

2021-2022 OCS Pre-Health Peer Liaison (PPL) PAFs



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Hi! My name is Annika and I am from Southern California. I am a senior in Eliot House concentrating in Neuroscience with a secondary in Computer Science and a citation in Thai. Aside from being a PAF and Pre-Health Peer Liaison, I am on the Varsity Tennis team, a founder and President of the Harvard Athletics Black Varsity Association, conduct research on mindfulness and its effect on the brain, tutor through the ARC, and work as a CA for the Math department! Over the past few summers, I have interned in a pediatric cardiology clinic, continued my research at MGH, and worked as a software engineering intern for Microsoft. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, working out, watching Netflix, listening to music, and spending time with friends. I am so excited to meet you all- please feel free to reach out!



Tony Bennett '22

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Hello! My name is Tony and I am a senior in Eliot House from a suburb outside of Philadelphia. I am concentrating in Human Evolutionary Biology and getting a language citation in Korean. Outside of the classroom, I am involved in cultural organizations like Harvard College Half Asian People's Association (HAPA) and Harvard Korean Association (HKA), and I volunteer at a youth detention center through the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) and the Y2Y Harvard Square homeless shelter. In my free time I like to play video games, watch basketball (go Sixers!), and cook different types of food. This past summer I had the opportunity to conduct research for my senior honors thesis, focusing on the effects of the pandemic on people's psychology, and I am excited to continue working on this during the year. I can't

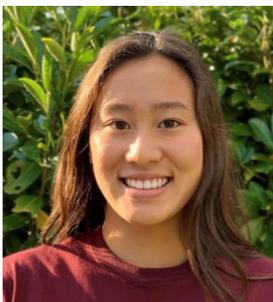
wait to meet you all! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions— pre-health related or not!



PJ Clark '23

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Hi all! I'm PJ and I'm a junior in Cabot House studying Neuroscience with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy and a potential citation in Spanish. I'm very excited to be one of your PPL PAFs this year! Aside from PAFing, I'm also a coordinator for the Mission Hill After School Program (MHASP), a Stein Chair for Cabot HoCo, and a volunteer with Harvard CARE. This past summer, I conducted neuroimaging research at the Martinos Center, and I plan to do something similar during the academic year. I'm originally from New Bedford, MA, and in my free time, I love to go camping, listen to music, swim, and spend way too much time on YouTube. I cannot wait to speak with you, so feel free to reach out with all your pre-health concerns or anything else on your mind!



Darlene Fung '23

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Hi! My name is Darlene and I am a junior in Adams House from central New Jersey. I am studying Molecular and Cellular Biology with a secondary in Psychology, and I am hoping to complete a citation in Afrikaans. On campus, I am a member of the Women's Swim and Dive team, and I am involved in Consulting on Business and the Environment (CBE), Eating Concerns Hotline and Outreach (ECHO), and The Athlete Medical Mentorship Program (AMMP). Over the summer, I participated in a shadowing program in which I was able to observe the daily life of a physician, from daily rounds to unexpected surgeries, as well as learn about the many career paths in healthcare. On weekends, I love taking the T to try new coffee shops, explore all the nooks and crannies of Boston, and spend time with friends off campus. I am more than happy to chat and provide support as you embark on your premed and pre-health endeavors!



Anagha Kumar '22

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Hello! My name is Anagha, and I am a senior in Winthrop House (originally from Hopkinton, Massachusetts)! I am concentrating in the History of Science with a secondary in Neuroscience. Aside from being a PAF and a pre-health liaison, I am involved with Harvard Ghungroo (the school's largest student-run cultural production!), the Patient Advocacy Student Group, and the Concordium (an organization that aims to help foster intergenerational connection in the community and alleviate social isolation and loneliness). In my free-time, I enjoy going on runs and dancing to South Asian music. I am so, so excited to meet you all and answer any questions you may have on the pre-med journey, research, clinical experience, health policy work, or literally anything at all!

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Hey everyone! My name is Nasser and I am a senior in Eliot House concentrating in Molecular & Cellular Biology with a secondary in Economics. I am from Highlands Ranch, Colorado which is near Denver. I am of Moroccan origin so I love all things that have to do with Morocco (especially the food!). On campus, I serve as the president of the Minority Association of Premedical Students (MAPS) and the program coordinator of the STRIVE program, I am on the Undergraduate Council as the vice chair of the HSW committee, and I also play Club Soccer. Off-campus, I conduct research on sickle cell disease at Boston Children's Hospital. Outside of school, I love to cook, ski, hike, play basketball, and spend time with friends. This past summer, I interned at Bain & Company where I consulted on a healthcare. I am super excited to meet you all and encourage you all to reach out!



Tanisha Martheswaran '22

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Hi! I'm Tanisha, a senior in Adams House from Utah concentrating in Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology with a Secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. I'm interested in the intersection of medicine and biotechnology. On campus, I'm an EMT and a CPR/First Aid instructor with CrimsonEMS, and a Peer Wellness Educator. I lead Harvard Synapse, a state-wide brain injury support organization, and the Harvard Global Health Institute Student Advisory Committee. Off campus, I conduct research in neuro-ophthalmology at Boston Children's Hospital and explore stem cell therapies for vision loss at the Schepens Eye Research Institute. I volunteer as a youth educator with the Massachusetts Red Cross and as a telefriend with the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and

Visually Impaired (MABVI). For fun, I love to bake, work out, and do escape rooms! I'm very excited to meet you all!



Abby Obeng-Marnu '23

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Hey everyone! My name is Abby, and I'm a junior from Atlanta, GA, studying Neuroscience with a secondary in Linguistics. Other than being a PAF, I sing in an a cappella group (the Opportunes!), volunteer with the Mission Hill After-school Program, tutor high school students in math, and am on the board of the Harvard Black Premedical Society. For the last two summers, I have engaged in both neuroscience research, investigating the biological basis of Autism Spectrum Disorders, and public health research, exploring how access to international healthcare has changed over the course of the pandemic. I spend the majority of my free time watching various television shows and singing. Can't wait to meet you all!



Aaron Shirley '23

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Hi everyone! I'm Aaron, a Virginia native and junior in Quincy! I'm joint concentrating in History & Science and Sociology with a citation in American Sign Language, and a potential secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. When I'm not studying or sleeping, I'm hurdling for the Varsity Track and Field team, directing the Deaf Awareness Club (DAC) through the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA), and conducting research on racism and health disparities in the U.S. healthcare system. I'm also a peer counselor and an ASL course assistant! This past summer I had the opportunity to serve as Fenway Health's Policy and Advocacy Intern where I supported the institute's priority legislation through clinical and legislative research. In my free time, I love to hike, eat with friends, and learn new crafts and skills! I'm super pumped to get to know you all, so please don't hesitate to reach out about anything!



Zoya Surani '22

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Hi! My name is Zoya and I am a senior in Eliot House! I am originally from Corpus Christi, Texas (we founded Whataburger!) and love warm weather, all sorts of food, volunteering, baking, and traveling. I am concentrating in Neuroscience MBB, with a secondary in Educational Studies, while being premed. I love finding ways to take part in both education-based and cognitive neuroscience-based programs. On campus, I've held various roles including being a tour guide at the Peabody Museum and Hahvahd Tours and being a TF for PS11 and CA for Gened1076. I especially love to work with children, whether it be through Camp Kesem, babysitting, or tutoring through CovEd. This past summer, I was able to work on my senior thesis at the Gaab Lab, to begin exploring the relationship between maternal stress and children's executive functioning! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me.