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Lives.

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)
Freshman Diaries.
(Life in the first year)

From the moment they arrive, freshmen are able to dive into all that Yale has to offer. In part this is because so many programs are in place specifically to welcome and guide first-year students—from pre-orientation to freshman counselors (Yale seniors) to Freshman Seminars (small classes taught by some of Yale’s most prominent professors) to parties. We caught up with three freshmen near the end of their second semesters. Here they share advice on preorientation, independence, and schedules; reflect on their own freshman expectations; and record a day in their lives during the first year.

A Tuesday in the life of

9:30 am  Wake up, shower, and (ideally) get breakfast at Saybrook.
10:30 am  Spanish in Lensy-Chittenden (conveniently located between Vanderbilt and Saybrook).
11:30 am  Rush to Hillhouse to make it to my 11:30 calculus class.
1:00 pm    Grab lunch at Silliman with a friend or two from math.
3:00 pm    Work out at Payne Whitney Gym, shower, and leave by 4.
6:00 pm    Meet up at Chipotle or another local eatery with fellow Black Men’s Union members to work on a newsletter for alumni.
7:30 pm    Weekly meeting with Cluster Technicians at the Student Technology Collaborative.
9:00 pm    Watch TV for an hour.
10:00 pm   Do homework with a friend at Squiche (Saybrook’sbattery).  
12:30 am   Back to my room to get some sleep.

First Year’s Classes
> Comprehensive General Chemistry I
> General Chemistry Lab I
> Reading and Writing the Modern Essay
> Introduction to Ethnicity, Race, and Migration
> Calculus of Functions of One Variable I and II
> Introductory Microeconomics
> Introduction to Engineering, Innovation, and Design
> Vikings
> Elementary Spanish II

Activities
> Yale Black Men’s Union
> Yale PASS Tutoring and Mentoring
> Yale Undergraduate Diversified Investments
> Science, Technology, and Research Scholars
> Saybrook College Council
> Chair of the Dining Hall Committee
> Shaka at Yale Polytechnic dance group

“A while it may not be particularly easy to excel at Yale, finding out that there are many resources to help achieve goals was my greatest surprise.”

On preorientation: I did Cultural Connections and loved it! I had a fantastic time going on adventures, participating in stimulating discussions and conversations, and being ushered into some of the finer aspects of student campus life with things like a talent show and poetry performances. I really benefited from the program in that I felt a sense of belonging and already had a network of friends before Camp Yale even started. I’ve heard similar experiences from friends who participated in it. I highly encourage incoming students to consider one of Yale’s preorientation programs.

On roommates: Whether by pure coincidence or by Yale’s complex room assignment system, I was matched with someone I had met and hit it off with during the college search process. After we got our suite assignments, we texted each other in happy surprise that we would be rooming together.

On Freshman Seminars: These are very popular classes with limited sizes. I definitely recommend applying to them.

Mallet Njonkem
Hometown: Richmond, TX
Anticipated Major: Economics, Engineering Sciences: Mechanical

On expectations: I was never completely sure what I would want to study in college, so I knew that I wanted to go to a place where I could engage in several different pursuits. The ability to easily switch majors or disciplines was one of the main factors that drew me to apply to private schools like Yale in addition to my state’s flagship school. When I visited Yale during Bulldog Days—a three-day program for admitted students—I was blown away by the fluidity and flexibility across several spheres in the school. It became clear to me that integrating into residential college communities, extracurricular activities, and the larger Yale community would be seamless. And now that I’m here, one of my most pleasant surprises is that there are a ton of great resources such as office hours, tutoring, review sessions, intelligent fellow classmates, etc., all around just waiting to be utilized.

On Freshman Counselors: The Freshman Counselor (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, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Murray, and Silliman live together on Old Campus during their first year, and Frocos live among them. (Freshmen are grouped in Old Campus residences by college affiliation, which allows all freshmen no matter their college affiliation to get to know each other.)

Cultural Connections (CC) introduces freshmen to Yale’s cultural resources 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.
“Directed Studies provides a valuable foundation in the humanities and reminds me that science and the humanities used to be intricately linked. Only recently did people start to consider them such separate fields.”

On orientation: FOOT is a great way to kick off your freshman year! I did the four-day Appalachian Trail trip and made an instant group of friends.

On Directed Studies (DS): The yearlong DS humanities program is unique to Yale and a wonderful way to make sure you are taking small seminars, having lectures with world-class professors, quickly improving your writing skills, and reading the classics, from ancient Greece through the twentieth century. Discussion sections are at the heart of the program: they let you engage with the texts, the other students, and the professors in a small group setting.

On extracurriculars: There is such strong support for the arts on campus. I’ve been able to keep up and improve my dancing and have had the chance to choreograph pieces of my own. Most importantly, I’ve found a community of amazingly talented dancers and friends who have defined my time at Yale so far.
Anatomy of a Residential College.  
(Yale has no dormitories)  

Even before freshmen arrive they are assigned to one of Yale’s fourteen 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 (B.A. 1889), 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 fourteen colleges opened.
Yale in Miniature.
(A tour of Morse College)

**BASEMENT**

- **Buttery**
  - Run by students, “The Morsel” is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:30 pm to 1 am. Hang out with friends over the popular Jim Stanley, a quesadilla with chicken nuggets.

- **Shared Spaces**
  - Morse and neighbor Ezra Stiles College share several underground performance and activity spaces. But don’t let their location in the basement fool you: skylights flood these rooms with light.

  - **The Dance and Aerobics Studio** was designed for all types of dance, from ballroom to classical Indian bharatanatyam.
  - **The Fabric Arts Studio** has six looms, several sewing machines, a knitting machine, and more.

  - **The Exercise and Weight Room** offers a full range of state-of-the-art equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, free weights, punching bags, and weight machines.
  - There are also a fully equipped Digital Media Room and a Recording Studio.

**FLOOR 1**

- **Morse House**
  - Catherine Panter-Brick is joined in Morse College by her husband, Associate Head of College Mark Eggerman, and their sons, Dominic and Jannik.

  - **Dean’s Office**
    - 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.

  - **Dean’s Apartment**
    - Dean Joel Silverman lives in Morse with his wife, Alba Estenoz, who is a professional pastry chef; their son, Noah, and their dogs, Oreo and Lulu.

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

**FLOOR 2**

- **Morse’s Water Feature**
  - Morse College is one of the social centers in every college. At night, light glowing from the Dining Hall’s 40-foot floor-to-ceiling windows illuminates the courtyard and outdoor dining patio.

- **Common Room**
  - Artistic Morsels can exhibit their latest work in this sophisticated venue.

- **Game Room**
  - Conveniently located next to the Morsel, the Game Room is a social hub where students get together to watch TV or play pool, table tennis, air hockey, and foosball.

**FLOOR 3 & 4**

- **Library**
  - Open 24 hours a day, the library has big tables, comfortable couches, and individual study spots for those who need a quiet space. You can feed your soul with the latest book or magazine, from The Economist to People.

- **Dining Hall**
  - One of the social centers in every college. At night, light glowing from the Dining Hall’s 40-foot floor-to-ceiling windows illuminates the courtyard and outdoor dining patio.

- **Student Room**
  - A common living room with built-in desk and bookshelves in Ezra Stiles College; and a bedroom in Branford College; a bedroom in Berkeley Old Campus; a common room in Farnam Hall on Old Campus; a bedroom with built-in desk and bookshelves in Ezra Stiles College; and a common room in Pierson College.
A Head Start.

What really makes a residential college a college versus simply a place to live is that each has its own dean and head of college—adults living among students in microcosms of Yale College as a whole. The head of college is the leader of the 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. Head of Morse College Catherine Panter-Brick is a professor of Anthropology, Health, and Global Affairs and, like all heads of college, preeminent in her field. “I love my college: it’s a family,” she says. “I’m with students in the dining hall, on the sports field, in the dance studio, and for events in my own house. This has definitely given me a multidimensional appreciation of student life. It’s changed the way I teach because I now share with students more than the classroom experience, so I make my relationships with students as personal as possible.”

