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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)
From the moment they arrive, first-years 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 them—from preorientation to first-year counselors (Yale seniors) to First-Year Seminars (small classes taught by some of Yale’s most prominent professors) to parties. We caught up with three first-years near the end of their spring semesters. Here they share advice; reflect on their own experiences; discuss their summer plans; and record a day in their lives during the first year.

Nishanth Krishnan
Hometown
San Diego, CA
Anticipated Major
Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology

“From the outside, Yale’s academic, cultural, and social opportunities felt a bit overwhelming. But once I started my first year, I found that my Yale experience is entirely in my hands.”

Classes
> Comprehensive University Chemistry I & II
> General Chemistry Lab I & II
> The Real World of Food
> Introduction to Psychology
> Ancient Medicine and Disease
> Math Models in Biosciences I
> Psychology and the Good Life
> Biochemistry and Biophysics
> Cell Biology and Membrane Physiology

Activities
> No Closed Doors
> Yale Farm
> Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project
> American Red Cross at Yale
> Immunology research at the Yale School of Medicine

On FroCos: I’m grateful that Yale assigns every first-year a First-Year Counselor (FroCo). FroCos can play any role—friend, confidant, adviser! I think all my first-year peers would agree that FroCos are invaluable, and they make the transition far less intimidating.

On First-Year Seminars: I’m taking Ancient Medicine and Disease. We’re a tight-knit group, which allows for personal, engaging conversations on the medical philosophy of antiquity. We’ve explored surgical manuscripts from Egypt, flipped through fourteenth-century textbooks, and observed the archived brain samples bequeathed by the father of neurosurgery—and former Yale—Harvey Cushing.

On extracurriculars: One of the most memorable moments from my first semester was the extracurricular bazaar, where hundreds of student groups introduce themselves to the first-year class. I decided I wanted to be more involved in volunteering and the New Haven community, but that doesn’t preclude me from joining a campus magazine or an activism group if I pick up new interests over time.

On summer plans: In November, a friend invited me to an event at the medical school. At first, I felt out of place among all the graduate students. But I stuck up a conversation with a Yale professor and found out that years ago he was also a first-year in TD! We got to know each other better, and I later interviewed to join his lab this summer, where I’ll be working on cutting-edge immunology research. I’m studying a process that allows immune cells to produce diverse antibodies to fight different pathogens. I’m excited to apply concepts I’ve learned in class to this project.

First-Year Diaries.
(Starting out at Yale)

10:00
I usually take eggs, potatoes, a variety of fruit, and prodigious amounts of coffee.

10:15
I grab the shuttle to the medical school campus to monitor my cell cultures in an immunology research lab.

11:00
At the New Haven Works Office, I volunteer with No Closed Doors, working with one or two unemployed New Haven residents to locate jobs online, call recruiters, build a résumé, and submit applications. The work has been transformational, and I get to hear the incredible stories of locals. It motivates me to do my absolute best to help them and their families.

11:15
I have a friendly debate over something one of us learned in class.

12:00
I take a coffee to go, set up camp in the TD library, and start my homework.

2:15
I grab the shuttle to the medical school campus to monitor my cell cultures in an immunology research lab.

3:00
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5:00
Unwind over dinner with friends. Sometimes we have a friendly debate over something one of us learned in class.

10:15
I usually take eggs, potatoes, a variety of fruit, and prodigious amounts of coffee.

10:15
I grab the shuttle to the medical school campus to monitor my cell cultures in an immunology research lab.
I’ve found a home in the thriving arts community here and learn as much in rehearsal as in lecture halls. I recommend looking into the hundreds of student groups — or starting your own!}

On preorientation: I loved Cultural Connections, an amazing way to be introduced to cultural communities at Yale while making great friends right off the bat.

On adjusting: I’ve never gone to the same school for more than three years, so I knew college would be a big adjustment. A pleasant surprise was the diversity of experiences of the students. Discussing differing political views in our hometowns at dinner, drafting a statement on integrating views in our hometowns at dinner, discussing different political views, and participating in meaningful conversations at the cultural houses have been some of my favorite experiences.

On summer plans: I’ll be interning at a pharmaceutical company in Seoul. Thanks to résumé-building resources at the Office of Career Strategy and Yale fellowship funding, I’ll gain hands-on experience working in the intersection of science and human resources at a major company, while practicing the language skills I learned in Li and La Korean. Then I’m back on campus as a Cultural Connections counselor — coming full circle at the end of my first year at Yale.

A Monday in the life of
Wake up, shower, and dress. I usually eat some tea and grab a granola bar for the road.
Wake up my roommate with my Pump Up Song of the Day.
Catch the Yale Shuttle to the Watson Center for Korean.
After a quick vocab quiz, we jump right into new material with the help of dictionaries, cultural lessons, and even some K-pop songs and dances.
Lunch in Pauli Murray. I grab a table in the back and review class notes, or chat with friends coming down from Science Hill to eat.
Head to the Dramat stacks to do readings or work on Econ P-sets. Sometimes I take a break to read poetry scrawled on the walls of different study carrels.
Intro to Psych. Even though it’s a huge lecture, I always have time after class to talk with my professor about the material, or sometimes chat about a cool optical illusion I saw online.
Shakespeare and Music in Stoeckel Hall, a beautiful building to set the scene for this engaging First-Year Seminar.
Back to Old Campus to take a nap, watch Netflix, or chat with friends in my entryway. Then I go to a friend’s suite to do some homework for the week.
Early dinner in Branford with my wonderful FroCo group.
Usually rehearsal for a Dramat/ YDC/YCT show, a busy time in the day depending on how close we are to show week, but always exciting.
Mixed Company rehearsal. As we go through our repertoire and work on learning new songs, I feel myself relaxing. I’m currently working on my own arrangements for the group, so after rehearsal some upper-level students help me work on the sheet music.
Back to Vanderbilt to drink tea with roommates and finish the last of my homework. I often stop by my FroCo’s suite to say hi and grab a snack.
Choose tomorrow’s Pump Up Song of the Day and head to bed.

On advising: I’ve been amazed by the amount of support I’ve received at Yale. My adviser was very helpful when it came time to choose classes and think about summer plans. She advised me to think about the future but focus on the now and find what would be best for me currently, which was something I definitely needed to consider. And whenever I was going through a difficult time, my sweet and caring FroCo was there to talk me through my problems. He has truly become one of my best friends.

On roommates: Living with my three awesome roommates has been really easy, whether we’re planning fun times over hot chocolate or discussing how classes are going. I did not expect to find such wonderful people whom I would trust as much as I do. They are truly a group of women I can ground myself to when times get tough.

On summer plans: My plans are still in the works. I’ll either use Yale’s Domestic Summer Award (DSA) to work as an intern with the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Department or take Physics at the University of Oklahoma and hang out with my friends and family.

