yale’s most distinguished historians, literary critics, scientists and engineers, mathematicians, artists and composers, poets, and social scientists.

Faculty call it a stunningly vibrant intellectual atmosphere that can’t happen at undergraduate-only institutions or at research universities that do not focus on teaching.

**School of Engineering & Applied Science**
As a Mechanical Engineering student, help design a hybrid race car to compete in the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Formula Hybrid International.

**Graduate School of Arts & Sciences**
Continue conversations from graduate-level seminars over coffee and muffins at the Blue Dog Café. Take graduate courses in science and engineering, almost all of which are open to undergraduates. On Friday afternoons, join undergraduates and graduate students in the Physics department to eat pizza, and hear and present weekly talks on current research. Make heads turn as you graduate wearing your yellow hood indicating that you’ve earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry.

**School of Drama**
Get a student season pass to the Yale Repertory Theatre, and see six plays a year at one of America’s leading professional theaters. Read original manuscripts from Eugene O’Neill’s Long Day’s Journey into Night. Study light plots from the original production of Germaine’s Porgy and Bess. Audition for Yale School of Drama and Yale Cabaret shows. Put on student productions at the University Theatre, with 96 feet of fly space and seating for 644.

**Law School**
Have lunch in the Law School dining hall with Constitutional Law professor Akhil Amar. Listen to speeches by visiting Supreme Court Justices. Wander the Law School stacks. The Law Library is also a favorite study spot.

**School of Architecture**
Meet with professors and grad students in Rudolph Hall (named for its architect, Paul Rudolph, faculty 1958–63). Check out student shows and curated exhibitions in the Architecture Gallery. Attend an evening lecture by one of the School’s professors who are luminaries in the field, including the dean, Robert A.M. Stern.

**School of Public Health**
Take a course in epidemiology in conjunction with an independent research project you’re working on in a lab on Science Hill.

**School of Art**
Discover the next Chuck Close (M.F.A. 1964) at the School’s open studios. Participate in group shows in the same gallery in Green Hall where master’s students mount their thesis shows. Attend a graduate painting critique by visiting artists.

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**School of Music**
Take advantage of full access to the LivingGilmore Library with 70,000 scores and parts for musical performance and study; 45,000 pieces of sheet music; 50,000 books about music; 25,000 LP recordings and compact discs; 5,000 microfilms of music manuscripts and scores. Take lessons for credit with School of Music faculty. Attend free concerts at the Sprague Hall given by Music School students and visiting performers. Earn a paid choir position with the Yale Schola Cantorum or choral conducting students. (Some students earn these coveted spots all four years.)

**School of Engineering & Environmental Studies**
Take one of the School’s graduate-level courses. Earn a five-year bachelor’s and master’s in Forestry, Forest Science, Environmental Science, or Environmental Management. Partner with the School’s grad students and faculty on environmental initiatives through Yale’s Office of Sustainability. Bookmark the School’s Web site to keep up with all of the events happening each year, or tune into the site’s weekly podcasts.

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Blue Booking.

(When shopping and parties are academic)

Yale is one of the only universities in the country that lets you test-drive your classes before you register. During “shopping period,” the first ten days of each semester, students can visit dozens of classes that interest them to decide which they will actually take. Preparing to shop is a much anticipated ritual in and of itself, called “Blue Booking” (from the days of hard copies, when the blue-covered catalog listing approximately 2,000 courses was dog-eared, highlighted, and Post-It flagged by the start of shopping period). Today, Elis have been known to message each other around the world with word that the new Blue Book is online. Blue Booking takes place around multiple screens, and the making of wish lists of courses is done individually, in small groups of friends, and en masse at parties.

10:00 am
I start off the day a bit later than usual because the night before, my friend Ryan and I went to the U.S. Open Quarterfinals. When we got back to campus, I grabbed a slice of pizza with some friends who told me about their summer working in Singapore and traveling through Southeast Asia, so I didn’t get to bed until 4:30. Needless to say, I sleep through the 9:30 class I had planned to shop on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

10:30
The first class I make it to is Twentieth-Century Architecture. I’m concentrating in Urban Studies within my major—Ethics, Politics, and Economics—so I figure the class might give me a better perspective on city planning.

11:30
I run from one lecture to the next, checking out New York Mambo, a cool class about Black and Latino music and its African roots. The professor was the master of Timothy Dwight College and is known for his wild antics both in and out of the classroom.

Blue Booking.

Zach Marks Shops Fall Courses
Thursday, September 6
Hometown
Philadelphia, PA
Major
Ethics, Politics, and Economics

12:45 pm
I have time to grab a quick bite from the Law School cafeteria, where I make myself a salad to bring into Constitutional Law, taught by Akhil Amar, one of the world’s preeminent legal minds. One minute you see him testifying before the Senate on C-Span, the next he’s teaching you in class.

1:30
I sneak out of Con Law a bit early with my friend Edwina, who’s also an EP&E major, to check out Moral Choices in Politics. It’s one of the seminars that really draw people to apply for EP&E, and by the time we get there the room is filled. On the walk over we chat about her summer working at a think tank in Paris and my summer working at a think tank in D.C.

3:00
I hop from one seminar to the next, catching the end of Urban Politics and Policy. I’ll probably end up asking the professor to advise me in writing my senior thesis.

4:00
There are still so many classes I’d love to shop but I have to run to work at the Admissions Office, where I coordinate the Student Ambassador program, which sends Yalies during breaks to high schools that have great students but haven’t traditionally sent many to Yale.
Shopping Lists.

Yale’s “shopping period” at the start of every semester allows students to visit classes they might want to take before registering. Here, a few wish lists from one fall semester.

Freshman Seminars are small classes just for freshmen, with some of Yale’s most distinguished faculty members. Some seminars provide an introduction to a particular field of study; others take an interdisciplinary approach to a variety of topics. All seminars provide an intimate context for developing relationships with faculty members and peers.

Directed Studies is a selective freshman interdisciplinary program in Western civilization that includes three-yearlong courses—literature, philosophy, and historical and political thought—in which students read the central works of the Western tradition.

Perspectives on Science and Engineering is a lecture and discussion course for selected freshmen who have exceptionally strong backgrounds in science and mathematics. The yearlong course explores a broad range of topics, exposes students to questions at the frontiers of science, and connects first-year students to Yale’s scientific community. All students are given the option of pursuing a fully funded research project the summer after freshman year. Each year, about 75 freshmen are selected based on outstanding admissions records in mathematics and science.

Science and Engineering Undergraduate Research Yale is one of the world’s foremost research universities. Independent scientific research and engineering research and design projects are an integral part of undergraduate science education at Yale. Science students can begin conducting original research as early as the freshman year through access to Yale’s more than 800 faculty laboratories in 43 degree-granting programs in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Yale School of Medicine, and Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

STARS (Science, Technology, and Research Scholars) provides undergraduate students historically underrepresented in the fields of natural science and quantitative reasoning, such as racial and ethnic minorities, women, and the physically challenged, an opportunity to combine research, course-based study, and development of mentorship skills. The program offers research support to students historically underrepresented in the fields of natural science and quantitative reasoning, such as racial and ethnic minorities, women, and the physically challenged. More than 100 students each year participate in the academic year and summer STARS programs.

International Study Understanding the dynamics of a globalizing world begins in the classroom, with studies ranging from international development to statecraft and power, from ethnicity and culture to public health. But Yale recognizes that experience abroad is essential to preparing students for global citizenship and leadership. Such experience may include course work in foreign universities, intensive language training, directed research, independent projects, internships, laboratory work, and volunteer service. (See page 60)

Preparing for Medical, Law, or Business School Yale students have an outstanding record of admission to top medical, business, and law schools, but we offer no pre-professional degree programs. Students here prepare for entrance to professional schools (e.g., medicine, business, law) by choosing any one of Yale’s undergraduate majors and working with a Yale adviser who knows what is needed to advance to the next level of education. So, it’s not unusual to find an English or Political Science major going on to medical school or an Environmental Studies or Chinese major going on to law or business school.

Academic Advising is a collective effort by the residential colleges, academic departments, and various offices connected to the Yale College Dean’s Office. Students’ primary academic advisers are their residential college deans, to whom they may always turn for academic and personal advice. College deans live in residential colleges and supervise the advising networks in the college. Students also have a freshman adviser who is a Yale faculty member or administrator affiliated with their adviser’s residential college. Each academic department also has a director of undergraduate studies (DUS) who can discuss with students the department’s course offerings and requirements for majors.
One fall afternoon some of Yale’s (and the world’s) leading thinkers in evolutionary biology, religious studies, literature, psychology, biochemistry, astrophysics, art, history, and philosophy got together for a conversation. Some knew each other and others did not, but they came to similar conclusions in talking about why they teach, the uniqueness of the Yale undergraduate, and why common notions about large research universities aren’t true here.

**Eavesdropping on Professors.**

*(Great minds talk about teaching)*

People here always say Yale is devoted to undergraduate teaching. How can that be true?

**Alexander Nemerov** “I have never understood the notion that one’s teaching is separated from one’s research. One of the courses I teach is an undergraduate seminar on the visual culture of the Second World War. Now it’s said that people who are 20 years old have lost touch with what that war was, but I find evidence to the contrary in my seminar. It’s not only that they care about the material and can inhabit it, but they can contribute to my own understandings of it.”

**Michael Della Rocca** “I find that myself. When I’m teaching, I’m not just teaching philosophy. I’m doing philosophy with the students. I really advance my own research and we come to philosophical insights and conclusions together in the course. I’m the chair of the Philosophy department and one of our biggest strengths in recruiting professors here is the undergraduates. People love teaching them. It’s the drawing card I stress whenever I’m trying to recruit a faculty member from another good institution.”

**Michael Donoghue** “I may be highly unusual in this—being a scientist—but at least half the good ideas I’ve ever had have grown out of teaching. Where you’re faced with some question out of the blue from a student and you say, ‘Well, I’ve never thought about it that way.’ And two weeks later you’re thinking, ‘Wow, I should really think about it that way—that’s really interesting.’ So there is a lot of feedback into the research end for me.”

**Alyssa Mt. Pleasant** Assistant Professor of History and American Studies

Professor Mt. Pleasant teaches broadly in American Indian history and offers courses in American Indian Studies. Her research focuses on Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) history and American Indians in the Northeast. Professor Mt. Pleasant’s recent publications examine American Indians’ debates about the place of missionaries and formal education within reservation communities. She is currently at work on a manuscript about the Buffalo Creek reservation and is developing a project about Seneca women in the nineteenth century.

