



BERKELEY COLLEGE
YALE UNIVERSITY

Dear Berkeley Class of 2019:

With greatest pleasure, I welcome you to Berkeley College, the best residential college at Yale (other colleges may claim this title, but we know the truth!). As master, I am responsible for our community's intellectual, social, athletic, artistic, and cultural life. I work closely with several colleagues and students to make Berkeley College and hence, Yale, a special place. I am delighted to know that you will be joining us.

As you surely know by now, the residential college system is one of Yale's trademark institutions. More than mere dormitories, the colleges are true communities where students and faculty live, eat, work, and socialize together. Your college and class affiliation (BK '19) will identify you throughout your Yale career and beyond. "What college are [were] you in?" is often one of the first questions in any Yale introduction. From this point forward, you may now proudly reply: "Berkeley!"

You have every reason to be proud. Beyond its fantastic location nestled on Cross Campus between Sterling Library and Bass Library, its classic Yale look, and comfortable housing, we Berkeleyites also take pride in having the best dining hall food, an enviable array of exciting college events, and, most importantly, a thriving, friendly community of spirited students and devoted staff. Your Old Campus housing in Lanman-Wright Hall is right across the street from the college, making it easy to access Berkeley's resources, facilities, and activities.

It is likely that some of you, in the midst of all the excitement of coming to Yale, may harbor some complicated anxieties about what lies ahead. This feeling is entirely common, healthy, and natural—and you should know that you are not alone. Please be sure to consult the letter from Dean Mia Reinoso Genoni. She is incredibly devoted to your academic success and well-being, and you will quickly find her to be one of the most important and helpful people with whom to become acquainted at Yale.

The Master's Office staff includes Cyndi Erickson (operations manager) and Sue Matteo (senior administrative assistant for the master). They love Berkeley students and have tons of experience, so please make a point to introduce yourself to them soon after you arrive. They handle many of the day-to-day matters around the college and can resolve all kinds of problems. Please consult the FAQ document for useful move-in information and contact information for any other preliminary questions: http://www.yale.edu/berkeley/images/FAQ_BK.pdf.

Berkeley College is your community. Students organize numerous Berkeley events such as our famous study breaks (e.g., Bishop Bash field day, Italian Dinner, Latin Dinner, Thunder Brunches – recognized by the Yale Herald as the best meal in Yale Dining, exclusive to Berkeley), as well as trips to New York City, black light dance parties, and movie nights. Berkeley College Council (BKCC) leads many of these activities, representing student input on a wide range of college business and expenditures. Separate from BKCC, individual Berkeley students organize poetry readings, college library book collections, artistic displays, musical

performances, photography contests, and theatrical shows. Furthermore, any student is welcome to partner with me to invite inspiring Master Tea guests to Berkeley. Popular guests in recent years include US Treasurer Rosie Rios, Time Magazine Managing Editor Nancy Gibbs, Miss America Nina Davuluri, actor John Cho, Proctor and Gamble former CEO John E. Pepper, Jr., Chef Mario Batali, and cognitive scientist Steven Pinker. Our college has the finest woodshop on campus with a master artisan to teach you the art of woodworking. Finally, intramural (IM) sports are an absolutely fun way to stay active and enhance college spirit; there are countless sports in which to play. For a glimpse of our IM spirit, check out the following video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6t3aCfDqo8>. Our traditional battle call, “Fear the Hat!” fueled a 7-year dynasty of IM Tyng Cup Championship glory, and your participation can help us reclaim our place of domination in history, building on our seven sport championships this past year. Look for numerous architectural references to Bishop Berkeley’s mitre around our beautiful college.

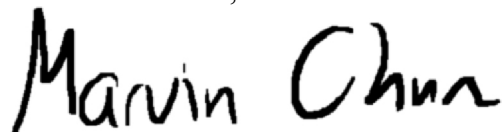
You will enjoy an amazing time in Berkeley through participation in our events and college circles. To give us a sense of your preliminary interests, **please fill out the following Berkeley Freshman Survey** at your earliest convenience (like now): <http://tinyurl.com/bkfreshmansurvey>. It should take only 5 minutes, and if you reply by July 31, you can specify your choice of gifts and your size for a free Berkeley t-shirt. Your answers are not binding, and in fact, common advice you’ll hear at Yale is “Try something new!” but “Don’t overcommit yourself.”

My role in Berkeley College is facilitated by the fact that I live in the college together with my family. My wife, Woo-kyoung Ahn, is a psychology professor at Yale. We have an 11th-grade daughter, Allison, an 8th-grade son, Nathan, and a Havanese dog named Pablo. Beyond my administrative role as master, I direct a cognitive neuroscience laboratory that uses functional brain imaging to study how to improve memory, attention, and decision-making. I also teach Introduction to Psychology in Yale College.

We are all looking forward to meeting you on **August 28**, the day of Freshman Move-in. If are able to arrive between 9 am and 1 pm, you may expect some moving help from upperclassmen enthusiastic to greet you. Please let your parents know about the Master’s Reception at **4:00 pm** that day. Associate Master Woo-Kyoung Ahn and I will host this event at our home, the Swensen House (Berkeley College Master’s House), at 125 High Street, attached to Berkeley College North at the corner of High St. and Wall St. Attire can be moving-day casual. On **Saturday, August 29, at 5:30 pm**, the College hosts a cookout supper for Freshmen and Freshman Counselors in Berkeley’s South Court. In the meantime, I encourage you to have a look at our website: <http://www.yale.edu/berkeley> and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BerkeleyMO>.

Again, I am most delighted to welcome you to Berkeley College, and I eagerly look forward to meeting you!

With best wishes,



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