“In a residential college, students grow as a community, and my role is to care for this community: to create a welcoming space, to show love for college life, to pay attention. When life is stressful, students find support and comfort in a close-knit community, and when life is wonderful, fellow Morsels are happy to share their excitement. By providing a consistent space where we are present in each other’s daily lives, the residential college serves as an anchor point for how students navigate four years of university life.”

A Dean of One’s Own.

Residential college deans serve as chief academic and personal advisers to students in their colleges. Morse College Dean Joel Silverman says the college system means he sees students not just in class but at dinner, at social events, and in common areas and the courtyard. He attends their concerts, competitions, and shows. “We strive to create actual communities, where people truly support one another and embrace differences,” he says. “It’s extremely important to me to help support a community in which my family and I also feel comfortable living.”

“I advise students on anything and everything related to academics, including selecting courses, choosing a major, and exploring the many amazing opportunities here at Yale, such as study abroad programs and fellowships,” says Dean Silverman. “But I’m also a personal adviser to students. When students are feeling homesick, when there are conflicts with roommates, when a student who has earned A’s her entire life suddenly bombs a test—I counsel these students, too.”

Dean Silverman says that deans are part of a constellation of advising at Yale that includes heads of college, freshman counselors, tutors, and others. “A few years ago, I was on my way to a panel for the parents of freshmen, and I ran into one of the seniors in Morse. I asked her what one point she would want me to convey to the parents of freshmen. She paused, thought about it, and then said, ‘Tell them that Yale is a safe and healthy place for kids to transition into adulthood.’”
Debate This.
(Pierson Dining Hall conversations in progress)

Alan Montes and Alex Kyo 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.

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Students Eric Bank and Vikram Jairam, with Rosalie J. Blunden, formerly associate dean for finance and administration at Yale School of Public Health, are debating the charisma quotient of Barack Obama vs. John F. Kennedy.
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>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened 1933; home to Harkness Tower and its bells</td>
<td>Robert Frost described our courtyard as “the most beautiful college courtyard in America”</td>
<td>Independence Day, when Branford dedicates its independence from Yale in a day of barbecues and parties</td>
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<td>Davenport a.k.a. D’Port</td>
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<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 DPops</td>
<td>Late nights at the Dive grill, Davenport!</td>
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<td>Timothy Dwight a.k.a. TD</td>
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<td>Georgian; opened in 1935</td>
<td>Bluegrass music, art studio, beat poetry: the laid-back alternative</td>
<td>TD’s motto and cheer is “Ashe!” which means “We make it happen” in Yoruba</td>
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<td>Jonathan Edwards a.k.a. JE</td>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened in 1933</td>
<td>Our amazing letter-press; Tyng Cup winners three years in a row</td>
<td>Fix it yourself in our bicycle repair shop; take a hike on the Farmington Canal Greenway in our backyard</td>
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<td>Benjamin Franklin</td>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; opening in fall 2017</td>
<td>The Papers of Benjamin Franklin; edited and published by Yale scholars, have reached 41 volumes, with six to go</td>
<td>Great Awakening Fall Festival; the formal Spider Ball, JE SUX!</td>
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<td>Grace Hopper</td>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened in 1933</td>
<td>The Cabaret in the basement, with hugely popular student shows</td>
<td>Trolley Night: Clang, clang, clang goes the party</td>
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<td>Morse</td>
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<td>Modern; designed by Eero Saarinen; built in 1961 with a 14-story tower and no right angles</td>
<td>Our sculpture, Lepizig (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks, by Claes Oldenburg</td>
<td>All-day Apple Bakefest in the head of college’s kitchen; Great Morse Easter Egg Hunt</td>
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<td>Pauli Murray</td>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; opening in fall 2017</td>
<td>Our namesake was a scholar, lawyer, and civil and women’s rights activist who helped change the landscape of opportunity in the U.S.</td>
<td>Make your mark on Murray College: kick-off a yearly dance party or found a drama troupe in our own spring-floor theater</td>
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<td>Pierson</td>
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<td>Georgian; built in 1933</td>
<td>Wrestling in the Jello Pit of Justice on Pierson Day</td>
<td>Tuesday Night Club; our cheer: P is for the P in Pierson College, I is for the I in Pierson College...</td>
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<td>Saybrook</td>
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<td>Collegiate Gothic; completed in 1933</td>
<td>We’re in a chase scene in the latest Indiana Jones movie; our own Chamber Orchestra (known as SYChO)</td>
<td>Party in the “2 Pack” and always respond “Saybrook!” when asked, “Say what?”</td>
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<td>Stillman</td>
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<td>Varied: Collegiate Gothic; modified French Renaissance, Georgian; completed in 1940</td>
<td>Biggest college; biggest courtyard; winner of cooking and spirit prizes at Final Cut (Yale’s “Iron Chef”)</td>
<td>Sunday music brunch, a feast of sound and taste; the Ball on College and Wall, a spring classic</td>
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<td>Ezra Stiles</td>
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<td>Modern masterpiece, designed by Eero Saarinen; opened in 1963</td>
<td>Our memorial moose mascot in the Dining Hall; annual Student Film Festival</td>
<td>Medieval (K)night Festival; Baby Animal Petting Zoo in the courtyard</td>
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<td>Trumbull</td>
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<td>Quintessential Yale/Collegiate Gothic; completed in 1933</td>
<td>Potty Court, where our gargoyles “Thinker” is enthroned and decorated every year</td>
<td>Rumble in Trumbull (bouche-house “fight!”); 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—not 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 Lichting (1999) writing for the Yale Herald.

More than Ooolong.  
(College Teas)

College Teas are informal Q&A’s hosted by the head 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.

- Timothy Dwight Dee Mohan, physician and CEO of言い方 in Somalia; Alice Wells, U.S. ambassador to Jordan; Rahul Pandita, conflict journalist; Susan Chos, novelist.
- Morocco: Sultan Almohads, founding emperor of the Almohad dynasty; Abd Al-Mumin, founder of the Almohad dynasty; Ali bin Cisam, Sultan of the Almohad dynasty.
- Pauli Murray: 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—not 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.
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“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 one senior put it, 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 that all roads lead to the residential colleges). The twelve friends on these pages all belong to Morse College. Here they talk about chance meetings, their impact on one another, and friendship at Yale.

“Going to a restaurant in New Haven has become a favorite tradition. On birthdays it’s Prime 16, a juicy burger place, or Pepe’s, a New Haven pizza classic. Whenever it’s Thai food, I’m given full ordering power for the family-style meal. Once I booked out the Morse kitchen to have a Thai cooking session with friends. Aaron, Ethan, Mark, Caroline, and Hannah helped with the chopping. On the menu were stir-fry vegetables with oyster sauce, Thai-style omelet with fresh shrimp, green curry with eggplant, and rice I had brought from Thailand. It’s a challenge when you’re trying to time a bunch of different stir-fry dishes and coordinate preparation with five other people! In the end the dinner was a delicious success. Sometimes late at night I go into the kitchen to cook my own food as a way to de-stress. I’ll call Richard to come and help me finish what I’ve made as a fun study break. He’s a fan of my Thai milk tea.”

Hanoi

“Deena, Caroline, and I have organized several late-night Zumba-style dance parties. Once we choreographed a dance routine to “Countdown” by Beyoncé. After about an hour of teamwork and laughter at how silly we looked in the dance mirrors—after all, Caroline is the only real dancer among us—we recorded a video of our finished dance on Caroline’s computer. It’s fun to remember the moments of spontaneous goofiness that define our friendship.”

Hannah Untereiner

“Deena, (left) goes to every one of Hannah’s performances with TUB, Yale’s folk-singing group. Over the years, she’s learned the words to all their songs.

Deena and Danny (below) are involved in the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project.

Richard, Danny, and Mark go sledding on the big hill by the Divinity School during snowstorms.

Lamthran “Hanoi” Hantrakul

(above center)

Hometown
Bangkok, Thailand

Majors
Applied Physics, Music

Activities
Yale Jazz Ensemble, WYBC Radio, Asian American Cultural Center, Salsa dancing, CEID Workshop designer

Hanoi invited Richard (right) to take an Electrical Engineering class with him. Richard says it’s a course he “probably never would have considered, but it became one of my favorite courses at Yale” and inspired his participation in Bulldog Bots, Yale’s undergraduate robotics organization.

