

# Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes -November 11, 2019

# Franklinites,

Glad to be back in the neighborhood after a few days in D.C. at an education conference. I'm reminded when I leave the hallowed Yale campus of two contradictory truths: an elite university like Yale, for all the attention we garner, educates such a small number of students, and yet other schools and nonprofits are hugely interested in what we're up to. I sat in a session about the pathways the Cal State system is exploring to increase mental health services for its student body of *half a million*; and another about the admissions landscape in historically black colleges, which award about 50,000 degrees each year. And listened to a lot of organizations geared to leveraging their talented young students and getting them access to the best colleges and opportunities. Some of you might have been beneficiaries of their devotion, or eventually work for them one day. Met some young alums doing just that. All this to say that when you graduate from Yale, so many people will be eager to hear what you did here, what you got out of this rare place, what you have to teach and share. You may not think of yourself as qualified for that role yet, but you will be. And it'll confer a great deal of meaning for folks in your future.

Stop worrying about your identity and concern yourself with the people you care about, ideas that matter to you, beliefs you can stand by, tickets you can run on. Intelligent humans make those choices with their brain and hearts and they make them alone.

- —Zadie Smith, from <u>On Beauty</u>
- -Dean Hill

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov 23: November recess begins, 9 p. m.

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

**Dec 6:** Classes end, 5:30 p.m. reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course offered in the second half of the fall term. See <u>Withdrawal from Courses</u> and <u>Grades</u>.

**Dec 12**: Reading period ends, 5 p.m., Final examinations begin, 7 p. m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. The deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

**Dec 15:** Applications for 2020 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad, Non-Yale Summer Abroad, Fall 2020 Term Abroad, and 2020 – 2021 Year Abroad open.

**Dec 18:** Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only be a Temporary Incomplete authorized by the student's residential college dean.

Dec 19: Residences close, 12 noon.

# Tutoring in BF!

# \*Resident Writing Tutor\*

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. To sign up for an appointment go to <a href="https://www.yalewco.com">www.yalewco.com</a> or email <a href="https://essaysu.go.ne

# \*Resident QR Tutor\*

Nicholas E. Smith, a graduate in Chemistry – Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Wednesday 8-9:30 p.m.

# **Yale Tutoring Resources:**

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduatewriting

Sc/QR Tutoring: <a href="https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields">https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields</a>

Language Tutoring: <a href="http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring">http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring</a>

Academic Strategies: <a href="https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program">https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program</a>

Advising Resources: <a href="http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/">http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/</a>

#### **CIPE**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Stop Dreaming and Create Meaning (Deja de Soñar & Crear significado)**

Tuesday, November 12th, 5:15-6:15PM LC 101

Come out to be inspired to grow and achieve! Farid Dieck is a content creator, musician, and social entrepreneur with a focus on sustainability from Monterrey, Mexico. Rorro Echávez is an industrial engineering graduate from the Tec de Monterrey, content creator, and author from Torreón, Mexico. Both are motivational speakers and social media influencers. They will share on their experiences going from dreaming to reality, and on creating meaning in your everyday work. Follow them @rorroechavez and @faridieck.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

#### **OCS**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Dartmouth Healthcare Foundations Session**

Monday, November 11, 5:00pm-6:00pm Office of Career Strategy, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd floor

Do you aspire to be a future leader in health care? Come learn about a week-long summer program that runs from July 13-17, 2020. More information here.

#### **Student Public Interest Career Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00pm-7:30pm Dwight Hall Chapel Reserve a spot <u>here</u>. Dress code is casual.

#### RESOURCES

Apply to the OCS Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee: OCS is seeking student applicants to represent various student organizations on the Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee (ERSAC). For additional details and to apply: OCS Employer Relations Student Advisory Committee.

# Yale Degree Audit

Yale Degree Audit (YDA) is a tool that tracks your progress toward the bachelor's degree. YDA is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). YDA displays the Yale College degree requirements that you have already completed and those that are still pending. A "Look Ahead" feature shows you how future course enrollment might apply toward your degree. Yale Degree Audit does not take the place of face-to-face advising, although you may wish to share your audit with your adviser. Instead, it provides an easy-to-read summary of requirements, allowing you and your adviser to spend more time discussing course selection and academic goals.

Do not rely solely on your degree audit when planning your courses; continue to use Yale's standard systems for schedule planning and employ YDA as an additional tool. More features will be added to YDA in the future, including the ability to track progress toward major requirements.

If you have suggestions, general observations, or questions that are not answered by the FAQs, send them to registrar@yale.edu using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.

# Domestic Summer Award (DSA) Applications Open

Eligible students include Yale College first-years, sophomores, and juniors on Yale financial aid seeking an unpaid or underfunded (\$1,500 or less) U.S. summer opportunity with one of the following: a 501(c)(3) nonprofit including non-profit Universities; a government entity including public Universities; a non-governmental organization (NGO); an Arts Apprenticeship; or a Science, Laboratory, or Other Research Opportunity. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply here.

**November Recess Hours.** Drop-ins are available only when classes are in session and will resume, Monday, December 2. The Office of Career Strategy will close Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 and will reopen Monday, December 2 at 8:30am.