A Thursday in the life of
Make the trek up Science Hill to Gen Chem.
It’s just a short walk through Sterling Chemistry Lab to my Chem discussion section.
Lunch with a friend at Ben Franklin College, where I reenergize with great pasta and a nice serving of broccoli.
To York Street for my history seminar on Native American studies, one of my favorite topics to discuss and hear other opinions on.
Out of class and back to my suite for a quick nap.
Meet up with a friend to grab some dinner.
Hang out at the macc and work on essays.
Back in my room to do some interesting readings for my Sound seminar on Tuesday.
A quick phone call to a family member or friend back home to see how things are going — and to catch up on the latest gossip.
Turn off the lights and hit the hay!
Anatomy of a Residential College.
(Yale has no dormitories)

Even before first-years 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, Stillmander, 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 boosting by members of each college in the first-year 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)

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.

FLOOR 2
Dean’s Office
Dean Angie Gleason lives in the Morse Dean’s Apartment, with a beautiful view of the Lipstick and happily close to both the buttery and the gym.

FLOOR 1
Dean’s Apartment

FLOOR 2
Head of College’s Office
The head of college is the chief administrative officer and the presiding faculty presence in each residential college. During the year, the head of college hosts lectures, study breaks (especially during finals), and College Texas — intimate gatherings during which students have the opportunity to engage with renowned guests from the academy, government, and popular culture.

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.

BASEMENT
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 1
Common Room
With comfortable seating and ample desk space, the Common Room is a welcoming place, whether you want to work on a problem set, play the concert grand, or just hang out by the fireplace on a chilly night.

FLOOR 1
Art Gallery
Artistic Morsels can exhibit their latest work in this sophisticated venue.

FLOOR 1
Dining Hall
Out 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.

FLOOR 1
Miniature.

BASEMENT
Library
Open 24 hours a day, the library has big tables, comfortable couches, and individual nooks for studying, as well as a large collection of books and magazines, from The Economist to People.

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

BASEMENT
Writing Center
A common room, 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.

BASEMENT
Music Suite
The Dance and Aerobics Studio was designed for all types of dance, from ballet to classical Indian bharatanatyam.

BASEMENT
Recording Studio
The Fabric Arts Studio has six looms, several sewing machines, a knitting machine, and more.

BASEMENT
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.

FLOOR 2
Exercise and Weight Room
O?ers a full range of state-of-the-art equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, free weights, punch bags, and weight machines.

FLOOR 2
Aerobics Studio
And a bhakti or just heating some ramen.

FLOOR 2
Dance and Aerobics Studio
The Music Suite has three individual practice rooms and one group rehearsal room, each with an upright or baby grand piano.

BASEMENT
Library

Home Suite Home
Most first-years live in suites in which four students occupy two bedrooms and share a common living room. After the first year, there are multiple possible living arrangements.

From top: A common room in Branford College; a bedroom in Farnam Hall on Old Campus; a bedroom in Berkeley College; 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. Head of Morse College Catherine Panter-Brick is a professor of Anthropology, Health, and Global Affairs, has been the Morse head of college since July 2015. She teaches courses on health equity and humanitarian interventions and publishes extensively on mental health, violence, and resilience in adversity, having directed more than forty interdisciplinary projects situated in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. She has coedited seven books, most recently Pathways to Peace (2014) and Medical Humanitarianism: Ethnographies of Practice (2013), and received the Lucy Mair Marsh Medal for Applied Anthropology, an award that honors excellence in the active recognition of human dignity.

“[Angela] Gleason has served as the dean of Morse since 2017. Her research and teaching focus on the legal and social history of early medieval Europe, primarily those areas outside the former Roman Empire. She is particularly interested in how kinship-based societies organized and kept order within customary legal systems, and, perhaps more interestingly, how they spent their leisure time. Among the seminars she has taught are Civilization of the Early Medieval West; Brehon Law; Language and Society of Early Ireland; and the History of Sport. As a lecturer in History, she encourages students to work with primary sources to investigate and understand early societies in their own words. Her seminars are also often writing-intensive, with the aim of helping students develop the analytical skills to write well-reasoned, well-supported, and persuasive academic arguments.

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 Angela Gleason says the college system offers a genuine and stable community in a world of constant but often virtual contact. The college system provides a means for students to develop connections and relationships not just in class but at dinner, at social events, and in the many common spaces of the college such as the buttery, the library, and the courtyard. Whenever she can, Dean Gleason attends concerts, shows, and athletic competitions. “Perhaps because I grew up in a small community, I’m inclined to be an avid and loyal fan, whether as a spectator at an athletic event, an audience member at a student concert, or a participant in IMs. It’s a pleasure to live and work within the college, and a true privilege to assist in the challenges and share in the accomplishments that happen every day.” But advising is the foundation of her job.

“I advise students on nearly every aspect of their academic life, from selecting courses to choosing a major to taking advantage of the seemingly limitless opportunities at Yale, such as study abroad programs and fellowships,” says Dean Gleason. “I’m also a personal adviser to students, especially when things get in the way of academics, such as illness, loss, conflicts with roommates, and, perhaps most commonly, when hard work and the desire to do well don’t lead to the results the student expected.”
Amira Valliani, Jeff Sun, and Chris Palencia are talking about opportunities for U.S. travel to Cuba. Amira mentions a Yale professor doing research in Cuba over the summer and looking for students to help. Jeff adds that the Chaplain’s Office led a community service trip to Cuba. That’s when they start talking about the Chaplain’s Office, which they say is an amazing and unbelievably under-utilized study space. Turns out it also has food, they say with more than a little excitement. “They have an ice cream freezer and a rowboat filled to the brim with Swedish Fish and Sour Patch Kids!” says Amira.

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

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.

They may run out of your favorite veggie-Caesar wrap, but no matter what time you arrive or whom you sit with, no dining hall will have a shortage of interesting conversation. “Dinner for me was something extraordinarily important,” says a recent alum. “I’d sit down across from someone and ask them what they did that day and the answer would be remarkable. So much of my Yale education came from talking to people over dinner.” Says another alum, “I only thought I was open-minded before Yale. Debating an issue could turn my views upside down in a single conversation. That was the fun of it.”
Decoding the Colleges.
(Residential College rundown)

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<td>a.k.a. D’Port</td>
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<td>Franklin</td>
<td>Collegiate Gothic; opened in 2017</td>
<td>The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, edited and published by Yale scholars, have reached 41 volumes, with six to go</td>
<td>Mural painting in the basement; Friday night crafts and board games; our bike repair shop</td>
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<td>The Cabinet in the basement, with hugely popular student shows</td>
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<td>Our sculpture, Lepzick (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks, by Claes Oldenburg;</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 1 in Pierson College...</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 SYCVO)</td>
<td>Party in the “2 Pack” and always respond “Saybrook!” when asked, “Say what?”</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’); Sunday music brunch, a feast of sound and taste; the Ball on College and Wall, a spring classic</td>
<td>Medieval (K)night Festival; Baby Animal Petting Zoo in the courtyard</td>
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<td>Quintessential Yale/Collegiate Gothic;</td>
<td>Potty Court, where our gargoyles &quot;Thinker&quot; is enthroned and decorated every year</td>
<td>Rumble in Trumpbull (bounce-house &quot;fight&quot;); Pamplona (running of the [Trum]Bulls around campus)</td>
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Spine-Tyngling Fun.
(Intramural sports)

So you played sports in high school but aren’t quite hardcore enough to suit up for the Bulldogs. You’re in luck. The residential college intramural scene offers a chance to continue your career at a surprisingly high level of competition or to start playing a new sport—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, sparking 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 Oolong.
(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.