Hannah and Mark (above left), Ethan (above right), and Aaron were assigned to be roommates in their freshman year. They realized they all played instruments and started a band called Suite Spot.
“The most important factor in my closest friendships is how much we prioritize each other, even in the face of homework or extracurriculars or other life.”

Caroline

“At 1 a.m. before a snow day, Hanoi was showing everyone some music he’d been working on. Mark got his trombone to play along, and after five minutes, he, Ethan, Hanoi, and I were all playing our respective instruments. Then Ethan’s girlfriend joined in on the vocals, and we jammed for two hours. The best lesson I’ve learned outside of the classroom is to cherish every moment with friends. It’s tempting to have a concrete plan for every moment to maximize productivity and happiness, but it’s just as important to let a meal that was going to be an hour be 2+ hours if you’re having a truly great conversation.”

Aaron

“My friendships at Yale are amazing. Together we have talked excitedly for hours about classes, despaired about mountains of homework in those same classes, laughed and celebrated when we got through midterms, watched each other’s incredible performances, had our hearts broken, tried new things and met new people, made mistakes, and danced until our legs couldn’t move any more. We have found so much joy in learning more about each other.”

Caroline

“Met at Yale
Bob Woodward and John Kerry
George W. Bush and Garry Trudeau
Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bill Clinton
Alison Williams and Kurt Schneider
Sigourney Weaver and Meryl Streep
Anjelica Huston and Tony Shalhoub
Frances McDormand and David Henry Hwang
Jodie Foster and Jennifer Beals
David Duchovny and Paul Giamatti
Edward Norton and Jennifer Connelly
Paul Scarf and Ben Silbermann

Aaron and Caroline (below) met through a mutual friend the summer before their freshman year, so Carlee remembers Aaron as her first Yale friend. They get dinner together with a group of friends every Sunday.

Aaron Effron

(above)
Hometown
Brookline, MA
Major
Physics
Activities
Society of Orpheus and Bacchus (a cappella), intramural soccer co-captain

Caroline Andersson

(above, second from right)
Hometown
Hudson, OH
Major
Mathematics & Philosophy
Activities
Morse College Head Freshman Counselor, Proof of the Pudding (a cappella), Yale Dance Theater, Steppin’ Out (step team) president, Harvest preorientation trip leader

Caroline asked Jessica (above, second from left) to go running with her in their first week of freshman year, and they’ve been running together regularly ever since—even though Caroline says “Jessica is much more athletic than I am!”

Effron

(above)
Hometown
Brookline, MA
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Physics
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Society of Orpheus and Bacchus (a cappella), intramural soccer co-captain

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Breaking News.

(A few of the year’s top undergraduate stories)

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Record Attendance
With funding from Yale and other sources, more than thirty Yale College students reponded the Computer Science department at this year’s Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. The three-day international conference, which promotes women in technology, provided networking opportunities from leaders in industry, academia, and government; sessions on such subjects as data science and social entrepreneurship; a career fair; and more.

Across the Pond
Three seniors — in addition to three recent Yale College graduates — have been named Rhodes or Gates Cambridge Scholars, among the most coveted academic awards for postgraduate study. On a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, Anthropology major Olivia Klevorn will pursue a D.Phil. in socio-legal studies. And as Gates Scholars at Cambridge, Julian Menzel, an Intensive Physics major, will pursue an M.Phil. in the history and philosophy of science and medicine; and Political Science major Simone Seiver will pursue an M.Phil. in criminology.

STEM Matters
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Word Play
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Sunday

Evening

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1:35 am
I jet back up to Science Hill (thankful for my bike!) to check out Regional Perspectives on Global Geoscience—a spring-semester course that extends to summer fieldwork in Ireland.

Monday

5:30 am
I bike up to Science Hill for a class called Renewable Energy. As we discuss the geopolitical implications of sustainable energy resources, I decide this course is a keeper.

7:30 am
I sneak out of the professor’s amazing lecture because I’ve agreed to meet my roommates in The American Novel since 1945. Our former head of college, Amy Hungerford, teaches the course, and we’re excited to experience it together as proud “Morrises.”

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We grab Indian food for a friend’s birthday at one of the many tasty Indian restaurants in New Haven. Then I head to Glee Club rehearsal, where we’re preparing to perform Mauro Dall’Orso’s Requiem in a few months.

6:30 pm
I shop Natural Resources and Their Sustainability, aiming to narrow down the classes I’ll take in my major this semester.

Wednesday

10:30 pm
I race to Sexuality and Religion with Kathryn Lofton. Luckily, I get there on time: Professor Lofton always plays music before class, and the song selections’ theme correlates to the day’s material.

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**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.

**Science and Engineering Undergraduate Research** As one of the world’s foremost research universities, Yale offers countless opportunities for independent undergraduate research projects. Students in the science and engineering disciplines can begin conducting original research as early as freshman year through access to Yale’s more than 800 faculty laboratories in 50+ degree-granting programs in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Yale School of Medicine, and Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. And Freshman Summer Research Fellowships provide support for more than 100 science and engineering freshmen each year.

**STARS (Science, Technology, and Research Scholars)** provides undergraduates an opportunity to combine course-based study, research, mentoring, networking, and career planning in the fields of science and technology. The program is designed to support women, minority, economically underprivileged, and other historically underrepresented students in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics. 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 pages 52–55)

**Preparing for Medical, Law, or Business School** Yale students have an outstanding record of admission to top medical, business, and law schools, but Yale College offers 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. The residential college dean serves as a student’s primary adviser for all academic and personal concerns. 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 the advisers’ residential colleges. Each academic department has a director of undergraduate studies (DUS) who can discuss the department’s course offerings and requirements for the major.
80+ Majors.

6:1 Student-to-faculty ratio.

2:1 Ratio of declared STEM majors to STEM faculty.

3+3=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).

2,000+ Courses offered each year in more than 70 academic programs and departments.

1,252 International study, research, and internship experiences undertaken by Yale College students in 2015-2016.

$2,970,133 Funding for international experiences in the 2015-2016 academic year.

44 Languages offered to undergraduates, from Akkadian to isiZulu.

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70% Of seniors in the most recent graduating class participated in international study, research, and/or internships while at Yale.

98% Freshmen who return sophomore year.

15,000,000+ Holdings in Yale’s library, making it one of the largest university library systems in the United States.

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1 School of Engineering & Applied Science Join fellow creators from across Yale in the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design to collaborate, create, and share functional solutions to meaningful problems.

2 School of Drama Get a student season pass to the Yale Repertory Theatre and see five 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 Gerbino’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 640.

3 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.

4 School of Music Explore the resources of the Gilmore Music Library, with one of the largest collections of music scores, sound recordings, and music research materials in the United States. Take lessons for credit with School of Music faculty. Attend free concerts at Sprague Hall given by Music School students and visiting performers.

5 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.

6 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, Deborah Berke.

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

8 Law School

9 Divinity School Take a walk to the Sterling Divinity Quad to enjoy the quiet Georgian-style campus. The courtyard is a great getaway when you want to read outdoors without the distractions of central campus. View an exhibition of the artifacts and documents from the personal papers of Protestant missionaries who served in China during the first half of the twentieth century.

10 School of Management Enroll for a course at 303 and rub elbows with the next generation of corporate and NGO leaders and entrepreneurs. Become a Silver Scholar—one of a select handful of seniors who are admitted to 303 directly from Yale College, some of whom are awarded a merit scholarship for the two years of study.

11 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.

12 School of Forestry & 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 website to keep up with all of the events happening each week, or tune into the site’s weekly podcasts.

13 School of Nursing Nursing’s home on West Campus is just a 10-minute ride on the Yale Shuttle. Sign up for Professor Ruth McCorkle’s popular course Living with Dying. After some preparatory social science coursework, gain experience as a paid research assistant interviewing patients for the Chronic Illnesses program.