OCS Drop Ins: Drop-ins are available when classes are in session, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. Visit the Calendar of Events for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to Yale Career Link, powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to RSVP.

#### YALE SUMMER SESSION

This summer, earn credit and boost your resume at the same time. Become a Yale Summer Session residential counselor! YSS counselors are responsible for advising and counseling approximately students during the summer. As a counselor, you will oversee the welfare of each of your assigned students and be the first-responder when students have questions or problems.

Counselors are given free room and board for the orientation period and the ten weeks of the program, plus a tuition reduction for the equivalent of one summer course credit.

The application for Summer 2020 counselors will open in January. <u>Sign up for email updates</u> from Yale Summer Session so you get all the Summer updates.

<u>summer.yale.edu</u>
<u>@YaleSummerSession</u>

#### STUDY ABROAD

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Siena Summer Program 2020 Information Session

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm Romance Languages Lounge, 82-90 Wall Street, 3rd Floor

# **German Summer Program 2020 Information Session**

Monday, November 18, 5:00pm – 6:00pm WLH 117

#### **RESOURCES**

<u>Study Abroad Drop-In Hours</u> will be held on Friday, November 15 | 55 Whitney Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. <u>Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser</u> – Schedule an appointment directly from our website. Search the <u>Study Abroad Calendar</u> for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.

#### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

# Richard U. Light Information Session 7

Monday, November 11, 1:00pm - 2:00pm CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 369

# **Summer Fellowships and Funding Information Session**

Wednesday, November 13, 11:45am – 12:45pm Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St, Rm 120A

# **Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 13, 5:00pm – 6:30pm Stiles Dining Hall

# Summer STEM Fellowships - How to Write a Research Proposal

Friday, November 15, 3:00pm – 4:00pm LC104

# **Planning Research and Independent Projects**

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm-5:00pm Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St, Rm 120A

# MacMillan Center: Informational Session for Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Students

Wednesday, November 20, 4:00pm – 5:00pm Luce Hall Auditorium, Rm 101

#### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 12, 1:00pm EST - <u>Saint Andrew's Society Graduate Scholarship</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

November 18, 1:00pm EST - <u>James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

**November 18, 1:00pm EST** - <u>Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

**November 19, 8:00pm EST** - <u>Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

**November 21, 1:00pm EST** - <u>Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

**December 1** - <u>Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships</u>; Contact the <u>New Haven Rotary</u> Foundation Chair with application questions | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

**December 6, Noon Beijing Time -** <u>The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship</u> National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

**December 13, 1:00pm EST** - <u>Richard U. Light Fellowship</u> Late Fall Competition Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students(**Note: Attending an info session is required.**)

**January 3, 4:00pm EST** - <u>SALAM 2020: Summer Arabic Language and Media Program</u> National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

January 9, 1:00pm EST - National Security Education Program NSEP David L Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

**January 15, 1:00pm EST** - <u>Davis Projects for Peace</u> Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - Beinecke Scholarship Program Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

**January 24, 1:00pm EST** - <u>Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program</u> Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors/Alumni* 

#### RESOURCES

Visit the **Fellowships Calendar** for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

<u>Make an appointment</u> directly from the website to discuss these and a host of other opportunities <u>Fellowship Drop-In Hours</u> will be held on <u>Friday</u>, <u>November 15</u>, <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm | 55 Whitney Avenue</u>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

# Yale Academic Strategies Program

https://orgsync.com/162209/

https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Though peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

# **Workshops**

Most workshops are held in the Poorvu Center (the new name for the CTL). Room M104A is located on the Poorvu Center's Writing Center mezzanine, just up the stairs near the 301 York St. entrance to Sterling Library. You are encouraged to RSVP via Yale OrgSync (https://orgsync.com/162209/).

# **Time Management**

Monday, November 11, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A

Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

# **Exam Study Strategies**

Monday, November 11, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams

# **Public Speaking for Undergraduates**

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

#### Fresh Start: Midterm Edition

# Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A

Want to refresh your approaches to your academic work? Our mentors will lead you through a series of activities to help you identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the new challenges presented by your current semester's courses.

# **Summer Funding and Fellowships**

#### Wednesday, November 13, 11:45 AM, CTL 120A

Have some ideas about what you want to do this summer? Now figure out how to pay for it. Attend this introductory workshop on pursuing funding for your summer experiences.

#### **Procrastination: How to Work Through it**

#### Wednesday, November 13, 4:00 PM, CTL M104A

We all procrastinate. When your procrastination habits get in the way of your goals, however, it's time for a change. This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

# **Cultivating Faculty Mentors**

# Thursday, November 14, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams

# 1-1 Mentoring

Meet with an <u>Academic Strategies Mentor</u>! They will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for getting through to the end of the semester. Have questions? Please email us at <u>academicstrategies@yale.edu</u>.

# **Academic Strategies Web Guides**

Midterms thrown you off? Get back on track with our <u>Academic Strategies web guides</u>, including <u>Academic Resources</u>, our guide to finding the resources you need to support your academic work.