Recent guests:

- **Trumpbull** Lois Lowry, author of *The Giver*; Joan Acocella, dance and book reviewer for The New Yorker; Biz Stone, co-founder of Twitter; Amy Brooks-Kayal, pediatric neurologist.
- **Trumbull** Bobbi Lopez, composer and lyricist of Avenue Q; Missy Peregrym, former international president of Médecins Sans Frontières; Mark Penn, author of Reflections. 
- **Stillman** Malcolm Gladwell, author of Microtrends; Angela Duckworth, author of Grit; Susan Choi, poet; Nevline Nnaji, director of the Food Chain Workers Alliance.
- **Ezra Stiles** D面on Washington, Oscar-winning actor, producer, and director; Brandon Scott Perry, a.k.a. A. Scott, gay blogger and internet personality, Nihad Awad, activist and executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.
- **Pauli Murray** Ludacris, rapper and actor; Paul Farmer, co-founder of It’s a spring classic.
- **Timothy Dwight a.k.a. TD** Deepa Mohamed, physician and co-founder of the Food Chain Workers Alliance; Alice Wells, former U.S. ambassador to Jordan; Rahul Pandita, conflict journalist; Susan Choi, novelist.
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- **Davenport** Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Carole King, singer-songwriter; Mike Gordon, guitarist; Phish; Margaret Hamburg, former FDA commissioner; Gary Trudeau, cartoonist, Doonesbury; Muhesh Kapila, humanitarian and author of Against a Tide of Evil.
- **Piper** Bobby Lopez, composer and lyricist of/Avenue Q; Missy Peregrym, former international president of Médecins Sans Frontières; Mark Penn, author of Reflections. 

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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 Pepé’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.”

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George W. Bush and Garry Trudeau
Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bill Clinton
Alison Williams and Kurt Schneider
Sigourney Weaver and Meryl Streep
Arianna Huffington and Tony Shalhoub
Frances McDormand and David Henry Hwang
Jodie Foster and Jennifer Beals
David Duchovny and Paul Giamatti
Edward Norton and Jennifer Connelly
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Breaking News.
(A few of the year’s top undergraduate stories)

**Courage under Fire**

Yale junior Amanda Lloyd, a cadet in the Air Force ROTC, was awarded the corps’ highest honor, the Gold Valor Award, for her role in the heroic rescue of five swimmers caught in a fierce undertow in Lake Ontario last summer. Reflecting on the experience, Lloyd said that she was “excited to show younger cadets in our wing that leadership isn’t defined, as one of our cadets says, by the walls of Payne Whitney Gym where we do drill each week. It’s much bigger than that. It’s being in charge and taking on a role that you weren’t expecting to when the time calls.”

**Stress Less**

Psychology and the Good Life, the most popular course in Yale College history, enrolled 1,147 students, nearly a quarter of all undergrads. Taught by Professor Laurie Santos, who is also head of Silliman, it focuses on psychological insights into how to live a more satisfying life...live and learn from one another. “Students spent the year leaving their mark on the new communities by creating mascots (e.g., the Pauli Murray “Lemurs”), painting murals in the basements, and establishing new traditions like “s’mores and sleepouts.”

**Across the Pond**

Six seniors – and three recent Yale College grads – were named Rhodes, Marshall, and Gates Cambridge Scholars, among the most coveted academic awards for postgraduate study. As a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, History major Daniel Judd will study for an M.Phil. in history. On Marshall scholarships, English major Erika Lynn Green will pursue degrees in global health systems and policy as well as development and global health at the University of London; Cognitive Science major Amanda Royka will study evolutionary biology and comparative psychology at the Universities of London and St. Andrews; and History major David Shimer will study international relations at Oxford. And as Gates scholars at Cambridge, Psychology major Robert Henderson will pursue a Ph.D. in psychology; and Malina Simard-Halm, an Ethics, Politics, & Economics major, will pursue an M.Phil. in criminology.

**Yale Dance Theater**

For Yale Dance Theater 2018, Yale student dancers worked with members of the internationally renowned Paul Taylor Dance Company to reconstruct “Party Mix,” a dance created by Taylor in 1963 and not performed in more than four decades.

**Global Journalist**

Senior Amelia Nierenberg, a History major and Yale Journalism Scholar, was one of sixteen aspiring foreign correspondents – only four of them undergraduates – to win a 2018 Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholar Award. She will spend next fall working as a reporter at the Associated Press bureau in Dakar, Senegal.

**Snackpass**

Less than a year after its launch, the New Haven-based app Snackpass is used by more than 4,000 Yale College students to order food from more than fifty (and counting!) local vendors. The brainchild of sophomore Neuroscience major Jamie Marshall and recent alum Kevin Tan, the app lets students orderAhead, earn rewards, and connect with friends by sending gifts. It recently expanded to Providence.

**Ribbon Cutting**

For the first time in fifty-five years, Yale opened two new residential colleges. At the dedication ceremony for Benjamin Franklin and Pauli Murray Colleges, Dean Marvin Chun described Yale’s residential colleges as “the glorious and magical spaces” where “the best students from all over the globe, diverse in ethnicity, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, interests, and talents...live and learn from one another.” Students spent the year leaving their mark on the new communities by creating mascots (e.g., the Pauli Murray “Lemurs”), painting murals in the basements, and establishing new traditions like “s’mores and sleepouts.”

**Boola Boola**

The Football team defeated Harvard, 24–3, at the Yale Bowl in the 134th playing of “The Game,” clinching its first outright Ivy title since 1981. Among the highlights: a dominating performance by the defense, including the team captain, senior Spencer Rymiszewski, and senior linebackers Foyesade Oluokun and Matthew Oplinger; and touchdowns by sophomore wide receiver JP Shohfi, sophomore defensive back Malcolm Dixon, and first-year running back Zane Dudek. The women’s Volleyball team earned its sixth Ivy title in eight years; junior Kate Swanson was named Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, and first-year Kathryn Attar was named Rookie of the Year. After claiming the Ivy title, the Gymnastics team repeated as ECAC champions in March, scoring a new school record of 195.225; sophomore Jade Buford was named ECAC Gymnast of the Year, and first-year Jacey Baldovino was named ECAC Rookie of the Year. Just as last year’s edition of this viewbook went to press, the Baseball team completed a school-record thirty-four-win season, securing its first Ivy championship since 1994 and winning two games in the NCAA tournament for the first time in sixty-nine years; sophomores Scott Politz and Benny Wang were selected to the All-Ivy first team. And the Heavyweight crew team won its first-ever IRA national championship and swept the 1952 Yale-Harvard Regatta; the Varsity Eight was named IRA Crew of the Year.

**Breaking the Glass Ceiling**

Junior Sofia Campoamor became the first woman admitted to the Whiffenpoofs, the world’s oldest collegiate a cappella group. A Music major, Campoamor has been a member of the coed a cappella group Mixed Company since her sophomore year.

**STEM Matters**

Sophomore Astrophysics and Anthropology major Samantha Berek was selected as a Brooke Owens Fellow and will be interning at Bryce Space and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia, this summer. The fellowship program offers internships and executive mentorship for exceptional undergraduate women in astrophysics.