Recent Courses

- Introduction to American Indian History; Land, Homelands, and American Indian Histories; Northeastern Native America to 1850; Indian-Colonial Relations in Comparative Perspective

**Meg Urry** "It’s not just how smart they are or how hard they work—you can find that at other places—but it’s their cleverness, their thoughtfulness. I teach an intro to physics class. Many of the kids in my class are headed for medical school, so physics isn’t their passion. But I can guarantee that at least once a week I get a question that is just incredibly creative, introducing an idea or thought that I have never had before, and this is from people who aren’t even going to be physicists.”

**Christine Hayes** “It’s what Michael [Donoghue] said. When I think about what I’m going to teach I often think, ‘What do I want to study with a whole bunch of smart people?’”

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**Alexander Nemerov**

Vincent J. Scully Professor of the History of Art; Professor of American Studies

Professor Nemerov chairs the History of Art department, and writes and teaches about American painting, sculpture, photography, and film. His most recent books are *Acting in the Night: Macbeth and the Places of the Civil War* (2010), about a single night’s performance of Macbeth in Washington during Abraham Lincoln’s Presidency, and *To Make a World: George Ault and 1940s America* (2011), which accompanies an exhibition at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

Recent Courses

- American Visual Culture, 1941–1945; American Art in the Democratic Age, 1830–1860; American Photographs, 1839–1971; American Painting and Sculpture from Copley to Pollock; Western Art from Giotto to David
Alyssa Mt. Pleasant “What bowls me over is their enthusiasm. They get an idea and pursue it as far as they possibly can. I taught a seminar last semester in which a student, who was interested in tribal land management, ended up having her paper win an award from the New England American Studies Association. It dealt with a hot button issue in Montana, and Senator Jon Tester actually asked for a copy of it so he could read it to understand the issue.”

I came back and she had finished the entire summer’s project! She’d figured everything out. She’d gotten it all to work. She’d collected all the data she needed. My jaw was hanging down. I thought, ‘Okay, now I have a better understanding of where Yale undergraduates are.’”

Christine Hayes “Which connects to what was formulating in my own mind—they are able to do that deep academic research and are also able to apply it to some real world situation. At some of the other places I’ve been, there has been either too much independence and arrogance or too much need of hand-holding. We seem to attract kids who excel at many, many different new species of fungi, many of which have demonstrated bioactivity against pathogens in plants and humans. So these students are able to make not just a creative impact on science but to actually discover things of importance and interest to a broad

Scott Strobel “The beauty of it is watching them take ownership of a project and recognize that it’s theirs to work on creatively and independently. We have undergrads going toe to toe with grad students in the lab. You might say, ‘Well that’s only supposed to be available to grad students,’ but what I’ve seen over and over again is that these Yale undergrads are not afraid to take on hard projects and to take them on in a creative way.

Last year, over spring break, we took a group of students to study a rain forest in Peru. Each was given complete autonomy over identifying 15 to 20 plant samples they wanted to collect. They brought them back to the lab and did amazing things with them. On the whole, they discovered several dozen different new species of fungi, many of which have demonstrated bioactivity against pathogens in plants and humans. So these students are able to make not just a creative impact on science but to actually discover things of importance and interest to a broad

Q Why does teaching these students in particular matter to you? If you can find smart, hardworking students at other places, then what makes these students a “drawing card”?

Meg Urry “None of them are one-notes. They are exceptional in many areas. The diversity of their talents makes them incredibly interesting to interact with.”

David Bromwich “The students here have a high average of intellectual alertness. With luck, they bring out that quality in one another, and sustain it in their teachers.”

Michael Della Rocca “I teach in Directed Studies [a yearlong advanced freshman course in Western civilization]. It’s just a lot of fun because you get students with different backgrounds taking subjects they’ve never heard of before. Some of these students are not cut out for philosophy, but they all get into it.”

Michael J. Donoghue
Sterling Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Curator of Botany, Peabody Museum of Natural History

Scott A. Strobel
Henry Ford II Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry; Professor of Chemistry

Professor Strobel’s research focuses on biologically critical reactions catalyzed by RNA. His lab explores the recently discovered class of RNA riboswitches that regulate gene expression by binding small molecule metabolites. His work embraces biochemistry, enzyme kinetics, X-ray crystallography, organic synthesis, and molecular biology.

Recent Courses
Rain Forest Expedition and Laboratory; Principles of Biochemistry II

John Merriman
Charles Seymour Professor of History


Recent Courses
European Civilization, 1648–1945; France since 1871; The Dark Years: Collaboration and Resistance in Vichy France
David Bromwich
Sterling Professor of English

Professor Bromwich is an authority on Romantic and modern poetry and on the history of literary criticism. His books include Hazlitt: The Mind of a Critic, about the moral philosopher, critic, and essayist William Hazlitt; Doomed by Memory: Wordsworth’s Poetry of the 1790s; A Choice of Inheritance: Self and Community from Edmund Burke to Robert Frost; Politics by Other Means: Higher Education and Group Thinking, which examines the ideological debate over liberal arts education; and Skeptical Music: Essays on Modern Poetry. Hazlitt won a National Book Critics Circle final, and Skeptical Music won the 2002 PEN/Saul Bellow Award as the year’s best book of essays by an American. Professor Bromwich is also a frequent contributor to academic journals, and his reviews and articles have appeared in such publications as The New Republic, The New York Times, The New Republic, and The New York Review of Books. He is currently working on an intellectual biography of Edmund Burke.

Recent Courses
Major English Poets (English 142); Stevens and Frost; 18th-Century Prose; Shakespeare’s Political Plays; The Age of Johnson; Directed Studies in history/politics. Lincoln (co-taught); Critical Judgment (co-taught in Law School)

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant “Part of it has to do with the wealth of opportunities and resources here. Last year, several Native American undergraduates wanted to take a group of students to the Cheyenne River Reservation during the summer. Through a little bit of research they figured out they could do it by tapping into Yale’s Summer Reach Out Program. And that’s just one small example. There are any number of opportunities like that in which students can have the kernel of an idea, talk to a couple of friends, a professor, or an adviser, and quickly and efficiently put that plan—however small or ambitious it might be—into action. And these opportunities begin almost immediately. One of my sophomore advisees is spending her second semester in London. And another spent six weeks after his freshman year in Japan.”

John Merriman “Plenty of students come here without a clue what they want to do, and then all these doors open up for them because there are so many opportunities.”

Marvin Chun “I really think the residential college system is what brings everything together—the small-college feel with world-class university resources. Being a master at Berkeley College has shown me that. It’s impossible to describe in words, but it works in a phenomenal way to ensure that each student receives individual attention.”

Just like students looking at colleges, as a professor you had a lot of choices. What brought you here?

Christine Hayes “One of the things that has been so wonderful for me as a teacher at Yale is the ability to teach introductory courses but also seminars where graduate students and undergraduates mix. Surprisingly enough, the presence of a strong graduate program has an extraordinary impact on the quality of the undergraduate program. You might think that the two stand in tension, but in fact they don’t. We not only have a very rich graduate program in my field—one in which there is a great deal of mixing among graduate and undergraduate students in classes, outside of class, in activities—but we’re also situated within a larger university that has very active professional schools. The institution I was at didn’t have professional schools. Having the School of Architecture does wonderful things for Yale undergraduates. Having a fantastic School of Music does wonderful things for Yale undergraduates. And they’re all situated close by. That’s something very special about Yale and it gives the Yale undergraduate a completely different kind of experience.”

Michael Donohue “The other thing that I think is so distinctive are the resources that we have in terms of the museums and the collections that are here. We have actual physical objects that we’re very keen to use in teaching. To be able to expose students to real stuff is a blast. You can read about things in a book, but to hand a kid a 60,000,000-year-old fossil to study is pretty amazing.”

Christine Hayes
Robert F. and Patricia Ross Weiss Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica

Professor Hayes came to Yale from Princeton University, where she was Assistant Professor of Hebrew Studies in the Department of Near Eastern Studies. Her book Between the Babylom and Pseudo-Talmud (Oxford University Press, 1997) received the Yale-Babylon Prize, awarded by the American Academy for Jewish Research. Her book Gentle Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud (Oxford University Press, 2004) was a 2003 National Jewish Book Award finalist. Professor Hayes spent 2005–2006 at the Yale Law School, and is working on a book entitled What’s So Divine about Divine Law?

Recent Courses
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible; Religion and Law in Historical Perspective; Exodus 32 and Its Midrashic Development

Michael Della Rocca
Andrew Downey Orrick Professor of Philosophy

Professor Della Rocca’s areas of interest are the history of early modern philosophy and contemporary metaphysics. He has published dozens of papers in those fields, including “Caution Without Intelligibility and Caution Without God in Descartes” in A Companion to Descartes, ed. Janet Broughton and John Carriero, and “Two Spheres, Twenty Spheres, and the Identity of Indiscernibles,” Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (2005). He is also the author of Spinoza in the Routledge Philosophers series.

Recent Courses
Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant; The Philosophy of Spinoza

Professors Hayes and Della Rocca are married.
Marvin Chun
Professor of Psychology; Master of Berkeley College

Professor Chun is a cognitive neuroscientist who teaches in the Department of Psychology, the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program, and the Cognitive Science Program. His research uses functional brain imaging to understand how to improve memory, attention, conscious perception, and decision making. He has been awarded the American Psychological Association’s Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of cognition and learning, and received the Troland Research Award from the National Academy of Sciences, often considered the most prestigious early-career honor in the field that can be earned by an experimental psychologist. At Yale, he received the Lex Hixon Prize for teaching excellence in the social sciences. He has also received the DeVane Award for Teaching and Scholarship, the oldest undergraduate teaching prize in Yale College, awarded by the undergraduate members of Phi Beta Kappa. The presentation of the award began with the words “Marvin Chun is the man!” praising Professor Chun for the clarity of his teaching, the excellence of his explanations and demonstrations, and his devotion to his students.

Recent Courses
Introduction to Psychology; Mind, Brain, and Society

Michael Donoghue
“A lot of it is about scale. Yale is just that much smaller and more intimate than some of the other universities where I’ve taught. So I find a lot better connection to students and integration across disciplines. I have friends and colleagues spanning very different parts of the University and that’s something that comes with the territory of being smaller. Yale doesn’t just talk about making connections and integrating students into research—it actually happens here very effectively.”