# Yale College Writing Center

- Residential College Writing Tutors available: <a href="https://www.yalewco.com/index.php">https://www.yalewco.com/index.php</a>
- Peer Writing Partners available daily, Poorvu CTL tutoring mezzanine
- Writing Study Halls (Sundays 2-5 pm, Wednesdays 7-10 pm).

See <a href="https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/writing-tutoring-and-programs">https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/writing-tutoring-and-programs</a> for more detailed information.

<u>The Community Initiative</u>: Empowering first-generation and low-income students at Yale A partnership between the Yale College Dean's Office and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning: <a href="https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu">https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu</a>

# Mellon Mays and Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship Info Session

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5-6 pm

Lyceum Room, Saybrook College

Attention sophomores! Come learn about the <u>Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Program</u> and the <u>Edward A. Bouchet Undergraduate Research Program</u> and its application process. These programs support minority students and others committed to addressing racial disparities in the pursuit of PhDs and subsequent careers in academia. They offer mentorship, funds for research, and other supports for students potentially interested in academic careers.

# 1st Gen Yale Alumni Group Mixer Dinner

Friday, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Afro-American Cultural Center

Meet first-gen alumni from across the professions in an informal networking event. Enjoy dinner and casual conversation with peers and first-gen alumni allies.

#### Meet with an FGLI Ambassador

Do you have specific questions about some of the initiatives or resources we offer? Do you have any questions about your professor's office hours? Are you from the West Coast and want to know more about Winter in New Haven? Then visit our team of ambassadors during their office hours! We are located at the front desk of 55 Whitney Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

#### **Career Clothes Closet**

In partnership with the Asian American Cultural Center, the Community Initiative has developed the Career Closet, a source of professional clothing for students that need professional attire for interviews, receptions, and all other formal events. Students can check out multiple items of clothing for 2 weeks, all free of charge. <a href="https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu/financial-resources/deans-office-services/career-closet">https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu/financial-resources/deans-office-services/career-closet</a>

# **STEM Opportunities**

Summer STEM Fellowship Information Sessions

**Wednesday, November 13** - meet Dean Sandy Chang in the Stiles Dining Hall (table on the stage) from 5:00-6:30pm

**Wednesday, December 4** - meet Dean Sandy Chang in the Stiles Dining Hall (table on the stage) from 5:00-6:30pm

Summer STEM Fellowships: How to Write a Research Proposal

Friday, November 15 - meet Dr. Alexia Belperron in LC 104 from 3:00-4:00pm

**Guide to STEM at Yale**For <u>Dean Sandy Chang's Guide to STEM at Yale</u> and other useful information for STEM-interested students, please visit: <u>https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu</u>.

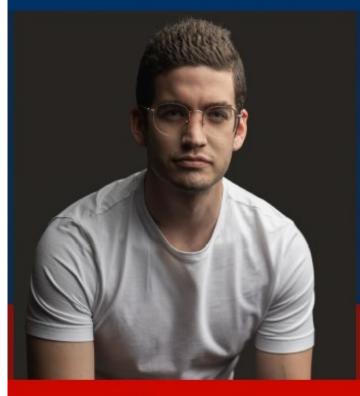
# Yale Library Resources

**StatLab workshops:** Using a new stats program? Get help from StatLab! Visit their website for workshops on LaTex, R, Stata, and other common programs: <a href="http://statlab.yale.edu/workshops/">http://statlab.yale.edu/workshops/</a>

# STOP DREAMING & CREATE MEANING DEJA DE SOÑAR & CREAR SIGNIFICADO

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 · LC 101

5:15-6:15PM

Presentation followed by Q&A session

Yale Center for International and Professional Experience

# Mellon Mays and Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship

INFO SESSION
WED. NOV. 13TH - 5-6PM
LYCEUM ROOM - SAYBROOK COLLEGE
DINNER WILL BE SERVED

The Mellon Mays program aims to reduce over time the serious under-representation of individuals from certain minority groups at the faculty level, as well as to address the attendant educational consequences of these disparities. The program serves the related goals of structuring campus environments so that they will become more conducive to improved racial and ethnic relations, and of providing role models for all youth.

Apply using the Student Fellowships Portal at https://bit.ly/2NJ0Wrx

For more information on Mellon Mays: https://bit.ly/34n6s9Y

For more information on Bouchet: https://bit.ly/2qpjzc8 The Edward A.

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Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship
Program welcomes all fields of
study. Candidates may apply without
regard to nationality or citizenship.

Both of these fellowships allow students to work on paid research projects during the academic year, and to pursue full-time research during the summers between sophomore and junior years, and between junior and senior years. The Mellon Mays program also allows students to decrease their undergraduate and graduate educational loan obligations.



AODHRI wants to know about your experience with alcohol and other drugs at Yale.

# The Fall AODHRI Survey is out!

You received an invitation last week to complete a 10 minute survey about drug and alcohol use at Yale. The information collected is used as part of our efforts to reduce harms caused by high-risk drinking and the use of other drugs.

Students' responses are anonymous and confidential. There are questions for all students, including those who don't drink alcohol or use other drugs; everyone's input is valuable. We hope you will fill out the survey to help guide this important work.

# aodhri