**Changing the World**

Two Yale undergraduate teams advanced to the regional finals for the $1 million Hult Prize, an international competition aimed at solving some of the world’s most critical social problems. In response to this year’s challenge to “harness the power of energy to transform the lives of ten million people,” the team of first-years Ashwin Chetty, Ekaterina Dashchenko, Sam Fereidooni, and Claire Lamarte proposed solar-powered refrigerators for the Indian market, each owned and operated by a community member as a small business; and the team of first-years Tyler Shen, Austin Tuan, and Tony Xu focused on making it easier for people in impoverished countries to access WiFi and data services.

**The latest stats on who goes to Yale**

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The stats are based on the most recent available data. The percentage of Yale students who go on to earn M.D.s, J.D.s, and/or Ph.D.s, plus other advanced degrees, is greater than 50%.

- 47% of students participate in community service
- 80%+ of students participate in intramural sports
- 64% of students receive financial assistance
- 96% of students are ranked in the top tenth of their high school graduating class
Studies.

Whether they major in the social sciences, humanities, or arts, in science, mathematics, or engineering, Yale students graduate with a thirst for learning, a greater appreciation for creativity, and a respect for education that they bring to positions of leadership and civic life.

Peter Salovey, President of Yale University
Blue Booking.
(When shopping and parties are academic)

Yale is one of the only universities in the country that lets you test-drive your classes before you register. During “shopping period” at the start of each semester, students can visit dozens of classes that interest them to decide which they will actually take. Preparing to shop is a much anticipated ritual in and of itself, called “Blue Booking” (from the days of hard copies only, when the blue-covered catalog listing approximately 2,000 courses was dog-eared, highlighted, and Post-It flagged by students while I finalize my schedule.)

Sunday

Evening

I’m just back from a tour of the northeast with my a cappella group. Though we did some Blue Booking together on tour, I still haven’t nailed down my game plan for tomorrow. Neither have my roommates (who hail from places as far-flung as Chicago and Burma and pursue majors ranging from American Studies to Chemistry), so we gather around a few laptops to prepare for a week of shopping.

Monday

9:00 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.

Evening

I head to Hebrew, which I hope will come in handy this summer—I’m applying for a fellowship to do environmental science research at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

Tuesday

11:30 am

I sneek 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 “Morsels.”

Evening

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 Maurice Duruflé’s Requiem in a few months.

Wednesday

I’m back on my bike, sticking pretty close to Monday’s schedule. But instead of Regional Perspectives on Global Geoscience, I check out Philosophy of Religion—another keeper.

Thursday

Today’s schedule is much like Tuesday’s, with the addition of my first lab session for Observing Earth from Space. The director of Yale’s Center for Earth Observation is co-teaching the class, and he introduces us to the satellite imaging technology that we’ll use throughout the semester.

Friday

I head to Slifka for Shabbat family-style dinner, a great weekly gathering. It will be nice to hear about friends’ shopping periods and share our first Shabbat meal of the semester.
Shopping Lists.

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

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

Directed Studies is a selective first-year interdisciplinary program in Western civilization that includes three-yearlong courses—literature, philosophy, and historical and political philosophy, and is a selective first-year Directed Studies (DUS). Yale offers countless opportunities for meaningful, independent research projects. Students in the science and engineering disciplines can begin conducting original research as early as their first 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 First-Year Summer Research Fellowships annually provide support for more than 100 science and engineering first-years.

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STARS (Science, Technology, and Research Scholars) provides undergraduates with an opportunity to combine course-based study, research, mentorship, 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)

Summer Awards Yale’s Domestic Summer Award (DSA), which supports undergraduates on financial aid who are pursuing unpaid arts apprenticeships or internships with nonprofits, NGOs, and government agencies, complements the International Summer Award (ISA)—unique in the Ivy League—which supports students on financial aid who pursue summer learning experiences abroad.

Yale awarded more than $3 million in ISA funding alone last year. Every DSA recipient receives a $4,000 stipend. The ISA stipend is capped at $12,500.

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 a law student here preparing for admission to law school or an Environmental Studies or Chinese major going on to medical school 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 colleges. Students also have a first-year adviser who is a Yale faculty member or administrator affiliated with the adviser’s 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.
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College Meets University.
(One of the world’s greatest research universities at your fingertips)

Physically and philosophically, Yale College for undergraduates is at the heart of Yale University. An extraordinary commitment to graduate education, and to undergraduate teaching, sets Yale apart from other great research universities in the world. More than 70 departments and programs offer approximately 2,000 undergraduate courses each year—many of them taught by Yale’s most distinguished historians, literary critics, scientists and engineers, mathematicians, artists and composers, poets, and social scientists. Faculty members call it a stunningly vibrant intellectual atmosphere that can’t happen at undergraduate-only institutions or at research universities that do not focus on teaching.

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 Gertrude Stein’s Port and Box. 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 460.

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**
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   - 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.

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   - 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.

8. **School of Divinity**
   - Take a walk to the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle 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.

9. **Institute of Sacred Music**
   - Find yourself at the interdisciplinary center of the Divinity and Music schools through the Institute’s concerts, art exhibitions, films, literary readings, plays, and lectures. Hear world premiers of new choral compositions. Meet scholars debating divides between liturgical traditions.

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

11. **Graduate School of Arts & Sciences**
    - Continue conversations from graduate-level seminars over coffee and muffins at a nearby coffee shop during the renovation of the Hall of Graduate Studies as a central home for the humanities at Yale. 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 for pizza and 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 Management**
    - Enroll for a course at SOM 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 SOM directly from Yale College, some of whom are awarded a merit scholarship for the two years of study.

13. **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.

14. **School of Nursing**
    - Nursing’s home on West Campus is just a 10-minute ride on the Yale Shuttle. Sign up for Professor Ruth McCormick’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.

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    - Meet with new teachers and mentors at the Center for Education Leadership and work on a significant, long-term project with them.

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**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.”

**Mark Saltzman** “There are 17 faculty members in Biomedical Engineering and we have about 30 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.”

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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.”

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’s research is motivated by the desire to create safer and more effective medical and surgical therapies. He focuses on tissue engineering and on creating better methods for drug delivery. 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 and on creating better methods for drug delivery. 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 and on creating better methods for drug delivery.

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Physiological Systems; Frontiers of Biomedical Engineering; Engineering of Drug Delivery; Biological and Physiological Determinants of Health

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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 first-year 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 First-Year Summer Research Fellowships that allow students to begin research early at Yale. My first summer I thought, ‘Well, I’m going to get this first-year who doesn’t know anything. It’s going to take a lot of my time, but that’s why I came to university.’ So I laid out this project for the student. It was about an area I wanted to look into but hadn’t done any work on myself yet. I told the student, ‘Why don’t you go and do a little research online and we’ll talk about it when I come back in a week.’ I came back and she had finished the entire summer’s project! She’d figured everything out. She’d gotten it all to work. She’d collected all the data she needed. My jaw was hanging down. I thought, ‘Okay, now I have a better understanding of where Yale undergraduates are.’”