Marvin Chun
“Come for the intellectual strength of the English department. I thought Yale had the virtues of a liberal arts college, along with the attractions, and not too many of the drawbacks, of a large research university.”

Scott Strobel
“I had some nice options so it was very much a choice. But Yale has a combination of things that is somewhat unique: Opportunities to interact with and teach undergrads, which I see as my mission for being a professor, is a big reason I’m here. There are plenty of good schools where research is all they do and you sit in your lab and you work with graduate students or postdocs and you never see an undergraduate. Beyond that, it’s also a place where you have tremendous colleagues. At a lot of places the caliber of Yale, there is sort of a silo mentality when it comes to lab research. At Yale you have this amazing ability to collaborate with other labs so that collectively you do everything better. The other thing is that we have a fantastic Medical School. The department I’m in has joint faculty with the Medical School, so we have faculty who are in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who are actually housed down at the Medical School. And Medical School faculty also host undergraduates doing research in their labs. To have an environment where there is a clear human application (via the Medical School) to the science that you do as an undergraduate is quite unique.”

Christine Hayes
“It’s really the best of both worlds because you have this distinctive undergraduate experience embedded in this larger intellectual universe of people at all levels of academic inquiry and all stages of academic careers.”

Meg Urry
Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy; Director of the Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics

Professor Urry chairs the Physics department. She studies actively accreting supermassive black holes, also known as Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), and the co-evolution of these black holes with normal galaxies. She came to Yale in 2001 from her tenured position on the senior scientific staff at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI), which runs the Hubble Space Telescope for NASA. Using deep imaging with NASA’s three Great Observatories—the Spitzer Space Telescope, the Hubble Space Telescope, and the Chandra X-Ray Observatory—her group has charted the history of supermassive black hole growth throughout the universe. Professor Urry has worked to increase the number of women in the physical sciences, originating national meetings and chairing the Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy for the American Astronomical Society. In April 2011, she led the U.S. Delegation to the 4th International Conference on Women in Physics, in South Africa.

Recent Courses
Advanced General Physics; Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology

David Bromwich
“I admired the intellectual strength of the English department. I thought Yale had the virtues of a liberal arts college, along with the attractions, and not too many of the drawbacks, of a large research university.”

Christine Hayes
“It’s really the best of both worlds because you have this distinctive undergraduate experience embedded in this larger intellectual universe of people at all levels of academic inquiry and all stages of academic careers.”

Marvin Chun
“I came for the students. They’re not just smart, but well balanced in a way that makes it special to teach and do research here. Whether I stand before a classroom full of students or I meet with someone one-on-one, I try to treat each student as somebody who is going to do something very meaningful and influential in life. Our alumni bear that out. This is what energizes me in the classroom. If something I teach lingers with students so that it helps them do the right thing outside of the classroom, that’s my reward.”

John Merriman
“I’ve almost been wooed away to other universities three times during my 30 years here.

Once it came down to the wire and I was making my decision in the last hour or two. But there I was teaching my modern French history course to about 150 students, walking up and down the aisle of the lecture hall as I often do, and I thought, ‘What am I doing, I couldn’t possibly leave.’ Each morning, I wake up and I think, ‘God, I’m lucky because I get to go and teach’ whatever the subject is that day. For me there’s just nothing like it.”
Two, Three, Four, Five Heads Are Better Than One.

(Why Yale Students Like to Learn Together)

Jocelyn Traina’s biochem study group (Ben Ofori-Okai, Micah Ziegler, Jocelyn Traina, Abigail Coplin, Nicole Brenner, and Geoff Calkins). “The course is a comprehensive study of nucleic acids and proteins. We meet every Monday night at nine. Today we’re working on gene transfer, complementation and recombination of mutations in bacteriophage.”

“Each study group I’ve been in at Yale has been eclectic. That’s the best part. Although we may be going over a problem set in biochemistry, talk of art exhibitions, bike races, and other classes is constantly going on in the background. Each person brings a different perspective to the group. It’s an exchange of ideas and information on so many levels. Sometimes, you learn more from the times when you’re completely sidetracked than when you’re focusing on homework. That’s the advantage of working together—the synergy is almost sentient.”

Jocelyn
Next-Gen Knowledge.
(One-of-a-kind Yale treasures inspire independent research)

Adding to what the world knows is not easy, especially when, at 19 or 20, you haven’t even been in the world that long yourself. But as a former student said, “This is not a mediocre place. Everywhere you turn there’s something incredible to attract your eye. In a more ordinary place, you’re not going to be so startled into thought.” From paintings by Picasso to pterodactyl remains to particle accelerators, Yale provides a treasure trove through which undergraduates chase down new knowledge for themselves and sometimes for the world.

Yale’s Peabody Museum of Natural History
In the 1870s, O.C. Marsh led Yale College students on expeditions into the Wild West, and his discoveries of dinosaur and mammal fossils captured the public’s imagination. As the Peabody’s first leader, he and his colleagues were exceptional naturalists who shared a keen ability to draw unexpected insights from material objects. Their collections and observations underpin today’s science, with insights that still drive our understanding of Earth’s history, life, and cultures. Environmental change brings new urgency to Marsh’s central questions—what species exist on Earth, where they live, and how they have changed over time—and Peabody curators work with scientists around the world to describe not just species, but the entire “Tree of Life.”

Senior Mary “Cassie” Stoddard is the founder of the Yale Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Undergraduate Group (YEEBUG), an official University organization that actively promotes undergraduate involvement in the New Haven community, largely through volunteer work at Yale's Peabody Museum of Natural History. Last fall, YEEBUG helped coordinate “The Natural History of Witches and Wizards: A Peabody Halloween,” an educational event that drew hundreds of costume-wearing New Haven residents.

The Secret of a Bird’s-Eye View
Senior Mary “Cassie” Stoddard learned early in her ornithology training that birds can see colors invisible to humans. “A bird’s eye has four types of color-sensitive cones, while humans only have three,” she says. This fourth cone is sensitive to color in the ultraviolet range. As a result, “birds see an intense world of hues we humans can only imagine,” says Stoddard. Stoddard’s design of the TetraColorSpace computer program, which analyzes bird colors in a framework that accounts for the four classes of photoreceptors in bird eyes, is one of the first tools to help understand this evolutionary mystery.

She traces her work back to her freshman year and the Peabody Museum. “In my very first semester at Yale, I was introduced to the Peabody’s extraordinary research collections through Professor Leo Buss’s freshman seminar course Natural History Collections of the Peabody Museum.” That year, Stoddard began two independent research projects that gave her full access to museum specimens and firsthand research experience in evolutionary biology. One of her projects was on bird color in the ornithology lab of Professor Richard Prum. “I have been hooked ever since,” she says.

She and Professor Prum recently used Stoddard’s TetraColorSpace program in their study of New World buntings, one of the first projects to compare modes of color evolution in animals. She presented their findings on avian color at the North American Ornithological Conference in Veracruz, Mexico, and is also the first author of a paper documenting the research that will be published by American Naturalist.

Recently awarded a Marshall Scholarship for graduate study in the United Kingdom, Stoddard will continue her research on avian color evolution at Cambridge.
Gothic Folly

Architecture in terms of its social agenda is what intrigues Andrew Lee about Strawberry Hill, the architectural folly on the outskirts of London he researched as part of an independent study with the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA). Lee describes Strawberry Hill as “an undistinguished farmhouse transformed into a Gothic confection” by its owner, Horace Walpole. Walpole, who also gave the world the Gothic novel, was the son of England’s first Prime Minister. He is credited in part with launching the Gothic architectural revival of which Strawberry Hill is an iconic example.

“Walpole was interested in the role of style in the formation of identity,” says Lee, “particularly national identity, given the question of whether Gothic or Classical architecture was more appropriate to Britain; and family identity, given eighteenth-century attitudes toward the aristocracy and Walpole’s awkward position as a member of a politically prominent family.” Lee’s work became part of a major YCBA exhibition.

Hands-on in the extreme, the YCBA course allowed Lee to view collections and work with people he never would have met otherwise. In one of two research trips, he spent time at Strawberry Hill with a curator of the Victoria and Albert Museum, who curated the YCBA exhibition. Until recently, Lee was set to pursue a Ph.D. after graduation, but the commercial art world beckons as well. After working with the YCBA’s “seemingly endless collections” and the contacts he’s made, he is ready either way.

Physics’s Noble Cause

Elise Novitski had never done any “real lab work” until she spent the summer after her freshman year in Yale’s A.W. Wright Nuclear Structure Laboratory. “Once I saw what people were doing, I knew physics was what I wanted to do in life.” She says the toughest thing is to get that first research experience. “What’s different about Yale is they help you start as a freshman and give you money to do it,” she says. That flexibility early in one’s undergraduate career is a big deal because a lot of students go into grad school having done only one type of research. “They’re afraid to try different things because there’s a lot of pressure to accomplish something fast,” says Novitski. Because she started early, she knows the areas of physics she likes and what interesting questions are common to multiple subfields. After earning a summer grant to work on accelerator physics at Cornell, Novitski received funding from Yale through the end of her senior year to “try to make fluids unmix using a laser.” She says research is different from a lot of other extracurricular activities. “You’re part of a team, it’s intellectually engaging, and it has a noble goal—to improve life.”
Raul Navarro says, "If you don’t love the science you’re doing, research can be a mundane process." Lucky for him, the frontiers of organic chemistry he explores in Professor Glenn Micalizio’s lab have become his passion.

The lab’s ultimate goal is to facilitate the process of drug discovery. According to Professor Micalizio, the classic “needle-in-a-haystack” approach to drug discovery can be influenced by dramatically altering the type of “hay” that is screened. “We aim to shape the process by making collections of complex molecules easier to synthesize,” he says.

Though Navarro’s daily routine in the lab doesn’t vary a lot, thinking about “what I can possibly uncover” keeps him very excited about the research even when the chemistry isn’t working out. “I think you learn a lot more when something completely unexpected happens, or when you make a simple mistake—one you hope never to make again.” He says the lab has definitely created new knowledge. “It may not be the biggest discovery of the century, but it provides the information we need to make that big discovery.”

Raul Navarro discovered his passion for research through the STARS summer research program. He will begin his Ph.D. in chemistry at Caltech. After that he may become a professor himself or work in the pharmaceutical industry.