14 School of Medicine On Yale’s medical campus, just three blocks from the College, you don’t have to be pre-med to take advantage of the extraordinary research opportunities available to undergraduates—in fields ranging from genetics to biomedical engineering and nanoscience, studying cancer, neurological disorders, and cardiovascular disease. Take classes taught by medical school professors, work in their labs, shadow doctors on their rounds, or volunteer at Yale New Haven Hospital. Apply to do fieldwork in Peru with your biochem professor and perhaps discover new species of fungi and bacteria living in plant tissues.
Eavesdropping on Professors.
(Great minds talk about teaching)

One fall afternoon some of Yale’s (and the world’s) leading thinkers in history, biomedical engineering, evolutionary biology, religious studies, literature, psychology, biochemistry, astrophysics, political science, 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.

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

Stephen Pitti “I’ve always loved the fact that at Yale I can present the newest research in my field to our undergraduates. And when I do, their feedback inevitably prompts me to think differently about what I’ve been writing, to change how I present material in future semesters and even rethink my own research questions. Each semester I enjoy in-class discussions about immigration, California politics, youth cultures, and Latino civil rights that carry over to my office hours or long lunch sessions with students in a residential college dining hall.”

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. One of our biggest strengths in recruiting professors here is the undergraduates. People love teaching them. It’s the drawing card we stress whenever the Philosophy department is trying to recruit a faculty member from another good institution.”

Karuna Mantena Associate Professor of Political Science
Professor Mantena has taught courses on Indian politics, empire and political thought, postcolonial political thought, and history and politics in the Directed Studies program. Her research interests include modern political thought, modern social theory, the theory and history of empire, and South Asian politics and history. Her first book, Alibis of Empire: Henry Maine and the Ends of Liberal Imperialism (2010), analyzed the transformation of nineteenth-century British imperial ideology. Her current work focuses on political realism and the political thought of M.K. Gandhi.

Recent Courses Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence; Directed Studies: Historical and Political Thought; Means and Ends in Politics; Modern Political Philosophy; Indian Political Thought

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 “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?”

Mark Saltzman “There are 17 faculty members in Biomedical Engineering and we have about 35 majors each year, so nobody is anonymous. Every student does research. They all do a significant senior project. They all take classes with most of the faculty during their time here. When I meet their parents at graduation, I know something significant about each student. That’s pretty rare.”

Stephen Pitti Professor of History and American Studies; Director of the Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration; Head of Ezra Stiles College

Professor Pitti teaches courses in Latino studies, U.S. history, and related subjects. He is the author of The Devil in Silicon Valley: Northern California, Race, and Mexican Americans (2003) and American Latinos and the Making of the United States (2013), and he is currently writing The World of César Chávez (forthcoming, Yale University Press). He served on the American Latino Scholars panel for the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and has provided expert testimony on comprehensive immigration reform for the U.S. Congress.

Recent Courses Comparative Ethnic Studies; Radical California; Mexicans and Mexican Americans since 1848; Latina/o Histories
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.”

Meg Urry "I was not in a university before coming here. I worked in the lab that ran the Hubble telescope for NASA, which was exciting. But when I came here I felt like I had died and gone to heaven. I think I was born to teach and should have been teaching all along. The quality of the Yale undergraduate was a big eye-opener for me. We have Freshman Summer Research Fellowships that allow students to begin research early at Yale. My first summer I thought, ‘Well, 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 things. They have the right mix of independent intellectual curiosity as well as the ability to work with others, to ask questions, to get help, to be part of a team. You need both—the solitary work embraces biochemistry, enzyme kinetics, X-ray crystallography, organic synthesis, and molecular biology.

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.

Karuna Mantena “What makes students here appealing to teach is their genuine enthusiasm. I’ve also noticed how rarely I receive late papers, which I take to be a sign of responsibility and maturity. These qualities allow one to focus on the substance of teaching—how to think through important ideas, events, problems, etc.—rather than on how to motivate interest in a topic.”

W. Mark Saltzman
Gonzaga Foundation Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Chemical & Environmental Engineering; Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology; Head of Jonathan Edwards College

Professor Saltzman is the founding chair of Yale’s Biomedical Engineering department. His research interests include drug delivery to the brain, materials for vaccine delivery, and tissue engineering; he has published three textbooks and more than 250 research papers. In 2009 he was awarded Yale’s Sheffield Teaching Prize for excellence in teaching. More than 15 students have won national and international awards for their research in Professor Saltzman’s laboratory. In 2009 he received Yale’s John J. Hennessy Award for outstanding teaching and research. In 2014 he was the recipient of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Distinguished Biomedical Engineering Educator Award.

Recent Courses
- Biochemistry II; Methods and Laboratory; Principles of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
- Directed Studies [a yearlong advanced freshman course in Western civilization]
- Freshman Summer Research Fellowships

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 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; Methods and Logic in Molecular Biology

John Merriman
Charles Seymour Professor of History


Recent Courses
- European Civilization, 1648–1945; Revolutionary France, 1789–1815; The Dark Years: Collaboration and Resistance in Vichy France
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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.”

Michael Donoghue
Sterling Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Curator of Botany, Peabody Museum, Geology and Geophysics, and Forestry & Environmental Studies. The Donoghue lab team includes undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs, and focuses primarily on plant diversity and evolution.

Recent Courses
Diversity of Life; Plant Diversity and Evolution; Principles of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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

Professor Urry 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, 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, organizing national meetings and chairing the Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy for the American Astronomical Society.

Recent Courses
Universe by Numbers: Advanced General Physics; Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology; Modern Physical Measurement (co-taught); Perspectives on Science and Engineering (co-taught)
A Hands-On Education.
(And why six hands are better than two)

Yale celebrates innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit. Whether you are working on a problem set in your “flipped” Chemistry class, meeting with a writing tutor to discuss topic sentences and supporting quotes for a History paper, studying the language of color and the articulation of space in Introductory Painting, or collaborating with classmates on the design and construction of an engineered system for a Yale client at the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design, you will find that teaching and learning here are evidence-based, hands-on, and focused on inspiring a deeper engagement with the subject.

“For me, engineering demands an energizing combination of the creative and the concrete. We took theory that we’d learned through course work, made it our own by applying it to design development, and saw it all come to fruition as a working device— one that could improve someone’s quality of life. This is a great feeling.” Brigid

Senior design project teammates and Engineering major Joshua Ruck, Brigid Blakeslee, and Adam Goone in the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design, where they developed a tele-operated robotic arm for retrieving objects dropped off a boat or dock.
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 3D printers and tools for photoelectron spectroscopy, Yale provides a treasure trove through which undergraduates chase down new knowledge for themselves and sometimes for the world.

Environmental Intersections

Cesar Garcia Lopez works in the Peabody Museum laboratory of Professor David Skelly, where he uses the museum’s vertebrate zoology collection in his research on how suburban landscapes affect frog morphology. Cesar was born in Mexico and grew up in Watsonville, California, where his parents worked in agriculture. “I saw a constant battle between environmentalists who want to protect the wetlands and the people who depend on agriculture to make a living. I’m interested in bridging that divide and hope to have a career that combines environmental education and field research.”

Eyes Wide Open

As a freshman, Alana Thyng planned to study French literature or Classics. But when she went to the Yale University Art Gallery (YUAG) to examine Greek vases for a course on Plato, Aristotle, and Euripides, she was immediately interested in the material aspect of history—“the way that objects provide a sense of what life was like in previous periods.”

Alana became a History of Art major and had unique opportunities through Yale to work for a summer at the National Gallery of Copenhagen, study at the École du Louvre in Paris, and spend a summer researching Oceanic art in England and Germany for her senior thesis. And as a fellow at the YUAG, she was able to design an avant-garde film installation for the exhibition Everything Is Dada. “It was an incredible opportunity to see my vision come entirely to life. These experiences have been vital in cultivating my skills as an art historian and in preparing me for the collaboration and practical planning necessary to complete projects in the workforce beyond college.”

After graduation, Alana will be pursuing her passion for art at the auction firm Sotheby’s in New York.

The collections of the Yale University Art Gallery number more than 200,000 objects representing Eastern and Western cultures from ancient times to the present. Current exhibitions include Modern Art from the Middle East, celebrating the 175th anniversary of Arabic studies at Yale; and Let Us March On: Lee Friedlander and the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom.