Christine Hayes “Which connects to what was formulating in my own mind—they are able to do that deep academic research and are also able to apply it to some real-world situation. At some of the other places I’ve been, there has been either too much independence and arrogance or too much need of hand-holding. We seem to attract kids who excel at many, many 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 and molecular biology. His lab explores the class of tRNA 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, 1789–1871; The Dark Years: Collaboration and Resistance in Vichy France

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

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

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

Mark Saltzman “There’s something different about rigorous training in engineering embedded in a liberal arts tradition. One of the features of a liberal arts education is that you’re required to take courses in all sorts of different things. For instance, we think it’s important that our students study a foreign language as well as the social sciences. Taking different kinds of classes creates a different sort of curiosity. Our students bring that curiosity to the kinds of questions they’re asking and trying to answer in science classes and engineering research labs. It’s certainly a different experience than at other places I’ve been where, if you’re an engineering or science major, you’re studying the same kinds of things in the same kind of way that other students around you are studying. You’re also living with other science and engineering majors. Here, students are living among future historians, future economists, English majors, and political science majors, all bringing their own brands of thought to questions and ideas.”

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

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Michael Della Rocca
Andrew Downey Orlick Professor of Philosophy

Professor Della Rocca’s areas of interest are the history of early modern philosophy and contemporary metaphysics. He has published dozens of papers in those fields, including “Causation Without Intelligibility and Causation Without God in Descartes” in A Companion to Descartes, ed. Janet Broughton and John Carrier. He is also the author of three books, most recently The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza (2017).

Recent Courses
Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant; Action and Metaphysics; Reconsidering Early Modern Rationalism; Directed Studies: Philosophy

Christine Hayes and Della Rocca are married.
Marvin Chun
Dean of Yale College; Richard M. Colgate Professor of Psychology, Professor of Neuroscience, former Head of Berkeley College

Marvin Chun is a cognitive neuroscientist whose research uses functional brain imaging to understand how to improve memory, attention, conscious perception, and decision-making. He has been awarded the American Psychological Association’s Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of cognition and learning, and the Troland Research Award from the National Academy of Sciences, often considered the most prestigious early-career honor that can be earned by an experimental psychologist. At Yale, he received the Lex Hixon Prize for teaching excellence in the social sciences and the DeVane Award for Teaching and Scholarship, the oldest undergraduate teaching prize.

Hixon Prize

The presentation of the award began with “Marvin Chun is the man!” praising him for the clarity of his teaching and his passion for his students. They’re not just smart, but they’re passionate and they’re driven.

Recent Courses

Introduction to Psychology; Mind, Brain, and Society

Michael Donoghue

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

Professor Donoghue is a leading authority on biodiversity and the author of more than 200 papers and several books; several current projects focus on elucidating the evolution of Viburnum. He has helped to shape Yale’s Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and its faculty lab team.

E&EB

Michael 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

Meg Urry is a 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.

Recent Courses

Astronomy for the American Mind, Brain, and Society

John Merriman

John Merriman “I’ve almost been wooed away to other universities three times. Once it came down to the wire and I was making my decision in the last hour or two. But there I was teaching my modern French history course to about 150 students, walking up and down the aisle of the lecture hall as I often do, and I thought, ‘What am I doing, I couldn’t possibly leave.’ Each morning, I wake up and think, ‘God, I’m lucky because I get to go and teach’ whatever the subject is that day. For me there’s just nothing like it.”

Recent Courses

Unification Physics; 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 majors 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.”

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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 in my first 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.

Performance at the Beinecke

Kwasi Enin, who is majoring in Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology, had never sung early music prior to coming to Yale. But when a friend and fellow a cappella group member suggested Grant Herreid’s course Analysis and Performance of Early Music as a fun music elective that would help improve his sight-reading skills, he decided to dive in. Students in the class form the nucleus of the Yale Collegium Musicum, directed by Herreid.

The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library serves as both an academic resource and performance venue for the Collegium, offering students the opportunity to see, touch, and study musical manuscripts and prints from as early as the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. And when it comes to performing in the space, Kwasi says, “the Beinecke allows sound to propagate and echo in an extremely satisfying way. We are privileged to be able to use it.”

“It really doesn’t get any better for a singer at Yale,” Kwasi adds. “I love how open the chords are in early music. And I enjoy learning about the origins of everything we sing. For example, the ‘Federal Overture,’ which involves interplay between male and female voices as well as the orchestra, expresses political rivalries of the 1780s through music. And we spent half a semester preparing for a concert about the medieval manuscript Roman de Fauvel, an allegory designed to shame the corrupt French nobility by depicting them as a fallow-colored horse that represented such major vices as vanity and avarice. The expression ‘to curry favor’ comes from the Roman, which had the nobles currying Fauvel to gain his approval.”
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. “

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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.”

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

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“My professor in Oman took us on a daytrip to explore the nearby mountains. It was in the middle of our rural homestays, 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 with an incredible sense of accomplishment.” \textit{Stephanie}

“After sophomore year, I took a gap year to study Mandarin in China. There was a monthlong break between my two language programs, so I stuffed my backpack, hopped on a train, and spent the four weeks making my way 1,600 miles through western China by myself. The first week, I decided to hike Emei Shan, one of the Four Sacred Mountains of Buddhism. I stayed at one of the monasteries along the trail, and as I was sitting in the courtyard one of the monks sat next to me and motioned for me to cross my legs and meditate with him. Afterwards, we talked for a while about his weeks making my way 1,600 miles through 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.”

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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 first-years—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.

First-Year Pitch
Matt comes to Yale interested in the biological sciences and dives into biology and chemistry classes. He quickly becomes friends with Dylan Gavett, a fellow Davenport first-year. The two find themselves thinking up business ideas late into the night in their common room. In the spring, at the Yale Youth Business Forum at the School of Management, Matt meets a visiting project manager from Google who helps him come up with his first pitch. “It was my first real experience with entrepreneurship and it felt like the best day of my life.”

Launch
In the fall of sophomore year, Matt and Dylan create Yale Launch, an undergraduate group designed to help students go from “virtually nothing to a business idea.” The group hosts a pitch-day competition at the end of the semester. Matt lands on his idea after spending $6 for a coffee and granola bar study break. Why not combine the two? Verb energy bars are born.

Raising the Bar
Matt Crzannecki
Residential College Davenport
Majors
Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry

That summer, Matt finds himself working as the third employee at a food start-up after a chance encounter at a venture capital conference. “With just three of us, we learned how to figure things out on our own, which is critical in entrepreneurship.”

Recipes for Success
Fellow Yale Launch members André and Bennett hear the pitch and want in. The three experiment with caffeinated energy bar recipes in the Saybrook and Davenport student kitchens. As demand grows, they rent the kitchen of beloved New Haven bakery Katalina’s Cupcakes on weekends, baking hundreds of bars from 7 pm to 2 am.

Angel Investment
Matt attends a College Tea in JF given by Internet entrepreneur and Yale alum Kevin Ryan and hands Ryan a Verb bar. A week later, Ryan calls and asks, “What do you need to get started?” He provides some of the company’s initial capital. Verb officially launches in the spring of Matt’s junior year, focused on selling to college students. They sell out of their first 10,000 bars in thirty days.