While taking Modernism and the Avant-Garde, Lisa Sun had a surprising experience among the Beinecke Library’s rare books. She tells the story like this: “One of the poems on the syllabus for my Modernism class was Blaise Cendrars’s ‘La Prose du Transsibérien.’ I first read the poem in a Xerox package of assigned readings, but Professor Poucel promised to show us an original publication of it in the Beinecke. I didn’t think much of this opportunity, presuming that the original publication would resemble all of the old, dusty books I’d seen innumerable times before. But the day we visited the Beinecke, Professor Poucel asked me to help him unfold the deceptive 4 x 6-inch book into a long, poster-sized sheet. As it turns out, Cendrars’s original publication of ‘La Prose’ was featured alongside Sonia Delaunay’s abstract painting, specifically painted for and inspired by Cendrars’s poem. I was fascinated by the collaboration of the two art mediums—the text of the poem and the magnificently colored painting. The Cendrars piece reminded me of a piece by Marcel Duchamp, which also worked within two mediums. I had several enlightening conversations with my professor about the Cendrars and Duchamp pieces. Ultimately, I wrote my final paper on the relationship between ‘La Prose du Transsibérien’ and Duchamp’s *Boîte Verte*, which I also saw firsthand in the Prints and Drawings Department at the YUAG (Yale University Art Gallery). I found the paper to be rewarding and successful, and it all began with an unexpected encounter with Cendrars’s beautiful piece.”
Think Yale. Think World.

(Study, research, intern around the globe)

A nontraditional approach to gaining international experience gives students here access to multiple opportunities to study, research, and intern abroad during their four years. Over and above ordinary financial aid, Yale awards more than $6 million for fellowships, internships, and relief from summer earnings obligations in order to guarantee that every student who wishes will be able to work or study abroad. Beyond these hefty resources is the sheer variety of global experiences students can undertake during school years and summers: study at a major university in another country; field-based or laboratory research; interning with Yale alumni around the world; Yale summer session international courses taught by Yale faculty; or study, work, or service projects of one’s own design. Students are encouraged to begin exploring the globe the summer after their freshman year. Here, eight Elis map a glimpse of the world through pivotal moments and personal definitions of “global citizen.”

“The summer after my freshman year I received Yale funding to go to Savai’i, Western Samoa, and try to rediscover a bird which had not been seen for more than 130 years. I found myself traveling to one of the island’s most remote valleys with a pig hunter, Tagi’ilima Ioane, who spoke no English. Tagi’ilima and I spent five days together in the forest hiking up rivers. At first we communicated entirely with hand gestures, but by the final day I had gleaned enough Samoan from my portable dictionary to allow basic communication. Our final hike back was mostly occupied with trying to describe various game animals in the U.S. Trying to convey North American wildlife, not to mention my daily life in New Haven, made me feel as though I were describing life on a different planet. As we neared the village Tagi’ilima told a story of his own about how he had gone into town and seen something important on a television there. After much gesticulating and frantic flipping through the dictionary, I figured out what he was describing: the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. For me this moment was an amazing juxtaposition of the vast distances between our life experiences and the increasing links in a shared global identity.”

John Mittermeier

Hometown
Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire (“Technically my home address, although I’m never there. I spend most breaks traveling.”)

Major
History

Yale International Experience
Summers in Samoa and in the Amazonian rain forests of southern Suriname conducting ornithological surveys and collecting specimens for Yale’s Peabody Museum.

Global Citizen “Someone who is conscious of the planet’s vast array of cultural, biological, and economic communities and feels a deep attachment and allegiance to this global diversity.”

Post-Yale Plan A fellowship to return to Suriname to continue his ornithological research.

The photos in this chapter were provided by the students featured, except for Yuefei Qin’s portrait, which was taken by Lisa Kereszi.
As an international student from China, I always wondered how my Western education would fit into the Oriental traditions while I was educated about the world and has experienced it, who feels comfortable interacting with a diverse group of people and can step out of the comforts of home with confidence.”

Post-Yale Plan “Undecided, but eventually I’d like to work for the World Bank.”

“Bulldogs” internships include Peking University–Yale University Joint Undergraduate Program in Beijing; Yale in London; Yale Summer Session (most recently, courses were offered in Argentina, Brazil, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Russia, Singapore, and Spain); year or term abroad approved programs run by other institutions or providers.

Internships Undergraduate Career Services has major programs in 15 cities around the world. “Bulldogs” internships provide more than 120 opportunities to explore career fields in an international environment, with support and oversight from Yale and from alumni networks. Placements reflect the full range of interests among Yale students, from journalism to the arts, politics to public health, and finance to technology. Yale also partners with other organizations to provide many additional internship opportunities.

Center for International Experience Yale’s Center for International Experience encourages and supports safe, extraordinary international experiences of every kind.

Study Yale programs include Peking University–Yale University Joint Undergraduate Program in Beijing; Yale in London; Yale Summer Session (most recently, courses were offered in Argentina, Brazil, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Russia, Singapore, and Spain); year or term abroad approved programs run by other institutions or providers.

Laboratory and Field Research in the Sciences and Public Health Students can combine international experience with deepening their understanding of science by spending a summer working in a laboratory at an institution abroad, or by participating in a field-based project.

Independent Initiatives Students who are ready to develop their own activities abroad are encouraged to discuss their plans with advisers and faculty, to register their travel and understand the support provided by Yale, and to use the institution’s extraordinary resources to make the most of their experience abroad.

"My professor in Oman took all of us on a daytrip to explore the nearby mountains. It was in the middle of our rural stay, so I was dressed accordingly in a long black abaya (the traditional robes for women on the Gulf) and a headscarf. I remember sitting on a park bench, texting my host mom in Arabic, and worrying about how scandalized my host family would be if I was out past magrib, the evening call to prayer. And out of nowhere everything that was happening began to sink in: I was thousands of miles from home, wearing something I had only seen in pictures, and trying to live up to a set of expectations from a culture that didn’t belong to me. I began to laugh uncontrollably. I realized how thoroughly I had immersed myself in a culture that had once seemed so mysteriously foreign to me. That realization filled me with an incredible sense of accomplishment.”

Stephanie Brockman

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Yuefei Qin

Hometown: Chongqing, China

Major: Political Science and Electrical Engineering

Yale International Experience

Intel Corporation in Beijing, China, summer internship working as assistant to general manager. “I worked directly with Intel China’s marketing managers in maintaining project milestones and carrying out campaigns to promote products.”

Global Citizen “One who looks upon every human being as his or her competitor, regardless of that person’s nationality, complexion, religion, and so on.”

Post-Yale Plan “After my graduation from Yale, I wish to go to Oxford and pursue an M.Phil. degree in Politics or International Relations.”
Andrew Dowe  
Hometown: Tampa, FL  
Majors: African American Studies, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies  
Yale International Experience  
Spent a fall semester studying in Paris.  
Global Citizen  "Global citizens strive to expand their perspectives beyond geographical limitations through active engagement with other peoples and cultures."

Post-Yale Plan  "Spend a year teaching either in the U.S. or abroad before applying to graduate school to earn a Ph.D."

"The first time I traveled outside of France while studying in Paris, the extreme discomfort of being unable to communicate with most of the people around me as well as the very perceivable cultural disconnect brought me to realize how comfortable I had become in Paris. At the same time, I was reminded of the importance of self-conscious travel and understanding to developing more complete world views. One of the most significant lessons of studying abroad was the importance of exploring outside my comfort zones."

Andrew

Lauren Harrison  
Hometown: Orchard Park, NY  
Majors: African Studies and International Studies  
Yale International Experience  
Conducted election oversight in Mauritania; spent a month during the summer after her sophomore year in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As our SUV pulled up to the polls, I was absolutely shocked by what I saw: almost a hundred men and women (but mostly women), dressed in colorful robes, waiting quietly in line to vote. The turnout was unbelievable, especially given the small size of the village we were in, and made me reflect upon how seriously the Mauritanian people took their civic responsibilities. It was inspiring and I wished that I could take some of the Mauritanians’ energy and passion back with me to the United States."

Lauren

Lucas O'Connor  
Hometown: Rochester, NY  
Majors: Theater Studies and Literature  
Yale International Experience  
Studied in Oxford junior year, traveled by Eurail pass throughout Europe for a month, received a summer fellowship to study Chinese opera in Hong Kong; toured the world with the Yale Whiffenpoofs during the summer.

Global Citizen  "A traveler, or a nomad, unbound by country lines. A global citizen has a responsibility to see and experience as much of the world as he can."

Post-Yale Plan  "To write and act, hopefully for films."

"Last year I had the opportunity to travel by myself through Europe and Asia. There were several moments during my solo travels which made me feel very unrooted, independent, and free: ordering food in countries where I did not speak the language; carrying all of my belongings on my back; sleeping overnight on trains and buses. There is something about traveling on a shoestring which makes you reevaluate your priorities. You feel dirty and unkempt, but eventually that all goes away, and you care more about what you see and less about how others see you."

Lucas

Flora Elena Mendoza  
Hometown: Milford, PA  
Major: Latin American Studies  
Yale International Experience  
Studied in Buenos Aires junior year and won a fellowship that allowed her to participate in local excursions and an extended service trip with NBC Life Argentina.

Global Citizen  "Someone who is informed, contextualizes his or her own experience in relation to the rest of the world, and is committed to the overall well-being—political, environmental, socioeconomic, and ethical—of the earth and its inhabitants."

Post-Yale Plan  "I would like to move to New York and work for some kind of foundation or not-for-profit while pursuing a performance career in opera and musical theater."

Flora
Connect the Dots.
(Three seniors find their careers through Yale’s network of resources)

Yale students are surrounded by opportunities from the moment they arrive on campus as freshmen—intellectual, entrepreneurial, artistic, international, professional, and research opportunities that launch them toward both long-term ambitions and unforeseen achievements. Yalies leverage these opportunities in countless impressive ways and learn how to ask good questions, seek out the right mentors, and create experiences that are professionally and personally rewarding. In this chapter, we chronicle the trajectories of three soon-to-be graduates who have successfully connected the dots between a Yale education and the Real World.

Growing Up
While living in one of Chicago’s most troubled housing projects, Timeica does well in school that she receives a full scholarship to a competitive private high school.