Alana Thyng, an alumna of the Directed Studies program for freshmen, dances with the Rhythmic Blue and YaleDancers groups on campus and is a staff photographer for the Yale Daily News.

Opposite page: At the Peabody Museum of Natural History, which just celebrated its 150th anniversary, curators work with scientists around the world to advance our understanding of Earth’s history, life, and cultures.

Junior Cesar Garcia Lopez has spent the past two summers in Tanzania, studying the impact of humans on wildlife; and in Panama, studying the chytrid fungus, an infectious disease that affects amphibians worldwide. On campus, he enjoys the community at La Casa Cultural, Yale’s Latino cultural center. And as a member of Math and Science (M4S) Familias, he mentors a group of New Haven first graders studying snail habitats in a local nature preserve. Cesar plans to enroll in the joint-degree program with the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and earn a Master of Environmental Management degree in a fifth year at Yale.
Katherine Lawrence came to Yale with an interest in experimental high-energy physics, but little idea of what a working physicist’s life might be like. That changed quickly. “Starting freshman year, I was able to join a lab and begin to see the daily reality of academic physics research. It was very satisfying to see concepts from the classroom used in cutting-edge research and to apply intuition gained in lab to my own work.”

Lawrence spent two summers at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland, studying the production and decay of the tau lepton particle with Professor Sarah Demers, and she was in attendance at the historic announcement of the discovery of the Higgs boson. She says that “Professors Demers and Meg Urry were important mentors throughout my years at Yale, especially as women in a male-dominated field. I’m most grateful for the strong relationships I developed with Yale faculty members, who continue to inspire my goal of pursuing an academic career.”

Awarded a prestigious Hertz Fellowship at the end of her senior year, Lawrence is now a doctoral student in Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics at MIT.
“The summer before sophomore year, I received the Yale International Summer Award to sponsor my trip to Bilbao, a colorful port city in the Basque region of northern Spain. Classroom learning was fun and enriching, and the professors from the University of Deusto met us with open arms, personally introducing us to their beautiful home. In learning the history of Bilbao and meeting its residents, I encountered the web of culture that connected them all. There was a certain Bilbao force of character, a stubborn resilience that kept the city alive even after its manufacturing industries moved away, replacing the iron heart with one of art, music, and food. As a visitor walking through the halls of the Guggenheim Museum, internalizing the hopes and dreams it represented, I realized the value of a central identity, and the privilege I have in mine, as a Ghanaian American. In the end, I left with more than I came with, my own web now interconnected with theirs.” Andrew Siaw-Asamoah

“Think Yale. Think World.
(Study, research, intern around the globe)

A nontraditional approach to gaining international experience gives Yale students access to multiple opportunities to study, research, and intern abroad during their four years. Over and above ordinary financial aid, Yale awards more than $2.9 million annually 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 courses taught by Yale faculty abroad; 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, five Elis map a glimpse of the world through their experiences as global citizens.

Sarah Naco
Hometown Canberra, Australia
Major History of Science, Medicine, & Public Health
Yale International Experience
Spent one week in Johannesburg and five weeks in Mbabane on a Yale Summer Session scholarship. After freshman year, had an International Summer Award for study in Paris.
Post-Yale Plan “Taking a few weeks for a road trip across the USA, then traveling with my boyfriend to Australia (his first time!). Afterwards, I intend to pursue a career in documentary filmmaking, focusing on public health and scientific issues.”

Andrew Siaw-Asamoah
Hometown Buffalo, NY
Major Applied Mathematics
Yale International Experience
Summer in Europe studying Spanish language and culture in Bilbao through the Yale Summer Session Study Abroad Program, in addition to studying economics and finance at the London School of Economics.
Post-Yale Plan “Either pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. with a research focus in epidemiology, or an M.D./M.B.A. with interests in hospital management, health care entrepreneurship, and health care nonprofits.”

“I spent six unforgettable weeks in South Africa and Swaziland with the Yale Summer Session class Visual Approaches to Global Health. Both countries have some of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the world. In the wake of that epidemic, our task was to find a public health issue that we were passionate about exploring—be it domestic violence, mental health, or the orphan crisis—and to represent it in the form of a documentary film. In Mbabane, Swaziland’s vibrant capital, we visited NGOs, UNICEF, government agencies, and hospitals, talking to physicians and patients about the struggles of living with HIV and the effects it has had on the community. I learned that the power of stigma can unravel seemingly sound and effective policies to deliver free treatment to all. Successful interventions require a nuanced understanding of the local culture and traditions, and for policy makers to listen and not merely dictate. I will carry this insight with me as I pursue a career in public health policy post-Yale.” Sarah Naco

Spain; United Kingdom

South Africa & Swaziland; France

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Nicaragua

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Oman & Morocco

“My professor in Oman took us on a daytrip to explore the nearby mountains. It was in the middle of our rural homestay, so I was dressed 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 I realized how thoroughly I had immersed myself in a culture that had once seemed so mysteriously foreign. That realization filled me thoroughly I had immersed myself in a culture that had once seemed so mysteriously foreign. That realization filled me with an incredible sense of accomplishment.” Stephanie Brockman

Arizona Greene

Hometown: Carrollton, GA

Major: Applied Mathematics

Yale International Experience

Was awarded a Richard U. Light Fellowship to study Mandarin in Beijing and Harbin, China, for seven months; worked in Nicaragua for a summer on a Thomas C. Barry Travel Fellowship.

Post-Yale Plan: “Pursuing a Ph.D. in applied mathematics with a focus in computational linguistics, but only after taking advantage of post-graduation fellowships at Yale to continue my language study abroad.”

India & South Africa

Grace Alofe

Hometown: Union, NJ

Majors: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology; Ethnicity, Race, & Migration

Yale International Experience

Spent the fall semester of junior year as one of thirty students studying public health care systems and conducting field research in urban and rural settings in India, South Africa, and Brazil with the School for International Training.

Post-Yale Plan: “Before going to medical school, I would love to spend two years working in marketing in California or with Médecins Sans Frontières in an English-speaking country.”

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India & South Africa

Stephanie Brockman

Hometown: Thompson, ND

Major: Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, with a concentration in Arabic and Islamic Studies

Yale International Experience

Spent a spring semester in the Sultanate of Oman through a program sponsored by the School for International Training; interned in Morocco through Yale’s Auerbach and Grayson/Leitner international internship.

Post-Yale Plan: “A summer or year of advanced Arabic study abroad, followed by law school. I’m leaning toward the idea of going into corporate law and working with companies with strong business ties to the Middle East.”

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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.

Yale Connections
Yale has more than 160,000 graduates and hundreds of alumni groups all over the world, providing unparalleled networking opportunities, from an online career network, to mentoring programs for students, to regional and campus events for alumni. Whatever you are interested in—social justice, sustainability, entertainment, law, journalism, media, entrepreneurship, technology—you will find alumni in those fields ready to network with you!

Career Services
Whether you are just starting to think about career options or have already started down a path, Yale’s Office of Career Strategy is equipped to support you at every stage of the career process. The office offers workshops, networking events, and interviews. And through its on-campus recruiting program, more than 130 employers conduct over 2,200 student interviews every year.

5 Graduate Schools Most Attended
When they enroll in business, law, medical, or graduate school, Yale graduates most often attend Yale, Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, and Stanford.

Top Fellowship Producer
Yale is consistently a top producer of Fulbright Fellowships. Since 2010, in addition to 168 Fulbright Fellowships, Yale students have been awarded 31 Rhodes, 17 Marshall, 18 Goldwater, 10 Truman, and 24 Gates Cambridge Scholarships, as well as 214 National Science Foundation Graduate Research 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.

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Gaining Perspective
Aaron arrives at Yale with interests in politics and education, and the hope to someday return to Los Angeles to “work toward a vision for the city.” But first, he needs some global perspective.

He takes a freshman seminar with Cold War historian John Gaddis and a seminar on the Iraq War taught by New Yorker journalist Sarah Stillman and U.S. Army officer Robert Chamberlain. “They took us on a whirlwind journey of military tactics, philosophy, journalism, history, and politics. After class, we went out for sushi and continued the conversation.”

