Dean’s Corner

Greeting Berkeleyites,

I hope that you had a lovely weekend! It was wonderful having the opportunity to meet and chat with some of your families this weekend. I definitely can say that the apple doesn’t fall too far from the tree because your parents are just as great as you are!

On a slightly different note, I want to acknowledge a different feeling that some of you may be experiencing or have experienced thus far, loneliness. I do have a few tips that may help, but most of all want to encourage you that it will get better and things do turn around. So,

1. Find activities you enjoy rather than joining clubs/organizations for the primary purpose of meeting people. Everyone is different and something that your suitemates enjoy, won’t necessarily be right for you. The most important thing is to find what makes YOU happy. Friendships may organically form.

2. Remember that it is ok to do things by yourself. Yale has so much to offer in the way of concerts, theater productions, lectures, etc. Almost any activity that people do together can be done by yourself. And who knows - you might meet new people while you’re there. Or not! Either is fine. It's about YOU getting out there in the world instead of hiding in your room.

3. Be open to different kinds of people. Sometimes we have in our minds that because our friends back home were of a certain ‘variety’ we must replicate them and are disappointed when we can’t find ‘them’ in our new environment. College is a time of exploration, so branch out a little. One of the biggest lessons I learned in college was not to judge a book by its cover. One of my closest friends in college was someone I never would have imagined connecting with but so glad I gave the friendship a chance.

For those of you that have found meaningful friendships, don’t be afraid to let others in, you never know how they may add to your life. Also, check out this popular video from a student at Cornell share her experience “My College Transition.”

Have a wonderful and productive week, Dean Miller

DEAN RENITA MILLER, PHD
IMPORTANT
CHECK YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS ONLINE!

Please note that YOU are responsible for keeping track of your distributional requirements and enrolling for courses appropriately.

Yale Degree Audit is a system that can help and is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). If you have questions after reviewing this information for yourself, please be in touch with me.

The Academic Regulations about distributional requirements can be found here.

EMAILS/APPOINTMENTS

Important Note:
The Berkeley College Office closes at 5pm and is not open on the weekends, therefore please expect that emails received after 5pm will be responded to the next business day unless it is of a more urgent nature.

When making appointments with me, it is much faster to call or email Damaris with your availability when making the initial request, it will make the process easier and more efficient. Similarly, if you have a routine question that you wish to send by email, please send it to both Damaris and me, and whoever can answer it first, will. Please remember that Damaris is at lunch from noon to 1pm every day. So please plan accordingly, especially when calling/emailing to schedule appointments.

DROP-IN HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday (4-5pm), Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (2-4pm).

APPOINTMENTS

If you would like an appointment with me, please contact Damaris (Damaris.Cardona@yale.edu; 203-432-0502), and she will schedule you appropriately.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Information Session: Fellowship for International Research in the Sciences
Wednesday, November 8, 11:45am - 12:45pm; Silliman Dining Hall
Meet former recipients and learn about the possibilities for research.

Information Session: Fellowships for Seniors and After Graduation
Wednesday, November 8, 4:00pm – 5:00pm; CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305
Fellowships that support activities after you graduate will be discussed. Come find out what questions you should be asking, what types of options there are, and what resources are available. Helpful for a general overview, with special attention on Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships.

Information Session: Summer STEM fellowships-Domestic and Abroad: How to Find a mentor
Wednesday, November 8, 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Ezra Stiles Dining Hall

Information Session: Light Fellowship
Thursday, November 9, 5:00pm – 6:00pm AND Monday, November 13, 1:00pm – 2:00pm; CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305. The Light Fellowship team provides important and detailed information about application procedures and requirements of the Light Fellowship, which funds the study of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean at approved sites in Asia. Applicants are required to attend a session to be eligible to apply for a Light Fellowship.

Postponed Drop-in Hours
Friday, November 10 – Please join us at the Summer Opportunities Fair during this time.

Connect with the World Fellows
If you are thinking of carrying out an independent project or research, make the most of the insights offered by the World Fellows while they are on campus.