Hit the Accelerator
Verb is selected to participate in the Tsai CITY Summer Accelerator, a ten-week fellowship program for student ventures that combines a $15,000 grant with mentoring and workshops led by experienced entrepreneurs in the Yale network.


“A Tsai CITY mentor recommended deep customer profiling, and by doing that we were able to realize who our best customer was.” The team pivots Verb’s marketing strategy to focus on an older demographic with more disposable income.

Leveraging the Dream
Senior year, Matt closes a round of nearly $1 million in seed capital as Verb co-CEO. André (now CTO) has built a text-to-purchase platform, and the company uses a space provided free by Tsai CITY. In January, Verb wins a $15,000 grant in Connecticut’s CTNext All-Stars Competition. The company has sold more than 100,000 bars to customers in all fifty states. After graduation Matt and André will move to Boston to continue growing Verb: “We’ve found our dream jobs and become best friends along the way.”

Tsai CITY
The mission of the Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale is to inspire and support students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines to seek innovative ways to address real-world problems. It organizes workshops, mentorship and fellowship programs, startup and nonprofit accelerators, leaders’ and founders’ labs, co-curricular projects, hackathons, and experimental collaborations across disciplinary lines.

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
Yale’s Office of Career Strategy offers career advising, professional school advising, employment and internship opportunities, and career development resources. The office works with students and alumni to clarify career aspirations, identify opportunities, and offer support at every stage of career development.

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

Top Fellowship Producer
Yale is consistently a top producer of fellowships. Since 2010, in addition to more than 200 Fulbright Fellowships, Yale students have been awarded 33 Rhodes, 20 Marshall, 18 Goldwater, 11 Truman, and 27 Gates Cambridge Scholarships, as well as 240 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.

"I never thought I would be an entrepreneur, but this experience helped me find what I'm really passionate about: building things from the ground up.”
“Before Yale, I mostly thought of ‘Native’ as Hawaiian. Becoming friends and co-workers with people Indigenous to various parts of the Americas made me realize how much Native people across the world have in common. This was vital to joining my most important community at Yale, to my political consciousness, and to my academic career.”

“Yale reshaped the way that I understand systems of education and challenged me to advocate for the world’s youngest learners.”
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 rung daily by students in the Yale University Guild of Carillonaires. Statues of Elihu Yale and others plus four student-gargoyles keep watch from on high.
Yale University Art Gallery
One of the country's oldest college art museums got its start in 1832 with 100 Revolutionary War paintings. Now it's noted for the depth and range of its collections. The main building is itself a modernist masterpiece designed by Louis Kahn (faculty 1947–57). It was the first notable design of Kahn's career and sits across the street from his final work in the United States, the Yale Center for British Art.

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. The recent 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.
Cultural Capital.
(Yale and the “Greatest Small City in America”)

“New Haven…has been reemerging as a culinary wonderland, a cultural center, breeding ground for new theater, a hotbed of cross-promotion, and on of only a few places in the world where you can stand within inches of an intact Gutenberg Bible; all within a very compact and walkable downtown.”

The Huffington Post, 2012

Proud New Haveners tag social media posts with #GSCIA for “Greatest Small City in America.” With two Tony Award-winning theaters, the country’s second-largest theater, a hotbed of cross-promotion, and one of only a few places in the world your can stand within inches of an intact Gutenberg Bible; all within a very compact and walkable downtown.

Eating Out.
(The “#1 Foodie City in America”*)

*A ranked by Livability.com

“Apizza” Fiercely debated, often imitated, never replicated, New Haven-style pizza (or “Apizza”; pronounced “ah-beetz”) is its own culinary tradition. Try Pepe’s (est. 1925), Modern (est. 1934), and Sally’s (est. 1938) to find your favorite, and then be prepared to defend your choice.

Louis’ Lunch Credited by some with inventing the hamburger in 1903. (Just don’t ask for ketchup!)

Coffee or Koffee? Independent cafés Koffee? and Blue State Coffee draw hundreds of thirsty Yale students a day; or catch the Jitter Bus, a mobile coffee shop built out of an old school bus.

Sustainable Sushi Chef Bun Lai at Muyc’s Sushi created the world’s first sustainable sushi restaurant featuring unconventional ingredients like lionfish and Asian carp, which are invasive species, and wild herbs and weeds.

Mory’s: A Yale Tradition Founded in 1861, Mory’s is known for its toasting traditions and nightly entertainment by undergraduate singing groups, including Yale’s most famous, the Whiffenpoofs.

À La Cart For a quick bite between classes, nothing beats New Haven’s food carts. Scattered all around town, carts dish out Bengali, Colombian, Ethiopian, Indian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Thai, and Venezuelan specialties for $6 or less.
Here, There, Everywhere.
(Fourteen students, two simple questions, thirty-five countries on six continents)

Where are you from?
Where have you been?
Where are you from?

One spring day, fourteen students, two simple questions, thirty-five countries on six continents.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

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 Spitzwink(?) on six continents, including stops in Auckland, Bangkok, Berlin, Cape Town, Istanbul, Medellin, and Zurich." Phil Wilkinson, History/Global Affairs 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 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 my first year in Recife, Brazil, as a marketing intern at a local education ngo serving kids in the favelas." Ana Barros, Political Science/Education Studies Major

"I'm from Scranton, Pennsylvania. After my first 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, where I studied the history and culture of southeastern Europe." Caitlin Drownody, Sociology Major

"I'm from Cleveland, Ohio. Following my first year, I interned at a nonprofit for women and children in Cochabamba, Bolivia. I coordinated fundraising, translated the organization's annual report, and played with the dozens of children who attended the daycare." Vivian Wang, English 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." Emily Anjali, Economics/Psychology Major

"I'm from Accra, Ghana. I spent the summer after my sophomore year in Paris and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Learning to speak Portuguese with Brazilians was one of my favorite aspects of the trip, but I also loved the music, food, and dancing!" Edwin Edem, Political Science Major

"I'm from Palo Alto, California. This summer, I will spend six weeks in Nices, France, completing a physician shadowing program and taking two classes related to health care: Public Health in France, and Literature and Medicine." Chloe Sable, Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology 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." Jason Cady Douglass, Film Major

"I'm from Redlands, California. I've studied Italian in Italy on Yale's Summer Study Program, and next fall I will be going to Pune, India, taking courses and doing research in environmental studies." Victoria Montanes, Environmental Studies 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." Jon Bolognesi, Economics and Math 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 Gisumahoro, History of Science/History of Medicine Major
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
Bulldog! Bulldog!
Bow, Wow, Wow!