Policy Practice
Aaron spends the summer in D.C. on a Yale-funded internship with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Researching and writing policy memos, he synthesizes classroom exposure to politics with some real-life practice.

Panoramic Views
Aaron recruits three students to help overhaul Classroom Compass and founds a technology start-up, Panorama Education. He also gains faculty support from education expert John Bryan Starr, who becomes his senior project adviser.

Within months, the Panorama team garners $50,000 in funding through the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute. This serious sum allows them to work full-time over the summer, expanding beyond L.A. to envision a product that might help schools nationwide identify opportunities for improvement.

Recoding Education
Aaron Feuer
Residential College
Ezra Stiles
Major
Political Science

Summer in L.A.
Combining his commitment to education with a talent for programming, Aaron builds Classroom Compass, a computer system that surveys L.A. public school students about their classes and provides feedback to teachers. Funded by two Yale fellowships, the project occupies Aaron’s evenings while he works for a legal services organization by day.

“I’ve taken seminars with amazing people who pursued public service from totally different angles. That’s how I realized that running a start-up is a valid public service path and, for me, the most effective one.”

Duty above Self
Back at Yale, Aaron enrolls in a seminar with retired general Stanley McChrystal, who “showed me what real devotion to duty above self looks like.” With a Yale community outreach group, he teaches health education classes in New Haven public schools.

Grill Session
As a junior, Aaron puts this practical experience to use in the international policy course Grand Strategy: “My group presented a radical proposal for responding to the Arab Spring: funding high-tech start-ups as a vehicle for cultural change. Halfway through our presentation, Senator John McCain walked in and started grilling us. That was fun.”

Rechanneling
Six months after finishing his fellowship, Aaron finds himself a college senior and CEO of a fast-growing start-up. By March, Panorama Education is collaborating with three state governments, several major school districts, and Teach for America. Following graduation, Aaron plans to expand the team and develop a new platform to further transform how schools use data.
“At dinner with my writing class, author Gay Talese told me that ‘the definitive New Yorker article on Nepal has not yet been written. You should write it.’ I realized then that my proclivity for going places and caring about communities that others don’t necessarily flock to gives me a responsibility to tell those stories.”

Sanjena attends a College Tea and dinner with Louise Story, Yale alum and award-winning New York Times business reporter. Having recently joined the Yale Daily News, Sanjena is new to journalism, but “I remember thinking how much I respected the way Story was talking about the world.”

Sanjena wraps up two senior essays: a research paper on Zadie Smith and a creative fiction piece (one required, the other just for fun!).

Making Connections

As a junior, Sanjena takes a seminar with author Anne Fadiman and talks at length with New Yorker writers Ian Frazier, Adam Gopnik, and Gay Talese. Come spring, the Globalist staff travels to Chile, where Sanjena reports on the mining industry. She also wins a Yale fellowship to intern at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that summer. “It cemented my interest in reporting.”

Off She Goes

Sanjena lands a coveted summer at the Boston Globe. Afterward, she is considering a move to India to pursue a career in foreign correspondence. She is also likely to continue work with her creative writing adviser, author John Crowley.

Just for Fun

Sanjena wins a Yale Summer Research Fellowship to intern at the Swaziland Ministry of Health, where he helps develop a plan to launch an HIV-prevention and counseling resources.

Summer in Swaziland

Omar is one of 50 college juniors to be guaranteed admission to the Humanities and Medicine Program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He spends the summer in an intensive program at Icahn, exploring science and clinical disciplines and getting to know the other students in his cohort.

Big Man on Campus

Omar gains clarity on his future. “My image of a career in medicine changed as I took more global and public health courses.” He is accepted into the M.A./M.S./M.P.H. program, which enables students to leave Yale with both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in public health.

World Health

The Global Health Fellows Program sponsors Omar’s summer internship with the Tropical Health and Education Trust in London, which works to strengthen health systems in the developing world.

Global Health Fellows Program

Sophomore year connects Omar with Professor Kaveh Khoshnood, whose seminar on tropical disease campaigns “sparked my interest in macro health issues, especially those that affect developing nations.” He applies for the Global Affairs major and the Global Health Fellows Program. And he runs for vice president of the Yale College Council (YCC). All three pan out.

Developing Interests

Because Yale offers so many interdisciplinary programs, I’ve developed the skills necessary to apply creative strategies to pressing global concerns.”

Omar himself maintains.
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*
Inspired by Icons.

(Why architecture matters)

“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
J.M. Hoppin Professor of Architecture

Harkness Memorial Tower is the height of tradition at Yale (216 feet and 284 steps to the roof). The tower’s cornerstone was dedicated in 1917 exactly 200 years after the first stone for the first Yale building in New Haven was placed. Designed by James Gamble Rogers and completed in 1921, Harkness holds a 54-bell, 43-ton carillon run daily by students in the Yale University Guild of Carillonneurs. Statues of Elihu Yale and others plus four student-gargoyles keep watch from on high.
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.

Completed in 1930, Sterling Memorial Library was designed by James Gamble Rogers, who called the building “as near to modern Gothic as we dared to make it.” Devoted primarily to the humanities and social sciences, it has fifteen stack levels and eight floors of reading rooms, offices, and work areas. A just-completed restoration of the nave has revealed long hidden decorative details and updated programmatic areas to better support the needs of today’s users.
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.

Malone Engineering Center Built in 2005 according to state-of-the-art sustainable building standards, Malone 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.
Nine Squares.
(Yale and the city)

“The 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).”

The Huffington Post, 2012

Yale and New Haven are 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.

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 so long people wait hours. New Haven’s Wooster Street is well known for its delicious pizza. Lines outside its most popular establishments are often so long people wait hours.

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

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

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 upper 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, Brazilian, Chinese, Cuban, Ethiopian, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, or Vietnamese.
Here, There, Everywhere.

(Fourteen students, two simple questions, thirty-five countries on six continents)

Where are you from? Where have you been?
One spring day, fourteen students walking around the campus were asked these questions. Their answers reveal Yale as a cosmopolitan crossroads where students receive an education in global fluency. Yalies become highly skilled at crossing boundaries. They speak multiple languages and quickly adapt to new environments. The global is made local for undergraduates here. The wide world becomes accessible, known, experienced. With such experience Yalies can pursue any ambition anywhere in the world.

"I’m from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I studied in China on a Light Fellowship and in Italy with the Summer in Rome Humanities program. The Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy funded my research in Japan, Taiwan, and Korea on East Asian politics. I’ve also performed with the Yale Spizzwinks(?) on six continents, including stops in Auckland, Bangkok, Berlin, Cape Town, Istanbul, Medellin, and Zurich."
Phil Wilkinson, History/Global Affairs Major

"I’m from Scranton, Pennsylvania. After freshman year, I studied the art and history of travel writing in Avignon, France through Yale Summer Session. After sophomore year, I used my travel writing skills in Dubrovnik, Croatia. I am currently building my podcast "Sleepy" and working on the culture and history of southeastern Europe."
Gaelin Drummy, Sociology Major

"I’m from Chicago, Illinois. During the summer after my sophomore year, I studied abroad in New Zealand and Australia with a rainforest conservation and natural resource management program."
Emmanuel Ramirez, Psychology Major

"I’m from Chicago, Illinois. The summer after my freshman year, I interned with a Ugandan microfinance company. After sophomore year I had an internship at the British Parliament in London. Next fall, I will spend the semester studying in Copenhagen."
Kate Affanniuc, History/Political Science Major

"I was born outside of São Paulo, Brazil, and lived in Venezuela and Panama before my family settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. I spent the summer after freshman year in Recife, Brazil, as a marketing intern at a local education NGO serving kids in the favelas."
Ana Barroso, Political Science/Education Studies Major

"I was born in Amman, Jordan. but now my family lives in Illinois. The summer after my junior year, I went to the UK to study public health policy, Gothic architecture, and art at Cambridge University. I also went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to work with Haitians displaced by the earthquake."
Osama Zayyad, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Major

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Victoria Montanes, Environmental Studies 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."
Jasmin Cody Daughlan, Film Major

"My current home city is Durban, South Africa, but I was born in Rwanda. I’ve also lived in Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, and Swaziland. While at Yale, I studied French in Paris the summer after my junior year. This coming summer I will go to Malawi to conduct research on the perceptions of health and health care among refugees in a refugee camp there."
Sandra Gisimahoro, History of Science/History of Medicine Major

"I’m from Buffalo, New York, but I’ve also lived in the Philippines. I’ve spent two summers in St. Petersburg studying Russian language and culture."
Joe Bolognese, Economics and Math Major

"I’m from Palo Alto, California. This summer, I will spend six weeks in Nîmes, France, completing a physician shadowing program and taking two classes related to health care: Public Health in France, and Literature and Medicine." Chloé Saley, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Major

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Pursuits.