Notable Deadlines
November 8 – James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Campus Deadline
November 17 – Saint Andrew’s Graduate Scholarship Campus Deadline
November 28 – Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Campus Deadline
November 29 – Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program Campus Deadline
January 17 – Davis Project for Peace Campus Deadline
January 22 - National Security Education Program NSEP David L Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Campus Deadline

Visit the Calendar of Events for a full list of upcoming events
OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY

Career and Life Vision; Job Search Strategies
Saturday, November 11, 11:00am-4:45pm
Join us to learn alumni/ae strategies for a more meaningful career and life and alumni/ae insights on job searches. Register - Space is limited.

Humanities in Action–Career Workshops
Sunday, November 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm, Whitney Humanities Center
Join Yale alums whose medical, nursing, and/or public health careers began with courses in the humanities; followed by a networking reception. Register

SOPHOMORES: MELLON MAYS & EDWARD A. BOUCHET UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

The Mellon Mays & Edward A. Bouchet Fellowships aim to increase the representation of students of color and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, who will pursue PhDs and subsequent careers in academia.

The Fellowships are open to Sophomores interested in teaching and research at the college and university level. Those interested are encouraged to attend the upcoming Information Session.

Information Session 1
Wednesday November 15 4-5 PM; 55 Whitney Avenue Room 369
(Pizza will be served)

For more information contact:
Kelly Fayard, Director of Mellon Mays Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship Program (kelly.fayard@yale.edu); Pratima Gopalakrishnan, Program Coordinator (pratima.gopalakrishnan@yale.edu)

Additional information and link to online application can be found at: http://yalecollege.yale.edu/content/edward-bouchet-undergraduate-fellowship-program; http://yalecollege.yale.edu/content/mellon-mays-undergraduate-fellowship-program

CITATION MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS AT BASS

Are you writing a paper that requires a bibliography in a specific format? A citation management tool can help you collect and organize sources, from dictionaries, journal articles to websites and more. Between 11/2 – 11/9, join Bass Library for “30 Minutes to a Better Bibliography.” Sign-up here: https://guides.library.yale.edu/citationmanagement (see “Workshops”).

CIPE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR!

Friday, Nov. 10, 2:30-4pm, Silliman Dining Hall
‘Tis the season to plan your summer! Stop by our annual CIPE Summer Opportunities Fair to learn about hundreds of amazing internship, study, and funding opportunities in the US and abroad for next summer. Chat with staff, faculty, and students affiliated with programs run by the Yale Office of Career Strategy, Study Abroad, Yale Summer Session, and Fellowship Programs to find experiences that are right for you.
SERVICE CORNER: BUILDING BRIDGES

Building Bridges, an organization focused on rural education service outreach in China is doing great work. Our very own, Grace Jin is co-president of Building Bridges. Building Bridges works with its Chinese counterparts to network with philanthropic organizations and to introduce undergraduates to teaching opportunities in rural China. In particular, Building Bridges aims to advance education in rural China by nurturing long-lasting relationships between American and Chinese students and Chinese primary school students.

Below, Gracie is teaching a fifth grade class the English song “You Are My Sunshine” accompanied by the ukulele in the courtyard of the Shanjiao elementary school in Hongtong, Shanxi.

In a Yale News article, Grace points to her own story. In it she states, how she “initially grew up in Yueqing, a small town on the southeastern coast of China. As a child, she and her family moved to Pittsburgh where she remembers attending a summer camp for struggling children in Pittsburgh’s public school district. In time her family was able to relocate into a high-ranked suburban public school system, where Jin received the kind of education that led her to Yale”.

“I am grateful for the opportunities I received along my educational journey, but am also painfully aware of the good fortune and privilege that led me here,” said Jin. “Having now personally witnessed education inequity in both China and America, I am eager to help others gain the same opportunities that helped to change my life. My work with Building Bridges empowers me to do this.”

Resources for more information about the organization, how to potentially get involved, and ongoing news can be obtained by visiting the Building Bridges Facebook page or by contacting Jin at grace.jin@yale.edu.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Every Friday, 4-5pm.
Berkeley College Common Room

Looking for a great way to decompress after a hectic week of classes and other obligations. Well join us for a cup of tea and a few sweets at our weekly BK Tea and Talk!