Smart Woman, Young Hero
Timeica Bethel
Hometown
Chicago, il.
Major Sociology, with African American Studies concentration

Plan A
"All my life I’d heard that doctors and lawyers made the most money, so becoming a doctor was going to be my way to move my family out of their situation and have a better life."

Her Story
Through the sociology department, she immerses herself in research, diving into ethnographies about low-income black communities in America. "They didn’t quite tell the story the way I knew it." Telling her own story becomes part of a new plan.

Called to Lead
"I’m an extrovert. At Afro-America House, I loved planning lunches and dinners—gathering big groups. One day the BSAY (Black Student Alliance at Yale) president asked me to join the board." BSAY becomes a huge part of her life. By junior year, she is president.

Front Page
Returning from an East African history course in Kenya, she almost decides to relax and skip a Yale service project working with foster care youth in her Chicago neighborhood—but it’s not like Timeica to relax. When the Chicago Tribune learns about her hometown roots she becomes the story. The April 2011 headline reads: "Girl from projects becomes an Ivy League success and now hopes her life is a lesson for kids."

Revelation
Freshman year she meets Dean Pamela George at the Afro-American Cultural Center. "She helped me see that ‘doctor’ wasn’t my only option. The idea that I could have other possibilities—that I could actually do something I enjoy—was a huge revelation."

Campus Job
Working for Yale admissions, she discovers a talent for public speaking, interviewing, and answering questions on the spot. She thrives talking to students “with untapped potential.” (Her experience leads her to Teach for America.)

When scholar Cornel West is the keynote speaker at Yale’s Black Solidarity Conference, he interviews him on behalf of Afro-America House. Professor West becomes a mentor.

New Plan
Teach for America starting this summer, writing her autobiography just as she imagined after reading those sociology texts, and using her interviewing and public speaking skills to host a talk show about extraordinary people helping other people.

Yale Connections Worldwide
Yale has 120,000 graduates and more than 200 Yale Alumni clubs all over the world in all 55 states and 40 different countries. Yale provides unique networking opportunities—from our online career network, to mentoring programs, to regional events for alumni interested in a host of endeavors and initiatives including entertainment, energy, real estate, law, journalism, media, social justice, gender...the list keeps growing.

Student Entrepreneurs
First
Unique among our peer institutions, the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute (YEI) is an innovative program that puts student ventures first. As a complement to more traditional academic programs, which provide a conceptual understanding and related case studies of new venture formation, YEI assists students to help students execute on their actual business plans. It bands together entrepreneurial students, select faculty and administrators with new venture experience, alumni from both industry and venture capital, and local established entrepreneurs. In the last three years, YEI has supported students in more than 200 venture projects, which have raised over $20 million of outside investment capital. These start-ups cover many industries from software and education to food, retail, and green technology. Top Fellowship Producer
Yale has been single out as the “top producer” of Fulbright Fellowships. In addition to 89 Fulbright Fellowships during the last five years, Yale students have received 12 Rhodes, 11 Marshall, 5 Truman, 13 Goldwater, and 13 Gates Cambridge Scholarships or Fellowships. Just as importantly, these major awards only scratch the surface of the hundreds of other highly valuable, funded sources of support that Yale students tap every single year.

5 Graduate Schools Most Attended
When they enroll in business, law, medical, or graduate school, Yale graduates most often attend the following five universities: Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Cambridge, and Columbia.

Best Career Services
Yale has been ranked #3 in the country for “Best Career Services” by the Princeton Review—the only Ivy League school that made the top 10. More than 100 employers conduct over 2,400 student interviews through Undergraduate Career Services in a single year.

In response to the Tribune article, she appears on MSNBC, becomes part of a “Smart Women” television series, and is asked by numerous schools to be an inspirational speaker. Chicago Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel asks her to be an ambassador to the Chicago Public Schools on behalf of the Mayor’s office.

“If I hadn’t come here I might still be following Plan A, never having had the opportunity to realize what I really love and who I want to be.”
“At the beginning of my junior year, I presented my research on using fMRI to examine the relationship between the neural mechanisms for short-term and long-term memory at the Society for Neuroscience conference in Chicago. I was also working on a plan to intern abroad, and I wanted to continue exploring the idea of a law career.”

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Many Ambitions
Victor comes to Yale with a lot of ambitions: start his own business, become a doctor, go into politics. He immediately gets involved with the Elmsed Enterprise Fund, a nonprofit microcredit organization run by Yale students that serves small businesses in New Haven. Not long after, he meets his future business partner Ka Mo Lau, another freshman.

Carving a New Niche
Based on their work at Elmsed, Victor and Ka Mo see microfinance as a new frontier for the financial industry. "Our goal is to increase the amount of capital going toward domestic microfinance for low-income entrepreneurs dependent on this form of credit." They found the nonprofit Mangrove Capital to do just that. The group secures $1 million in capital commitments and establishes working relations with local branches of ACCION USA, the largest microfinance organization in the United States.

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Places.
Yale, like Ulysses, is part of all that she has met, part of all the scholars and students who have trod paths of learning across her campus, of their ideals and accomplishments, and of their lives and times...

*Whitney Griswold, President of Yale University, 1950–1963*
“Among the nation’s oldest universities, Yale is the one most firmly embedded in its city and defined by its architecture. Our campus is a living history of the architecture and urbanism of its three centuries in New Haven, and home to the work of some of the world’s greatest architects. From the modest red brick college of the eighteenth century to the secret courtyards and gardens of James Gamble Rogers and the great modern works of Louis I. Kahn, Eero Saarinen, Philip Johnson, Cesar Pelli, and Frank Gehry, the struggle to balance collective identity and individual expression is represented in Yale’s buildings, which in their totality represent the essential struggle of life in a democracy.”

Robert A. M. Stern
Dean and J. M. Hoppin Professor of Architecture
Old Campus Students begin and end their time at Yale where Yale itself began. Most freshmen live here in the residences that border Old Campus, which is also where their commencement takes place four years later.
Malone Engineering Center
Built in 2005 according to state-of-the-art sustainable building standards, the Center adds considerably to Yale’s engineering facilities. The building, designed by Cesar Pelli (of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects), a former dean of the Yale School of Architecture, houses undergraduate teaching labs and the University’s Department of Biomedical Engineering.
Completed in 1930, Sterling Memorial Library was designed by James Gamble Rogers. Rogers called the building “as near to modern Gothic as we dared to make it.” Made up of fifteen stack levels and eight floors of reading rooms, offices, and work areas, the library is devoted primarily to the humanities and social sciences.
Connecticut Hall: The oldest building on campus, a Georgian among the Gothic, opened as a dorm in 1752 and is a National Historic Landmark. Nathan Hale (B.A. 1773)—that’s him, on guard outside—was one of its early residents.

Yale University Art Gallery: One of the country’s oldest college art museums got its start in 1832 with 100 Revolutionary War paintings. Now it’s noted for the depth and range of its collections. The main building is itself a modernist masterpiece designed by Louis Kahn (faculty 1947–57). It was the first notable design of Kahn’s career and sits across the street from his final work in the United States, the Yale Center for British Art.
It’s where presidents past and possibly future mingle with the inventor of the submarine, film stars, Nobel Prize winners, great thinkers, and that grouchy boss from The Simpsons. You’ll never walk alone on Yale’s campus, because 300 years of alums are right there with you. Sometimes they leave an obvious sign. Sometimes you just find the connections on your own. Attend a party in one of the two courtyards at Davenport College, where cartoonist Garry Trudeau and President George W. Bush served on a D’port party committee as students and later defined the yin and yang of their generation’s politics. Or check out the doors of Yale Law School. Over them are sculptures of snoring professors and drunken lowlifes; through them went future presidents (Ford and Clinton), Supreme Court justices, and authors (including Stephen L. Carter, who now teaches there). Or you could just stand in the middle of Old Campus, think of all those past students brushing by on their way to changing the world, and figure what intriguing mark you’ll leave behind.

After Webster, Eli Whitney and Samuel Morse lived in Connecticut Hall (right), built in 1750–52; another historic roommate was Nathan Hale, B.A. 1773, executed as a spy and known for having said, “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

Noah Webster Lived Here.  
(Bumping into history at Yale)
“Downtown New Haven has been transformed over the last five years from Yale’s mundane backyard into a vibrant neighborhood of shops, theaters, and restaurants.”

The New York Times, 2005

For well over a decade Yale and New Haven have been creating the template for the 21st-century city, investing together in a new biotech industry and partnering in an urban renaissance that has become a national model. While the founders of New Haven and Yale might not recognize the modern university or the cosmopolitan college town, they would recognize the cooperation between the two neighbors as Yale moves into its fourth century. As Yale President Richard C. Levin, a thirty-year resident of New Haven, has often said, this city is “large enough to be interesting, yet small enough to be friendly.” Welcome to the new New Haven.

A textbook case of city planning: Nine perfect squares: a geometry of profound faith. New Haven was planned by founders who believed in the recurring pattern of Providence. In 1639, they laid out a grid of blocks around a central commons, a tangible expression of their belief. The next step was a college to train the leaders of future generations. The pattern held true: their college would become paramount in preparing leaders, amid a setting carefully planned as a tangible expression of the power of the mind and soul. See Yale in New Haven: Architecture and Urbanism (Yale University, 2004).

Eating Out.
(When you need a break from the dining halls)

The great debate: Sally’s vs. Pepe’s New Haven’s Wooster Street is well known for its delicious pizza. Lines outside its most popular establishments are often as long as people long.

Louis’ Lunch
Credited by some with inventing the hamburger in 1900. (Just don’t ask for ketchup!)

Ninth Square
For a more elegant night out, Ninth Square, a short walk from campus, offers the upscale and hip spots.

Coffee or Coffee?
New Haven has its share of great independent coffee shops where students can study or catch up with friends.

Ashley’s Ice Cream
For decades a New Haven favorite, located on York Street, and voted “New Haven’s Best” by the local press.

Mory’s: A Yale Tradition
Founded in 1861, Mory’s is a unique Yale dining experience—membership in this supper club is open to Yale students, faculty, and alumni. Mory’s is known especially for its toasting nights and entertainment by superb a cappella groups including Yale’s most famous—the Whiffenpoofs.

International Fare
Walk just a few blocks from campus for any food you crave—American, Chinese, Cuban, Ethiopian, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Jamaican, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Mexican, Moroccan, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, or Vietnamese.
Elm City Run.