...and the youthful society thus formed had promptly and enthusiastically set to work to create its own system of self-improvement, a second or social curriculum.

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 35 teams (of which 29 are NCAA Division I) 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
“Yale student athletes... undertake the challenge of a high-level education while proudly representing Yale University in the pursuit of championships. Through exceptional facilities and coaches, Yale Athletics ensures that our students learn the important values of leadership, integrity, discipline, and teamwork. The aspiration is that in the course of preparation and competition, students enter a co-curricular laboratory for learning that will fit them to lead in all of their future endeavors.”

—Excerpted from the Yale Athletics Mission Statement

Recent Ivy League Championships
Basketball (M)
Heavyweight Crew
Lightweight Crew
Ice Hockey (M)
Lacrosse (M)
Coed Sailing
Squash (M)
Swimming/Diving (W)
Volleyball (W)

12 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 (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 130 times in this annual Yale-Harvard football game. Held the first weekend of Thanksgiving, the game alternates between the Yale Bowl and Harvard Stadium.
800+
Yalies who participate in varsity athletics each year.

2,400+
Students who participate in intramural games through the residential colleges.

80%
The percentage of the student body participating in some form of athletic activity each year.

200+ Olympians
More than 200 Yale players and coaches have taken part in modern (post-1896) Olympic competition, winning 114 medals, 56 of them gold. In 2008 in Beijing, fencer Sada Jacobson ’06, who won silver and bronze medals for the United States, was one of five Elis competing. In 2010 in Vancouver, Natalie Babony ’06 skated on the Slovakian women’s ice hockey team. Yale was represented in London in 2012 by one coach and seven alumni athletes, including Taylor Ritzel ’10, who won gold rowing on the U.S. women’s eight team; Ashley Brzozowski ’04, who won silver with the Canadian women’s eight; and Charlie Cole ’07, who won bronze with the U.S. men’s four team. In 2014 in Sochi, Rhiannon Stueber ’17 won bronze as a member of the Swiss women’s ice hockey team. And most recently, eight Elis competed at the Rio Olympics in 2016, in crew, fencing, sailing, and track and field.

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 17 successors have been the intimates of deans, directors, and coaches. One was tended by aloyd cheerleader who went on to become the Secretary of State.

Faculty
Yale has more than 11,000 faculty members, including more than 2,000 full-time members of the faculty. Yale has more than 1,400 full-time members of the faculty in the arts and sciences, more than 300 full-time members of the faculty in the college of arts and sciences, and more than 200 full-time members of the faculty in the college of arts and sciences.

 Facilities
Payne Whitney Gymnasium
At 12 acres, the largest gym in the nation and the second-largest in the world (second only to a gym in Moscow that was modeled after Yale’s).

David S. Ingalls Rink
Seats more than 3,000 and is home to Yale’s varsity men’s and women’s hockey teams. The rink is also available for recreational ice skating and instruction, and intramurals.

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, named #1 College Golf Course in America by Golfweek magazine in 2016, 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 McInnis Family Sailing Center at Yale University
Yale’s 3,000-foot long and 100 feet wide dock is the home of the sailing team. With an area of 150,000 square feet, the dock provides shelter for all of Yale’s sailboats during the winter months.

Conferences
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 post-season championships.
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 hip-hop, 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, deeply rooted history and lore of Yale College. Within this vibrant creative life, students have the freedom to create something totally new even as they become part of Yale’s legendary arts tradition.
The Daily Show.
(A slice of Yale's creative life during one spring weekend not so long ago)

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 Symphony Orchestra, and the incomparable Yale Precision Marching Band. Such is Yale’s epic arts story, peopled by icons (Thornton Wilder, Paul Newman, Maya Lin, Jodie Foster, Lupita Nyong’o) and satisfying pretty much any artistic desire any day of the week. We picked one weekend in spring.

Friday


Face your fears at the School of Architecture’s symposium “Mobile Anxieties,” featuring keynote address “Mobility, Security and Creativity: The Politics and Economics of Global Creative Cities.” What are the precedents for mobility in architecture and how are they related to a general sense of unease?

Channel your inner Indiana Jones at the Peabody Museum’s special exhibition “Las Artes de México,” with artifacts from more than a thousand years ago.


Be hip at the Yale Samba Dance Society’s Hips against Hunger: 3rd Annual Gala Show. Afterwards, stop by the Morse Crescent Theater at Morse College to check out the band your Process is managing and a spoken word performance by the Yale Slam team.

Explore the ethical consequences of murder with “wry irony and consummate skill” performing “The Rake’s Progress” at the Yale University Art Gallery. See “Las Artes de México,” with a free screening at the Whitney Museum. Take a peek at the Whitney’s special exhibition “Las Artes de México, “ featuring “Colorful Impressions: The Painting Revolution in 19th-Century France” and “Master Drawings from the Yale University Art Gallery.”

If that’s too highbrow for your mood, start your night with a dozen pre-Columbian cultures.

Pick up subsidized tickets provided by your residential college and head into New York with friends to see the American Ballet Theatre’s production of Fokin’s Les Sylphides. Or enjoy a night of theater right here on campus at the Yale Repertory Theatre, where lords and ladies are gathering for Oscar Wilde’s comedy of serial seducers and mortifying monogamists, A Woman of No Importance.

Thursday

Get an early start with a morning of music at the Wooley Concerto Competition, where School of Music instrumentalists and singers compete for the opportunity to appear as soloists with the Philharmonia. Make it a marathon and head to Sprague Hall in the afternoon to watch the broadcast—live in HD—of the Metropolitan Opera’s performance of Strauss’s The Rake’s Progress.

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Sunday

As a member of the Gospel Choir, sing at Sunday services. Enjoy a concert to benefit New Haven’s youngest at the Yale Children’s Theater performance of Robin Hood. Or step on stage yourself in a Swing & Blues Steppin’ Out or a Tapa "Undergraduate Ballet Company; 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.

Enjoy a concert to benefit children’s literacy given by the Whiffengods, the world’s oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group. The Whiffing is one of more than a dozen a cappella groups and have become one of Yale’s most celebrated and hallowed traditions.

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Or go 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 the chance to see the "Angles on Art."
In the early nineteenth century, Yale College became the first school in America to offer a modern science course—chemistry. Today, you can major or take courses in twenty-nine STEM disciplines, from Applied Mathematics to Biomedical Engineering to Neuroscience to Physics. And with 60+ student STEM organizations on campus, the opportunities for extracurricular activities are limited only by your interests and imagination. Join the editorial staff of Yale Scientific, the nation’s oldest college science publication. Be one of more than 1,200 coders participating in YHack, the national hackathon established by three Yale undergraduates. Earn certification as an EMT through the student-run Yale Emergency Medical Services. Travel to Cameroon with the Yale chapter of Engineers Without Borders to work on a water distribution project. Tutor New Haven elementary- and middle-school students in math. Join the Undergraduate Aerospace Association, featured here, and work in teams to build and fly rockets, planes, quadcopters, and UAVs. Or create a new organization and make your own mark on life outside the lab at Yale. 

“Being a part of YUAA has been incredibly formative and fun experience. I went from being a freshman who didn’t know the first thing about engineering to part of the team that won second place in the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition’s payload competition for our rocket, Chronos, and our experiment to test for effects of special and general relativity. Now, as one of the organization’s co-presidents, I’m learning about the management of engineering projects and working to create a larger community of people excited about engineering and science at Yale.”