(Playing for Yale)

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, respect, discipline, responsibility, 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 Titles
Baseball
Basketball (M)
Football
Gymnastics (W)
Ice Hockey (M)
Lacrosse (M)
Squash (M)
Swimming/Diving (W)
Volleyball (W)

Nationally Ranked
Heavyweight Crew
Lightweight Crew
Crew (W)
Cross Country (W)
Fencing (M, W)
Sailing (Coed, W)
Swimming/Diving (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 break, the game alternates between the Yale Bowl and Harvard Stadium.
200+ Olympians More than 200 Yale players and coaches have taken part in modern Olympic competition, winning 114 medals, 56 of them gold. In Beijing in 2008, senior Sarah Jacobson ’08, who won silver and bronze for the United States, was one of five Elis competing. In 2010 in Vancouver, Natalie Babayan ’10 skated on the Slovakian women’s ice hockey team. Yale was represented in London in 2012 by seven alumni athletes and one coach, including Taylor Ritbiel ’10, who won gold with the U.S. women’s eight; Ashley Brunzwizer ’04, who won silver with the Canadian women’s eight; and Charlie Cole ’07, who won bronze with the U.S. men’s four. In 2014 in Sochi, Phoebe Staenz ’17 won bronze with the Swiss women’s ice hockey team. Eight Elis competed in Rio in 2016, in crew, fencing, sailing, and track and field; and four reached the quarterfinals with the U.S. men’s ice hockey team in Pyeongchang in 2018.

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.

Handsome Dan (1889–present) Yale was the first university in the United States to adopt a mascot, and to this day, none is better known than Handsome Dan. The tradition was established by a young graduate 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 a head cheerleader who went on to become the Secretary of State.

800+ Yale’s 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.

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.

Carol Roberts Field House Yale’s newest athletic facility, opening in 2018, is the first dedicated exclusively to women’s sports teams: softball and field hockey. The 5,900-square-foot building sits between field hockey’s Johnson Field and softball’s William D. Ethridge Jr. ’63 Family Field.

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.

Glider Boathouse The Glider 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.

McNay Family Sailing Center Home to Yale’s road and women’s varsity sailing teams, the center houses a fleet of 420 racing dinghies, FJs, Lasers, and five safety launches.

2,400+ Varsity Teams

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

Club Sports

Archery
Badminton
Ballroom Dance
Men’s Baseball
Men’s Basketball
Women’s Basketball
Cricket
Cycling

Equestrian
Field Hockey (coed)
Figure Skating
Fishing
Golf
Gymnastics (coed)
Men’s Ice Hockey
Indoor Climbing
Judo
Kendo
Men’s Lacrosse
Women’s Lacrosse
Muay Thai
Pistol
Powerlifting
Rifle
Roundnet (Spikedball)
Men’s Rugby
Women’s Rugby
Running
Skeet & Trap
Skiing (Alpine)
Skiing (Nordic)
Table Tennis
Tai Kwan Do
Men’s Tennis
Women’s Tennis
Track and Field
Triathlon
Men’s Ultimate
Women’s Ultimate
Men’s Volleyball
Women’s Volleyball
Men’s Water Polo
Women’s Water Polo
Wrestling
Wushu

Intramurals

See page 21
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 Center for Collaborative Arts and Media, 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 more than 100 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.

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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 at Yale performed under the leadership of 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

Saturday

Get an early start with a morning of music at the Woolsey 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 Die Fledermaus. Explore the ethical consequences of murder with “wry sequences and festivals,” with “The Passover Haggadah: The Future is Asian.” 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?

If that’s too highbrow for your mood, start your night withCriterion Cinema's exclusive “Colorful Impressions: The Great Organ Music series at Marquard Chapel.” Or step on stage yourself in American Ballet Theatre-les Sylphides. Or learn some new moves with Breakers: Steppin’ Out.

Close the weekend with an eclectic mix of live music: the annual Stan Wheeler Memorial Jazz Concert at the Law School; a student Choral Conducting Recital at Battell Chapel; the Great Organ Music series at Marquard Chapel. Or learn some new steps in a Swing & Blues Dance Practicum at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

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Or gallery-hop from the School of Art’s Senior Thesis Show Paintings Part I (see Part II on Sunday) to the Architecture Gallery for “Painting the Glass House: Artists Revisit Modern Architecture.” As you move through the gallery, you and your date recurse the fact that you missed architect Frank Gehry’s talk two nights ago, go back to the Broadway theatre for an afternoon rehearsal of the Drama’s production of Tony Kushner’s Angels in America: Millennium Approaches (one of 200 student theatrical productions each year).

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Be hip at the Yale Bally Dance Society’s Nips against Hunger: 3rd Annual Gala Show. Afterward, stop by the Morse Crescent Theater at Morse College to check out the band you choose is managing and a spoken word performance by the Yale Slam team.

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Channel your inner Indiana Jones at the Peabody Museum’s special exhibition “Las Artes de México,” with artifacts from more than a dozen pre-Columbian cultures.

Sooth your soul with Mendelsohn’s Elijah performed by Yale’s Philharmonia Orchestra, Camerata, and Glee Club.

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"Being a part of YUAA has been an incredibly formative and fun experience. I went from being a first-year 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*
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. In the words of one alum, “The work that I did with other Latino students to bring about positive change in our communities played a tremendous part in my identity development and paved the way for the work that I will continue to do for a lifetime.”

Where House Means Home.
(Cultural centers at Yale)

Yale’s four Cultural Houses include the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center (La Casa Cultural, pictured here), and the Native American Cultural Center. All are modeled after the Afro-American Cultural Center (affectionately known as “The House”), founded in 1969. The four centers nourish a sense of cultural identity and educate people in the larger community. They are also home base for dozens of affiliated organizations from fraternities and sororities to dance companies, publications, and social action and political groups.
La Casa Cultural
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 Boricua, Inc., it acquired its present name three years later. Within the three-story, 1900s 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 text programs 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 1974, the center promotes Asian American culture and explores the social and political experience of Asians and their role in the United States. More than forty undergraduate organizations are affiliated with the AAC. Students of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian (Bangladeshi, Indian, Nepali, Pakistani, Sri Lankan), Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese, and other Asian backgrounds work together to address pan-Asian issues as well as provide programs that focus on individual ethnic group issues.

Native American Cultural Center
The Association of Native Americans at Yale (ANNAY) 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 headquarters for the group. Many of those goals have been achieved, including the establishment of the Native American Cultural Center. ANNAY and the center promote Native American culture and explore issues Native Americans face today. Programs include speakers, dinners, 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 or no 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 first-years 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 to foster intercultural respect and to nurture and cultivate a community that engages in community dialogue; promote cultural awareness, respect, and appreciation; and challenge 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 aims to work towards an equal future for all, regardless of sex, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, background, religion, ability, or age.

Office of LGBTQ Resources
The Office of LGBTQ Resources works to create a visible LGBTQ community that includes students, faculty, and staff with a wide variety of life experiences. It sponsors and hosts events, meets one-on-one with students, and supports the student-run LGBTQ Co-op.

Afro-American Cultural Center
Afro-American House – known as “the House” – opened in 1969 as a focus for political, cultural, and social activities, continuing earlier Yale gatherings that brought black students together to discuss issues pertinent to the black community. With these gatherings, the isolation students had experienced in the early fifties and early sixties gave way to the vibrant exchange of ideas that has been seen at the House. The common thread is the commitment, confidence, and consciousness that students, faculty, the New Haven community, and the University administration have shown in making the Afro-American Cultural Center vitally essential to Yale, New Haven, and beyond.
Difference Makers. 
(Yale’s incubator of impact and leadership – Dwight Hall)

“Through the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project (YHHAP) I have learned how to effect change with others. YHHAP has broken down my pre-conceptions 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

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

Bradford Williams

“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

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.