“I’m never more aware of how much New Haven has to offer than when I’m on a run. Because I’m on the track team, I run a lot. Every run, we basically circle the entire city. So the city’s size is manageable enough that if you want to go to East Rock, or even West Rock, you can leave the city for your run and then return. On a single run you can pass the neighborhoods that are nicest if you go down Hillhouse. Then you can go out to Dixwell and come back around. You can go by the port and the receiving terminal that smells like asphalt, so that’s really industrial. You can go by hayfields and cows, clubs and museums. You can find trails to run on. Some parts are fantastic, and other ones present you with a challenge, but either way it’s really fun. Because the city is this perfect size, you see this whole image of so many kinds of life and landscape. You can leave campus and return with renewed vigor, because you see so many things along the way.”

Dan Serna
Senior

Dan Serna runs Varsity Track and Field. Left to right: Leaving Timothy Dwight College; Whitney Avenue shopping district; fresh flowers on Whitney; ascending Science Hill; East Rock neighborhood; crossing the Mill River; entering Hamden, CT, at the top of East Rock Park (also above).
Here, There, Everywhere.

(14 students, two simple questions, thirty countries on six continents)

Where are you from?

One beautiful spring day

a random sampling of

students walking through

campus were asked

these questions. Their

answers reveal Yale as a

cosmopolitan crossroads

where students receive

an education in global

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The world becomes accessible,

known, experienced. With

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“I’m from Marietta, Georgia. The summer after my sophomore year, I was a project supervisor in Mexico for the 1960 Amigos de las Americas. The next summer I interned in Seoul, South Korea, at a social welfare center, working with North Korean refugees. Then I spent my spring semester junior year in Jordan studying Arabic language and culture.”

Elizabeth Kim, American Studies Major

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Hayden Tichenor, English Major

“I’m from Irving, Texas. The summer after my sophomore year, I studied film in Paris, Munich, and London. I also went to Japan to study the language during my first Yale summer. Next fall, I will spend the semester at the Film and Television School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.”

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Yale: A Short History, *by George W. Pierson*
Yale’s first gym was built in 1826. By the mid-1800s an athletic tradition “dominated the undergraduate horizon, and epic victories were celebrated with bonfires under the elms, as the classes roared out their glees from their appointed perches on the old Yale fence,” wrote George Pierson in his history of Yale. The Bulldogs of today—both men and women—compete on 33 NCAA Division I teams made up of junior-varsity-level players to All-Americans. Yale also offers student-run club sports and one of the most extensive and popular intramural programs in the country. And the fans roar their glees (that’s fight song in modern parlance)—including Cole Porter’s “Bulldog!”—as loud as ever.

Mission
“...to strive to win, to compete with pride and honor, to make sacrifices, to persever when all seems lost, and to develop a sense of obligation and responsibility for others.” These are the lessons that make athletics a school for accomplishment and character, and for the athletes they represent an invaluable part of the non-academic aspects of a liberal education.”
—Excerpted from the Yale University Athletics Mission

Recent Ivy League Championships
Crew (W)
Golf (M and W)
Ice Hockey (M)
Lacrosse (M)
Coed Sailing
Squash (M and W)
Tennis (W)
Volleyball (W)

14 Nationally Ranked Teams
Heavyweight Crew
Lightweight Crew
Crew (W)
Fencing (M and W)
Ice Hockey (M)
Lacrosse (M)
Coed Sailing
Sailing (W)
Squash (M and W)
Tennis (M and W)

“The Game”
Even for those who don’t count themselves as sports fans, “The Game” is one of the most anticipated events every year. Since 1875, the Yale Bulldogs and Harvard Crimson have met more than 120 times in this annual Yale-Harvard football game. Held the first weekend of Thanksgiving break, its location alternates between the Yale Bowl and Harvard Stadium.
Yale takes pride in winning the Ivy League in a total of 113 medals, 63 of them gold, and 19 Eli coaches have led Olympic teams. Yale was represented at the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver by Natalie Babony ’06, a member of the Slovakian women’s ice hockey team.

### Yale Bowl

A spectacular football stadium seating more than 60,000, the Bowl is surrounded by first-rate facilities for indoor and outdoor tennis, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, and track and field.

### Reese Stadium

With seating for more than 1,700, Reese is home to the men’s and women’s soccer teams in the fall; and to the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams in the spring.

### Facilities

- **Payne Whitney Gymnasium**
- **Johnson Field**
- **Conference**
- **Handsome Dan**
- **Varsity Teams**
- **Intramurals**

#### Conference

Yale takes pride in its broad-based intercollegiate athletic program, that includes competition in the Ivy League Conference and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). Most of Yale’s intercollegiate contests are against traditional east coast opponents with emphasis on winning the Ivy League title. All sports, with the exception of football, have the ultimate goal of qualifying for NCAA and affiliated postseason championships.

194 Olympians
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#### Handsome Dan (1889–present)

Yale was the first university in the United States to adopt a mascot, and to this date, none is better known than Handsome Dan. The tradition was established by a young gentleman from Victorian England, who attended Yale in the 1890s. The original’s 16 successors have been the intimates of deans, directors, and coaches. One was tended by a head cheerleader who went on to become the Secretary of State.

#### Varsity Teams

- **Basketball**
- **Men’s Basketball**
- **Women’s Basketball**
- **Men’s Crew (Heavy and Light)**
- **Women’s Crew**
- **Men’s Cross Country**
- **Women’s Cross Country**
- **Men’s Fencing**
- **Women’s Fencing**
- **Field Hockey**
- **Football**
- **Men’s Golf**
- **Women’s Golf**
- **Men’s Gymnastics**
- **Women’s Gymnastics**
- **Men’s Ice Hockey**
- **Women’s Ice Hockey**
- **Men’s Lacrosse**
- **Women’s Lacrosse**
- **Coed Sailing**
- **Women’s Sailing**
- **Men’s Soccer**
- **Women’s Soccer**
- **Softball**
- **Men’s Squash**
- **Women’s Squash**
- **Men’s Swimming and Diving**
- **Women’s Swimming and Diving**
- **Men’s Tennis**
- **Women’s Tennis**
- **Men’s Track**
- **Women’s Track**
- **Women’s Volleyball**
- **Men’s Volleyball**
- **Women’s Water Polo**
- **Men’s Water Polo**

####club Sports

- **Badminton**
- **Ballroom Dance**
- **Men’s Baseball**
- **Women’s Basketball**
- **Cricket**
- **Cycling**
- **Equestrian**
- **Field Hockey**
- **Figure Skating**
- **Fishing**
- **Golf**
- **Men’s Ice Hockey**
- **Indoor Climbing**
- **Jiu-Jitsu, Brazilian**
- **Karate (Shotokan)**
- **Kendo**
- **Kung Fu (Wing Chun)**
- **La Crosse**
- **Pistol and Rifle**
- **Pole Vaulting**
- **Road Running**
- **Men’s Rugby**
- **Women’s Rugby**
- **Ski & Tri**
- **Skiing (Alpine)**
- **Skiing (Nordic)**
- **Snowboarding**
- **Men’s Soccer**
- **Square (coed)**
- **Squash**
- **Table Tennis**
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- **Men’s Swimming**
- **Men’s Tennis**
- **Women’s Tennis**
- **Triathlon**
- **Men’s Ultimate**
- **Women’s Ultimate**
- **Men’s Volleyball**
- **Women’s Volleyball**
- **Women’s Water Polo**
- **Wrestling**

#### Intramurals

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### Johnson Field

A 750-seat synthetic turf complex housing the field hockey team. It is adjacent to the William O. Dewitt Jr. ’63 Family Field, home of Yale softball.

#### Championship Golf Course

Yale’s own championship golf course, voted #1 College Golf Course in America by Golfweek magazine in 2010, is a short distance from the other athletic facilities, in the Westville section of New Haven.

#### Gilder Boathouse

The Gilder Boathouse, a 22,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility on the Housatonic River, stretches south to the finish line of Yale’s 2,000-meter race course.

#### The McNay Family Sailing Center at Yale University

Home to the Yale Varsity Sailing Team, the fleet consists of twenty-four 420 racing dinghies, plus F.Js, Laser, windkites, and three safety launches.
State of the Arts.
(Playing a major role whether you’re an arts major or not)

Whether you want to become a professional artist, continue a passion, try something new, or simply immerse yourself in appreciating great theater, music, dance, films, and exhibitions, a spectacular array of options awaits you at Yale. Major or take courses in Architecture, Art, Computing and the Arts, Film Studies, Music, or Theater Studies. Tap into the extraordinary resources of Yale's Digital Media Center for the Arts, Yale University Art Gallery, Yale Center for British Art, and world-class professional schools of Art, Architecture, Drama, and Music. Outside the classroom there are some 50 to 60 officially registered campus-wide arts groups, troupes, ensembles, societies, and publications. These organizations cater to such disparate interests as belly dancing, classical chamber music, Chinese calligraphy, and fashion design. Many—like the Yale Glee Club, the Yale Dramatic Association (the Dramat), the Yale Concert Band, and the a cappella groups—are part of the long-established and deeply rooted history and lore of Yale College. Within this vibrant creative life, students here have the freedom to create something totally new even as they become part of Yale’s legendary arts tradition.

David Martinez belongs to Trumbull College and is majoring in Political Science and Music. His extracurricular activities include theater, a cappella, and swimming.

Will Turner is in Timothy Dwight College and is from Tampa, Florida. He is a member of the Baker’s Dozen, an a cappella group.

Michael Knowles of Davenport College is a contributing reporter for the Yale Daily News and a member of the Yale Dramat and the Freshman Class Council. He is also a staff writer for Insider's Guide to the Colleges.

Isabel Siragusa is a Theater Studies major in Davenport College. She participates in the Dramat, Yale Drama Coalition, Eating Concerns Health and Outreach, and Reach Out—the Yale College Partnership for International Service.

Ming-Tao Taylor is in Timothy Dwight College and is undecided about her major. She participates in theater, tutoring, Roosevelt Institution, and intramurals.

Emily Jenda of Saybrook College is majoring in Psychology and Theater Studies. In addition to participating in Heritage Theater Ensemble and the Yale Dramat, she is involved with the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Kelsey Sakimoto is a Chemical Engineering major in Ezra Stiles College. She participates in the Yale Concert Band, Yale Precision Marching Band, Ezra Stiles College Wind Ensemble, Davenport Pops Orchestra, and Yale University Jazz Collective.