Genevieve Fowler

Student Groups
American Indian Science and Engineering Society
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Arnold Air Society
Bee Space
Bioethics Society
Biomedical Engineering Society
Bulldog Bots
BulldogHacks
Bulldogs Racing
Club Geo
Code for Good
Code Haven
CoderDojo
Community Health Educators
Design for America
Dimensions
Energy Club
Engineering World
Health at Yale
Engineers Without Borders
FloatYale
HAPPY
healthyU
Math and Science (MAS) Familias
MathCounts Outreach
Medical Professions Outreach
MedSci
MedX Students
Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students
National Society of Black Engineers
Omega Psi Phi
oSTEM
Project Bright
Project Insight
Public Health Coalition
Remedy at Yale Student Association (RYSA)
Simplex Sciences
Society of Petroleum Engineers
Society of Physics Students
Society of Women Engineers
Student Partnerships for Global Health
Synaps
Tau Beta Pi
TEDx Yale
Undergraduate Mathematics Society
Undergraduate Pre-Veterinary Society
Undergraduate Society for the Biomedical Sciences
Undergraduate Women in Science
Ventures in Science
Women in Physics
Yale Computer Science
Yale Data Science
Yale Drop Team
Yale EMS
Yale iGEM Team
YaleMakers
Yale Math Competition
Yale Scientific Magazine
Yale Sight Savers
Yale STEAM
Yale Student Environmental Coalition
Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association
Yale Undergraduate Science Olympiad
Yale Undergraduate Intelligent Vehicles
Yale Undergraduate Rover Association
YEEBUG: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Undergraduate Group
YHack
and more
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, religious communities, 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.”

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.
Afro-American Cultural Center

Host to countless cultural, scholarly, and social events, La Casa Cultural is an important focus of Latino student social life at Yale and a tremendous source of student-community interaction. Founded in 1974 as Casa Bonica, Inc., it acquired its present name three years later. Within the three-story, 19th-century red brick building, students socialize, plan events, 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, computer room, organizational offices, student lounges, and meeting spaces. It is open to New Haven Latinos and community-based organizations for non-English speakers.

Asian American Cultural Center

What can you do at the AAC? Just about anything—study in the library, cook for friends, enjoy the widescreen television, 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 forty 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 individual ethnic group issues.

Native American Cultural Center

The Association of Native Americans at Yale (ANAY) was founded in 1969 with the aim of attracting Native American faculty and scholars; expanding course offerings to include Native American history and cultural studies; increasing Native American recruitment; and creating a permanent headquarter for the group. Many of those goals have been achieved, including the establishment of the Native American Cultural Center. ANAY and the center promote Native American culture and explore issues Native Americans face today. Programs include speakers, dinners, study breaks, and movie nights.

Keeping the Faiths

Yale students come from more than thirty religious and spiritual traditions. Founded as an institution with a Protestant vocation, Yale today welcomes those of any faith tradition and seeks to nurture all in their spiritual journeys. “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 on Old Campus, where most freshmen live, the Chaplain’s Office coordinates religious life at Yale, supporting worship services and rituals across faith traditions. It partners with centers for specific faiths and with affiliated community service organizations, and it offers pastoral support and social and educational programs throughout the year.

Intercultural Affairs Council

“One of our generation’s major challenges is to determine how individuals, communities, or cultures become marginalized as the Other, and to actively resist this process,” is how members of the Intercultural Affairs Council of Yale College framed a recent series of events and discussions focused on “otherness.” The IAC strives to support an inclusive and diverse campus environment that engages in community dialogue; promotes cultural awareness, respect, and appreciation; and challenges bias on the basis of race and ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, social class, or other distinction.

Women’s Center

The center’s mission is to improve the lives of all women, especially at Yale and in New Haven. As part of a broader feminist movement, it works to ensure equal and full opportunity for all, regardless of sex, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, background, religion, ability, or age.

LGBTQ Student Co-op

The Co-op is an umbrella student organization that works to foster community among all LGBTQ*-identified people on campus. It hosts weekly meetings and several high-profile events throughout the year and provides support for other LGBTQ organizations.
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 80 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 the 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.

“When I came to Yale, I had no idea that I would have so many opportunities to serve others and to rise as a leader. Students design and implement strategic service and advocacy projects, come together as a community of friends, and explore the intellectual possibilities and palpable opportunities of a life of service. I serve on the nonprofit board of directors and have been elected to co-lead the student cabinet. Work at Dwight Hall is much more than volunteering. It’s a job and a commitment.”

Amy Rothschild

“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-ordinator 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

“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 Schafler

(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

- AIDS Walk New Haven
- American Red Cross
- Amnesty International
- Animal Welfare Alliance
- Assistive Labs at Yale
- Best Buddies
- Black Student Alliance
- Bridges ESL
- Building Bridges
- Camp Kesem Yale
- CitySap
- Community Health Educators
- Co-op after School
- Code Haven
- Days of Service Demos
- Dive In
- Education and Community Building Initiative
- Elm City Echo
- Elmsed Enterprise Fund
- Engineers Without Borders
- Fair Haven Tutoring
- Fierce Advocates
- FOCUS on New Haven
- Girl Up Yale
- Global Brigades
- Habitat for Humanity
- HAPPY
- Hear Our Song
- Hemispheres
- Hunger and Homelessness Action Project
- Instrumental Connection
- Jewish Social Action Collective
- Living History Project
- MathCounts Outreach
- Media
- MedSci
- Mind Matters
- Peer Liaisons
- ReadySetLaunch
- Rotaract Club
- RYS
- Student Environmental Coalition
- Student Partnerships for Global Health
- Students for Autism Awareness
- Students of Salaam
- Students Organize for Syria
- Synapse
- Teaching Peace Initiative
- THINK
- Tink Kritt
- Ulysses S. Grant Foundation
- Undergraduate AIDS Support Coalition
- Undergraduate Association for African Peace and Development
- Undergraduates at CT Hospice
- Unite for Sight
- Urban Fellows Program
- Urban Improvement Corps
- Ventures in Science
- Volunteers Around the World
- Yale Children’s Theater
- Yale for the Kids
- Yale for the Kids
- Yale Refugees Project
- Yale SEED
- Yale Sight Savers
- Yale Undergraduate Prison Project
- Yale Undergraduates for UNICEF
- Walden
Speaking up and speaking out are Yale traditions, as you’ll see if you pick up a copy of the Yale Daily News (America’s oldest college daily) or attend a debate hosted by the Yale Political Union (the largest undergraduate organization on campus, founded in 1934). Opportunities for discussion and expression outside the classroom are limitless here. Be an investigative reporter or beat blogger for the Yale Globalist and join its annual outreach trip abroad. Write about groundbreaking STEM research at Yale for the Yale Scientific, or about bioethics and healthcare economics for the Yale Journal of Medicine & Law. Hone your talent for satire at the Yale Record, the country’s oldest college humor magazine. In politics, Yale students identify as staunch conservatives, radical liberals, diehard monarchists, and nearly everything in between. But even when they disagree, a strong sense of community allows them to engage each other in vigorous debate. It’s easy to see why so many Yale alums have gone on to shape conversations on the national and international level.

Retired general Stanley McChrystal leading a Yale Political Union discussion. And, left to right: an editorial board meeting at DOWN Magazine, an online publication by and for students of color; at work in the Yale Daily News office; the staff of the Yale Scientific, America’s oldest college science publication, at the foot of Science Hill; getting the shot for YTV; a brainstorming session for the next issue of the Politic, a journal of politics and culture.
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What We Look For
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Given the large number of extremely able candidates and the limited number of spaces in the class, no simple profile of grades, scores, interests, and activities can assure a student of admission to Yale. Academic strength is the first consideration in evaluating any candidate. Evidence of academic strength is indicated by grades, standardized test scores, and evaluations by a counselor and two teachers. The committee then weighs such qualities as motivation, curiosity, energy, leadership ability, and distinctive talents. The ultimate goal is the creation of a well-rounded freshman class, one that includes not only well-rounded individuals but also students whose achievements are judged exceptional.

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Click on Bulldogs’ Blogs 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; student organizations; athletic programs; an interactive virtual tour; and Summer Session.

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Yale Net Price Calculator

> Yale is need-based.

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Jeremiah Quinlan, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions

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