Community Service Student Groups

- AIDS Walk New Haven
- American Red Cross
- Animal Welfare Alliance
- Best Buddies
- Black Student Alliance
- Bridges ESL
- Building Bridges
- Camp Kesem Yale
- Challah for Hunger
- Circle of Women Yale
- CityStep
- Code for Good
- Community Health Education
- Code Haven
- Dems
- Dive In
- Education and Community Building Initiative
- Elm City Echo
- Elmsseed Enterprise Fund
- Engineers Without Borders
- Fair Haven Tutoring
- Flyte Scholastics
- Girl Up Yale
- Girls on the Run
- Habitat for Humanity
- HAPPY
- Hear Your Song
- Hunger and Homelessness Action Project
- Instrumental Connection
- Knit One Give One
- A Leg Even
- Living History Project
- MathCounts Outreach
- Matriculate
- MEDIA
- MedSci
- Musical Bulldogs Collective
- New Haven REACH
- New Haven Urban Debate League
- No Limits
- No Lost Generation
- PALS Tutoring and Mentoring
- Project Downtown New Haven
- Public Health Coalition
- RALY
- ReadySetLaunch
- Refugee and Immigrant Student Education
- Remedy at Yale
- Rotaract Club
- SheCode
- Shikra’s First Splash at Yale
- Student Environmental Coalition
- Student Partnerships for Global Health
- Students for Autism Awareness
- Synapse
- Teaching Peace Initiative
- TeamU
- Undergraduate Association for African Peace and Development
- Undergraduates at CT Hospice
- Urban Fellows Program
- Urban Improvement Corps
- Urban Philanthropic Fund
- Ventures in Science
- Volunteers around the World
- Yale Children’s Theater
- Yale Refugees Project
- Yale SEED
- Yale Sight Savers
- Yale Undergraduate Prison Project
- Yale Undergraduates for UNICEF
- Y2Y New Haven
- and more

Peer Counseling

- Mind Matters
- Peer Liaisons
- Walden
The Student Voice.
(Overheard at Yale—politics and publications)

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.

Political Organizations
- ACLU of Yale
- Alexander Hamilton Society
- Asian American Studies Task Force
- The Conservative Party
- Disability Empowerment for Yale
- The Epigallitarian Society
- The Federalist Party
- A Female Future
- FWD Yale
- The Independent Party
- J Street U
- The Liberal Party
- MEChA
- Middle Eastern Resolution through Education, Action, and Dialogue
- Party of the Left
- Party of the Right
- Peace and Dialogue Leadership Initiative
- Students for a New American Politics
- Students for Justice in Palestine
- Yale Record
- The Tony Party
- West Wing Weekly
- William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale
- Yale Animal Welfare Alliance
- Yale College Democrats
- Yale College Republicans
- Yale Energy Club
- Yale Israel Public Affairs Committee
- Yale Ivy Council
- Yale Model Congress
- Yale Political Union
- Yale Undergraduate Legal Aid Association
- Yale Undergraduate Young Democratic Socialists

Publications
- Accent Multilingual Magazine
- Black Sheep Magazine
- Blog
- Broad Recognition
- China Hands
- DOWN Magazine
- Hiyoporotamus Literary Magazine
- Journal of Literary Translation
- Kalliope
- The Logos
- Magoof for Yale
- The New Journal
- The Politic
- Rumpus
- Standby
- Yale Banner
- Yale Daily News Magazine
- Yale Economic Review Magazine
- Yale Entrepreneurship Magazine
- Yale Global Health Review
- Yale Globalist
- Yale Herald Review
- Yale Historical Review
- Yale Journal of Human Rights
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- Yale Undergraduate Journal of Economics and Politics

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Please visit our website at http://admissions.yale.edu for application options, a calendar of due dates, and all admissions requirements.

What We Look For
Every applicant to Yale College is assured a complete and careful review as an individual. Two questions guide the Admissions Committee in its selection of a first-year class each year: “Who is likely to make the most of Yale’s resources?” and “Who will contribute most significantly to the Yale community?” Diversity within the student body is very important as well. The committee works hard to select a class of able achievers from all over the world and a broad range of backgrounds.

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 first-year class, one that includes not only well-rounded individuals but also students whose achievements are judged exceptional.

Yale is committed to being the college of choice for the very best and brightest students in the world. In particular, Yale welcomes applicants from all backgrounds, and no student is disadvantaged in our admissions process because of a limited ability to pay. In fact, Yale actively seeks out accomplished students from across the socio-economic spectrum, looking to build a first-year class that is diverse in every way. Moreover, Yale has committed itself to a level of financial aid, always based entirely and only on financial need, that virtually eliminates cost of attendance as a consideration for families of low or modest income.

Campus Visits
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers campus tours and information sessions every weekday and selected Saturdays. Current schedules and travel suggestions are available at admissions.yale.edu/tours.

For detailed information about admissions and financial aid, please visit admissions.yale.edu

The Particulars.

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

Click on 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; a virtual tour; and a quick cost estimator.

Other Questions?
203.432.9300 admissions.yale.edu/questions
If you get into Yale, we feel sure that cost will not be a barrier in your decision to attend.

Jeremiah Quinlan, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions

> Yale Financial Aid Awards do not include loans. 100% of a family’s financial need is met with a Yale grant and opportunities for student employment.

> Families with annual income below $65,000 (with typical assets) are not expected to make a financial contribution toward a student’s Yale education, on a sliding scale that begins at 1% and moves toward 20% higher.

> Yale awards all aid on the basis of financial need using a holistic review process that considers all aspects of a family’s financial situation.

**Estimated costs for 2018–2019**

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Inquiries concerning these policies may be referred to Yale’s Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, 221 Whitney Avenue, 4th Floor, 203.432.0849. For additional information, see www.yale.edu/equalopportunity.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, Stephanie Spangler, at 203.432.4346 or at spangler@yale.edu, or to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 8th Floor, 5 Post Office Square, Boston MA 02203-3002; tel. 617.338.0555; fax 617.338.3659; TDD 800.877.8339; or ocr.boston.ed.gov.

In accordance with federal and state law, the University maintains information on security policies and procedures and prepares an annual campus crime statistics and fire safety report containing three years’ worth of campus crime statistics and security policy statements, fire safety information, and a description of where students, faculty, and staff should go to report crimes. The fire safety section of the annual report contains information on current fire safety practices and any fire that occurred within on-campus student housing facilities. Upon request to the Office of the Vice President for Human Resources and Administration, PO Box 208237, 2 Whitney Avenue, Suite 200, New Haven CT 06520-8237, 203.432.8499, the University will provide this information to any applicant for admission, or prospective student and employees.

The Work of Yale University is carried on in the following schools:

**Yale College**

- Established 1701
- Graduation School of Arts and Sciences 1847
- School of Medicine 1810
- Divinity School 1824
- Law School 1824
- School of Engineering & Applied Science 1852
- School of Art 1869
- School of Music 1894
- School of Forestry & Environmental Studies 1900
- School of Public Health 1915
- School of Architecture 1916
- School of Engineering 1935
- School of Drama 1935
- School of Management 1970

*For more information, please see http://bulletin.yale.edu.*