Yael Zinkow is from Beley, Ohio, and belongs to Saybrook College. She sings in the coed a cappella group Mixed Company and is freshman coordinator of Yale Slifka Center.

Mark Sonnenblick of Silliman College participates in the improv group Purple Crayon and The Yale Record. He also started an undergraduate rock band.

Sam Tsui is a Classical Studies major in Davenport College. He participates in the a cappella group the Duke’s Men, Yale Baroque Opera Project, and the Dramat. He is also a Yale tour guide.

Mallory Baysek of Branford College is majoring in Classics and Humanities. Her extracurriculars include theater, serving on the Yale Dramat Board, and working at Yale’s Marsh Botanical Garden.

From the digital to the classical, from the academic to the extracurricular, from private lessons to group ensembles, from beginning painting to professional exhibitions—Yale arts offer every opportunity.
Friday

Yale Cabaret's late-night lounge. (Admission is always free with the purchase of a ticket to what's playing at the Cabaret—this weekend, Sidewalk Opera.)

Explore the ethical consequences of murder with "wry irony and consummate skill" through two films: *Monna Verduen* and *Le Boucher*, directed by Charles Chaplin and Claude Chabrol, respectively, and loosely based on real-life scandals. Every weekend Cinema at the Whitney, an inter-school production student group of undergrads and graduate students, presents a pair of films for free at the Whitney Humanities Center auditorium.

If that's too highbrow for your mood, start your night from over a dozen pre-Columbian cultures.

Soothe your soul with Mendelssohn's *Elijah* performed by Yale's Philharmonia Orchestra, Camerata, and Glee Club.

Saturday

Get an early start with a morning of music at the Woosley Hall Competition, where School of Music instrumentalists and singers compete for the opportunity to appear as soloists with the Philharmonia during the next season. Make it a marathon and come back in the evening for the *Master of Music Recital Series*—tonight collist Jacques Wood and pianist Wei-Jen Yuan.

It's a great night at the NYC Opera. Go into the city with friends to see Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at a discounted rate and explore the set's production on a backstage tour. Or enjoy a night of theater right on campus at the Yale Repertory Theatre where lords and ladies are gathering for Oscar Wilde's comedy of serial seducers and moralizing monomaniacs, *A Woman of No Importance*.

Close the weekend with an eclectic mix of live music options: new bands at BAR's "Sundazed" series; a student Choral Conducting Recital at Battell Chapel; the Great Organ Music series at Marquand Chapel. Or learn some new steps in a Swing & Blues Dance Practicum at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Or gallery-hop from the School of Art's Senior Thesis Show Paintings Part I (see Part II on Sunday) to the Architecture Gallery for "Painting the Glass House: Artists Revisit Modern Architecture." As you move through the gallery, you and your date rue the fact that you missed architect Frank Gehry's talk two nights ago, but make a plan to come back next Tuesday for SoA's film series "The Future is Asian."

Sunday

As a member of the Gospel Choir, sing at Sunday services.

Enjoy a concert to benefit children's literacy given by the Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group. The Whiffs are one of more than a dozen a cappella groups and have become one of Yale's most celebrated and beloved traditions.

Dr. DIY by acting, performing, singing, staging, writing, producing, presenting, improvising, creating, designing, and getting laughs through more than 80 (and counting) student choirs, troupes, clubs, groups, ensembles, associations, organizations, societies, and collectives including:

- Art/Design
- Anime Society
- Art of the Book Club
- Art Stars
- Craft Club
- Student Silkscreeners
- Dance
- Alliance for Dance
- Ballet Folklórico
- Mexicans
- Ballroom Dance Club
- Belly Dance Society
- Danceworks
- A Different Drum
- Freestyle Expressions Alliance
- Crew
- Fusion: Modern Belly Dance
- Hip-Hop Groove Dance
- Jahsan Bhangra Team
- Konjo! African Dance Troupe
- Lion Dance Troupe
- Phoenix Dance Troupe
- Chinese dance troupe
- Rhythmic Blue
- Sabrosura
- Steppin' Out
- Swing & Blues Tango Club
- Taps
- Yaladancers
- Fashion
- Youtubes Society
- Film
- Archaeology
- Studies
- Budlight Productions
- Cinema at the Whitney
- Film Society
- South Asian Film Society

Records show that the first appearance of a band at Yale was in 1775, when a militia band of Yale students accompanied George Washington to Cambridge, Massachusetts. They found it "not to their liking" and returned to New Haven one week later. From those humble roots have sprung the Yale Concert Band, the Yale Jazz Ensemble, and the incomparable Yale Precision Marching Band. Such is Yale's epic arts story, peppered by icons (Thornton Wilder, Paul Newman, Maya Lin, Jodie Foster) and satisfying pretty much any artistic desire any day of the week. We picked one weekend in spring.
Some say Yale is a place of reinvention, but others say the undergraduate experience here is about becoming more of who you already are. Many students find the most personal routes on this journey through Yale’s Cultural Houses, the Women’s Center, political activism and groups, and sexual identity organizations that make up a microcosm of the world’s views and beliefs. The best part is the friends, traveling companions, and guides that students find through these centers and organizations to help them on their way. Alumna Billie Gastic ’98 says, “The work that I did with other Latino students to bring about positive change in our communities played a tremendous part in my identity development and paved the way for the work that I will continue to do for a lifetime.”

Where House Means Home.
(Cultural centers at Yale)

Yale’s four Cultural Houses include the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center (La Casa Cultural, pictured here), and the Native American Cultural Center. All are modeled after the Afro-American Cultural Center (affectionately known as “The House”), founded in 1969. The four centers nourish a sense of cultural identity and educate people in the larger community. They are also home base for dozens of affiliated organizations from fraternities and sororities to dance companies, publications, and social action and political groups.
administration have shown in students, faculty, the New Haven community, and consciousness that exchange of ideas now seen at the Yale gatherings which ties gave way to the vigorous issues pertinent to the black community. The House continued earlier Yale traditions as Casa Boricua, Inc., La Casa Cultural has been host to countless cultural, scholarly, and social events and has served as an important focus of Latino student social life at Yale and a tremendous source of student-community interaction and enrichment. Founded in 1974 as Casa Boricua, Inc., La Casa Cultural acquired its present name three years later. Within the three-story, 19th-century red brick house, students socialize, plan activities, cook together in a fully equipped kitchen, and create a warm and robust community. The center also includes a Latino and Latin American topic library, a computer room, organizational offices, student lounges, and meeting spaces. La Casa is open to New Haven Latinos and community-based ESL programs for non-English speakers.

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La Casa Cultural

What can you do at the AAC? Just about anything: study in the library, cook for your friends in a full-fledged kitchen, watch TV on a widescreen television, or play Ping-Pong. Established in 1981, the center promotes Asian American culture and explores the social and political experience of Asians in the United States. More than thirty-five undergraduate organizations are affiliated with the AAC. Students of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian (Bangladeshi, Indian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Sri-Lankan), Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese, and other Asian backgrounds work together to address pan-Asian American issues as well as provide programs that focus on individual ethnic group issues.

Asian American Cultural Center

Afro-American Cultural Center

Afro-American House opened in 1969 as a locus for political, cultural, and social activities. The name reflected the sentiment that the House was more than a mere building. The House continued earlier Yale gatherings which brought black students together from many schools to discuss issues pertinent to the black community. With these gatherings, the isolation students experienced in the late fifties and early sixties gave way to the vigorous exchange of ideas now seen at the House. The common thread is the commitment, confidence, competence, and consciousness that students, faculty, the New Haven community, and the University administration have shown in making the Afro-American Cultural Center vitally essential to Yale, New Haven, and beyond.

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The Association of Native Americans at Yale (annay) was founded in 1989. Although sporadic, grant that Native American students had organized before, the new group’s goals included attracting Native American professors and scholars; expanding course offerings to include Native American history and cultural studies; increasing Native American recruitment and support from the administration; and creating a permanent headquarters for the group. Many of those goals have been achieved including the establishment of the Native American Cultural Center. annay and the center promote Native American culture and explore issues Native Americans face today. Programs include speakers, dinners, and movie nights.
ELIterati.
(Why Yalies are so darned determined to publish)

Members of the Yale Daily News editorial board. Andrew Mangino, editor-in-chief (seated far left), thinks the proliferation of publications at Yale is “a reflection of everything the university is all about: intensive teamwork, a flow of novel perspectives, a global outlook, and a burning desire to not just own one’s ideas myself, but to share them with others.”

Yale publications are like one of those giant 40-flavor containers of jelly beans. The possibilities are endless, as new publications are dispersed seemingly daily throughout all the residential colleges. There are a few more general, universally popular publications— the cherry, lemon, or watermelon jelly beans of the bunch—as well as a handful that will really please a certain niche—the cappuccino and roasted marshmallow flavors. No matter what your taste, if you look hard enough, you’ll find something to suit your mood.”

Sam Duboff for the Yale Daily News

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Publications
Afrika Now
L’Amuse-Bouche
Broad Recognition
Dimensions Art Journal
Flat Lur: A Journal of Religious Life and Theology
Five Magazine (focused on methods for social justice, human rights, and service groups)
GEM
Gisbar21
Habitus
Helicon Undergraduate Journal of Classics
La Fuerza
Midnight at Yale
The New Journal
Point
The Politic
The Pulse
Revelations
Rumpus (humanist philosophy)
Shibboleth
Sphere
z the (fashion magazine)
Symposium
Volume Magazine (dedicated to music)
Yale Anglers’ Journal
The Yale Daily News
The Yale Daily News Magazine
Yale Economic Review
Yale Entrepreneur
The Yale Epicurian
The Yale Free Press
The Yale Globalist
The Yale Herald
The Yale Historical Review
Yale Journal of Medicine and Law
The Yale Journal of Public Health
Yale Literary Magazine
The Yale Musician
The Yale Philosophy Review
The Yale Record
Yale Scientific
Yale Undergraduate Law Review
Y.U.M (literary magazine)
Sustainable U.
(Where Blue is Green)

Yale’s path to sustainability began more than 100 years ago with the establishment of one of the first forestry schools in the country. Today, the University is internationally recognized as a sustainability leader in both curriculum and institutional practices. Yale is home to faculty in cutting-edge fields such as green chemistry and engineering, sustainable landscape management, and business and the environment. Students have been instrumental in building a culture of sustainability across the campus. Their enthusiasm and energy have led the University to establish several academic programs, a sustainable food project, and more.