Invite a friend/mentor/adviser or come alone to meet new people, it is an informal time to simply connect with others in the BK community.

Stay a little or stay a while!

RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

YALE ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM (website here)

Now is the time to get ready for end of the semester projects and to starting thinking about potential summer research projects and other opportunities. Attend one of our helpful workshops or meet 1-1 with a mentor to discuss strategies for planning ahead.

Questions? Contact academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Pathways for First-years
Monday, November 6, 6:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. RM. M104A

Time Management
Monday, November 6, 7:30 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. RM. M104A

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations
Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. RM. M104A

Exam Study Strategies
Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 PM Ezra Stiles Fellows Lounge

Managing a Heavy Reading Load
Thursday, November 9, 7:30 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. RM. M104A

Reading Analytically: Get more out of what you read
Friday, November 10, 1:00 PM Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St. RM. M104A
RESOURCES AROUND CAMPUS

OFFICE OF CAREER STRATEGY (website here)

General Drop-in Advising
Available when classes are in session Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm at 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor.

Summer 2018 Yale-coordinated Internship Opportunities LIVE Friday, December 1 Visit the Yale Career Link to view a broad variety of internships in the US and abroad. Note: a) students have 5 (five) business days to accept an extended offer (unless otherwise set by the employer), and b) the first application deadline is Friday, January 26, 2018.

New ISA-eligible International Internships
Students who secure international internships outside of the traditional Yale-coordinated International Internships Program may now apply to receive International Summer Award (ISA) funding. Learn more on the Office of Career Strategy website.

Boston Law Firm Presents: Visas After Graduation
Thursday, November 9, 5:30pm, School of Management Auditorium

Resources for Students with Disabilities:
AccessComputing: The Alliance for Access to Computing Careers
Bender Virtual Career Fair: Employment for People with Disabilities (Deadline: November 15)
Recent Graduate Leadership Training Program
New Graduate Technical Rotational Program
AAAS Entry Point! Internship Program

Upcoming Association of Yale Alumni Programs:
- Yale Career Fireside Chats-The Art of Networking Webinar, Nov. 9, 4:30pm-5:30pm, Register
- STAY Alumni Tea: Inspiration, Entrepreneurship, and a Money Toolkit, Nov. 9, 4:00pm-5:00pm, Rose Alumni House, RSVP
- Career and Life Vision; Job Search Strategies, Nov. 11, 11:00am-4:45pm, Register
- Humanities in Action–Career Workshops, Nov. 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm, Whitney Humanities Center, Register
- Yale Career Panels: A Candid View of the Legal Profession Webinar, Nov. 15, Register
- Meet 3 Yale Public Service Award-Winners, Nov. 17, 3:45pm-5:00pm, Nick Chapel Theater (Trumbull College basement), RSVP
- The Art of Public Speaking–Skill-Based Workshop, Dec. 1, 1:00pm-3:30pm, Register

Visit the Calendar of Events for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to Yale Career Link, powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Information Sessions to RSVP.
SEEN AROUND BERKELEY COLLEGE

TULIP PLANTING (YAY!) AND A FEW MORE HALLOWEEN PICS
CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov. 7, 8, and 9: Mandatory Fireside Chats for the Class of 2021, 5:30pm and 6:45pm, Swensen House

Nov. 10th: Last day to convert from the Credit/D/Fail option to a letter grade in a full-term course.
  • Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second half of the term without the course appearing on the transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.

Nov. 18th: November Recess begins, 9 pm.

Nov. 27th: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Nov. 30th: Last day to relinquish on-campus housing for the spring term without charge. See Undergraduate Regulations.

Nov. 30th: Class of 2019, Picnic in December! Swensen House, Time TBD

Dec. 1st: Last day to convert from the credit/D/Fail option to a letter grade in a course offered in the second half of the term.

Dec. 8th: Classes end, 5:30pm; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects.

Dec. 14th: Reading Period ends, 5pm. Final Exams begin, 7pm. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by the student’s residential college dean.