The sustainability experience at Yale can start even before the first semester begins. Each year, 400 incoming students participate in Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips (FOOT), and Yale Harvest allows incoming freshmen to spend five days working on a family-owned organic farm. Sustainability is evident in all areas of student life at Yale, from options in the dining halls to work on the Yale Farm, from bike sharing and 20% biodiesel shuttles to Spring Salvage and sustainable athletics.

Student Groups
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- Yale Student Environmental Coalition
- Engineers Without Borders
- Yale Harvest
- Yale Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips
- Social Justice Network at Yale
- Reach Out
- New Haven Action
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- Bulldog Sustainability

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<td>Environmental issues receive heightened attention when a group of undergraduates produces the “Yale Green Plan” and submits its findings and recommendations to Yale College administrators.</td>
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Political Animals.

(Today’s and tomorrow’s leaders converge at the nation’s oldest debating society)

Are we by nature political animals, as Aristotle said? Members of Yale’s Political Union—the largest undergraduate organization on campus—are more likely to prove the point than argue it. They’ll save their debates for the most crucial issues of the day, sparring with visiting Supreme Court justices, elected officials, and political firebrands.

Founded in 1934, the Yale Political Union invites a prominent national figure to deliver an address before the Yale community each week. Students traditionally sit with their parties, arranged from the most liberal party on the left side of the auditorium to the most conservative party on the right—seven parties in all. Over tea, dinner, wine, late-night pizza, or in formal debate, YPU members engage each other. As such, the party has an intellectual enriching activist projects.

YPU events on her news site. Arianna Huffington was so impressed with the Yale community each dinner, wine, late-night debate when she spoke in her address before the Union. It is a party for conservatives who seek to cultivate a knowledge of the ideas, cultural practices, and institutions that are essential to preserving the United States. It stands for a vigorous but limited government, public strength born not of size but of conviction.

The Liberal Party

As the largest party in the Union, the Independent Party is the only one that does not align itself with either the Right or the Left. Instead, we are a party of independent thinkers. Our motto is “Hear All Sides.” We believe that openness of mind is the trunck mark of genuine intelligence.

The Party of the Left

Known for challenging political assumptions and pushing the Union to the left, the Libs don’t use parliamentary procedure or dress up for our own weekly discussions. Rather, we engage seminar-style with each other on philosophical and political topics. And we put our beliefs to work with regular activist projects.

The Federalist Party

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The Conservative Party

The Conservative Party occupies a right-of-center position within the Union but is short of the “hard right.” It takes issues seriously, considering ideas important, and logic, practicality, and pragmatism essential. It seeks guidance from the lessons of history and aims to make its own debates and discussions an intellectually enriching experience for all.

The Tory Party

As the oldest party on the right, the Tory Party was founded by members dissatisifed with the lack of true conservatism in the Union. It has been described in the Yale Herald as “at once flamboyant, intellectually elitist, aggressive, mesmerizingly subversive, eccentric, and maniacally eager to challenge anyone and everyone.”

Notable YPU Alumni

Yale law professor Akhil Reed Amar
Social Security Administration commissioner Michael J. Astrue
Journalist and author John Avlon
Former ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton
University of Oklahoma president David L. Boren
Author William F. Buckley, Jr.
Author Maggie Gallagher
Council of Economic Advisers chair Austan Goolsbee
U.S. Senator John Kerry
Oberlin College president Marvin Krislov
Former U.S. Representative David McIntosh
Former Attorney General Edwin Meese
Journalist Dana Milbank
Former U.S. ambassador to Chile John O’Leary
Former Governor George Pataki
Former presidential speechwriter Ray Price
Former U.S. ambassador to East Timor Grover Rasls Jr.
Former Governor Bob Taft
Former U.S. Supreme Court justice Byron White
Author Lauren Wilkie
U.S. deputy Treasury secretary Neal S. Wolin
Journalist Fareed Zakaria
Keeping the Faiths.

(Religious life at a “world university”)

Yale students come from more than thirty diverse religious and spiritual traditions. Founded as an institution with a Protestant vocation, Yale today welcomes those of any or no faith tradition and seeks to nurture all in their spiritual journeys during their college years.

“We consider ourselves quite blessed,” says University Chaplain Sharon M. K. Kugler, “to be part of a community of scholars, seekers, and believers walking together on a remarkable journey of spiritual awakening and human flourishing.”

Located in the heart of Old Campus where most of the freshmen live, the Chaplain’s Office coordinates Yale’s rich and broadly understood religious life by supporting various worship services and rituals across faith traditions throughout the day and evening in numerous settings. The office partners with centers for specific faiths and affiliated social and community service organizations, and offers pastoral support, educational publications, films, concerts, lecture series, and service trips throughout the year.
Difference Makers.
(Yale’s incubator of impact and leadership – Dwight Hall)

“Through the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project (YHHAP) I have learned how to effect change with others. YHHAP has broken down my preconceptions about hunger and homelessness. I’ve learned that poverty is nuanced in its causes and its potential solutions. I am continually blown away by the energy and compassion that drive my fellow YHHAP members. Dwight Hall allows me to feel like a citizen of New Haven – more educated about its flaws and appreciative of its many opportunities than I ever anticipated.”

Eliza Schaefer

“It’s one thing to take classes on world issues and philanthropy and community involvement theory, but through Dwight Hall I’ve gotten a pragmatic idea about issues that exist in New Haven, across the country, and around the world. I am a co-coordinator of the Dwight Hall Academic Mentoring Program. Without question it has been the most rewarding experience I have had here. It is a three-year program that allows me to have a sustained mentoring relationship with a student at a local elementary school. I plan to go into finance post-Yale and then work to improve the education system either by running for office or starting a nonprofit.”

Bradford Williams

“Leadership and service to society seem inextricably linked at Yale. Nowhere is that more apparent than at Dwight Hall, the Center for Public Service and Social Justice founded by undergraduates in 1886. Dwight Hall is the only nonprofit umbrella campus volunteer organization in the country run entirely by students. Students develop new initiatives in response to community needs and provide resources, training, and other support services for more than 70 groups ranging in scope from tutoring to political activism. With Dwight Hall’s support, Yale undergraduates have founded many significant community agencies that have become a permanent part of New Haven’s social service network. It’s kind of impact they continue to have post-Yale as they answer the call to serve and lead in ways that are uniquely their own.”

Amy Rothschild

“Youth hunger and homelessness are not isolated from our larger world’s issues and philanthropy and community involvement theory. How do we address it? By getting our hands dirty. By engaging in the hard work required to effect change. By understanding that it is all connected and our work is intertwined.”

“Through clubs and organizations devoted to musical cures, developing clean energy, sharing community service methods, social entrepreneurship, or even scientific research, Yalies pursue the greater good.”

Community Service Student Groups

Academic Mentoring Program
AIDS Walk New Haven
AIESEC Yale
American Red Cross
Amnesty International
Best Buddies
Bilingual Organization for Language Development
Bridges (English language classes)
BRED
Buildings at New Haven Reads
China Care
College Council for CARE
Colleges Against Cancer
Community-Based Learning Initiative
Community Health Educators
DEMONS
Elmseed Enterprise
FOCUS on New Haven
GEM
Girls Run
Habitat for Humanity
Hunger and Homeless-ness Action Project
Hunger Heroes
InSight
Instrumental Connection
Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
Jews for Justice
Kitchen to Kitchen
Luther House Tutoring
Mathcounts Outreach
Minorities in Medicine
New Haven Action
New Haven Cares
No Closed Doors
Nourish International
PALS Tutoring and Mentoring
Peace by P.E.A.C.E.
Prison Education Project
Public Health Coalition
Reach Out
Rotoact Club
Salt of the Earth
Shelter Now
SMART (Science and Math Achiever Teams)
Social Justice Network
Splitter’s (publishing works by children in Yale student-run workshops)
Student Environmental Coalition
Students for Boys and Girls Club of New Haven
Students for UNICEF
Students Taking Action
Now: Darfur
Summer Buds
Synergy Science Outreach
THINK!
T.I.E.S. (Tutoring in Elementary Schools)
Undergraduate Philanthropic Society
Undergraduates at CT Hospitals
Unite For Sight
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines
Urban Debate League
Women and Youth Supporting Each Other
Women’s Leadership Initiative
World Micro-Market
Youth Together
High School
Youth Together
Middle School
Peer Counseling
Alcohol and Drug Education
Eating Concerns and Health Outreach
Mind Matters
Peer Health Educators
Walden
Apply.
The Good News about the Cost of Yale.

If you are considering Yale, please do not hesitate to apply because you fear the cost will exceed your family’s means. Yale College admits students on the basis of academic and personal promise and without regard to their ability to pay. Once a student is admitted, Yale meets 100% of that student’s demonstrated financial need. All aid is need-based. This policy helps to ensure that Yale will always be accessible to talented students from the widest possible range of backgrounds.

The Financial Aid Office is committed to working with families to determine a fair and reasonable family contribution and will meet the full demonstrated need of every student, including international students, for all four years. Recent changes in Yale’s financial aid policies have increased the number of families who qualify for aid and eliminated worry about excessive work hours or debt. Our new financial aid package makes this aspiration a reality.

Yale also provides undergraduates on financial aid with grant support for summer study and unpaid internships abroad based on their level of need.

> Families with less than $65,000 in income pay nothing for an admitted child to attend Yale.
> Families earning $65,000 to $120,000 in income will contribute on average 10% of annual family income.
> The contribution of aided families with income above $120,000 will average 15% of income, but in certain cases the contribution could be lower or higher depending on family size, the number in college, and the amount of family assets.

The average scholarship for the class of 2015 was approximately $38,000.

Costs for 2011–2012

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For detailed information about admissions and financial aid, please visit our Web site: http://admissions.yale.edu

Click on Visit & Connect for information that you will need to plan a campus visit, and to join our mailing list and be notified of upcoming admissions events.

Click on Yale Voices for student-generated content that gives first-person accounts of life in New Haven and at Yale.

Click on Application Process to learn how to file an application, including instructions, deadlines, and requirements.

Click on Financial Aid for the good news about the cost of attending Yale.

You will also find many other useful links to: academics; global study, research, and internship opportunities; science and engineering research opportunities for undergraduates; podcasts; student organizations; athletic programs; an interactive virtual tour; and Summer Session.

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