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**Jessica Alexander '24**

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**Primary area: Government & Law; Secondary area: Still Exploring & Deciding**

I'm Jessica, and I'm a junior in Kirkland House studying psychology, and will be working in the areas of government, law, and with students still exploring. I was born and raised in New Jersey. On campus, I serve as President of the Black Pre-Law Association, Captain of the Mock Trial Association, and Co-Chair of the Fellows and Study Groups Program at the IOP. I've worked with the Phillip's Brooks House Association and the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender. In my free time, you can find me perfecting my fruit tart recipe and re-watching 90's trial drama movies.



**Matthew Andrews '25**

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**Primary area: Business; Secondary area: Entrepreneurship**

Hi everyone! My name is Matthew Andrews and I'm a rising sophomore studying Applied Math and Economics in Eliot House. I'm from Pretoria, South Africa and outside of classes I am mainly involved in the international student organization Woodbridge, where I have been the secretary for two semesters. I'm also on the ballroom dance team and a member of the Harvard Financial Analysts club. Over the summer, while working at the Harvard Business School's Africa Research Center, I became President of Harvard College Students Inspire (formerly TedXHarvard College) and Treasurer and Secretary of the Behavioral Strategy Group. Outside of extracurricular activities, I enjoy playing some chess, flute, and bagpipes! I'm looking forward to being an OCS PAF, a FIP leader, and a Teaching fellow for CS 50 next semester!

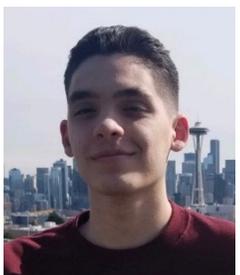


**Sydney Bloch '25**

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**Primary area: Government & Law; Secondary area: Arts & Journalism**

My name is Sydney Bloch, and I am a Sophomore in Leverett House studying Social Studies. I grew up in Los Angeles, California, and moved to Dallas, Texas, in the middle of high school which is where my family currently resides. My focus as an OCS PAF will be government & law, as well as arts & journalism. After graduating high school, I took a gap year where I spent the first semester working in Hawaii and the second semester traveling around Thailand. At Harvard, I write for the Undergraduate Law Review, sit on the BOLD committee for Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business, play on the Women's Club Soccer team, and serve as an analyst for the Harvard Behavioral Strategy Group. In my free time, you can often find me at Hillel and Chabbad, drinking a Peet's coffee and reading, going to the gym, doing paint by numbers, and exploring the Cambridge/Boston area with friends. I spent this past summer exploring the UK while taking classes at the London School of Economics.



**Zavier Chavez '23**

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**Primary area: Arts & Entertainment; Secondary area: Law, Government, & Nonprofits**

I'm Zavier, Class of 2023, Adams House, concentrating in Philosophy with a Secondary in Environmental Science & Public Policy. I'm from Chattanooga, Tennessee. On campus, I'm involved in WHRB 95.3fm, Project Access, Army ROTC, HACIA Democracy, Harvard Model Congress, Harvard College Effective Altruism, First-Year Urban Program, and the Harvard Skate Club. My past summer experiences have been in Animal Welfare Policy & Advocacy (The Humane League, The Humane Society, Paw Project); Ethics Research (EJ Safra Center); Food & Beverage Corporate Research (The Good Food Institute); Venture Capital (Stray Dog Capital); Arts (Harvard Art Museums). Outside of my involvement, my interests are skating, animal welfare, environmentalism/sustainability, food tech & innovation, and languages.

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**Lal Kablan '25**

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**Primary area: Still Exploring & Deciding; Secondary area: Business**

Hello! My name is Lal Kablan, and I am a sophomore student from Istanbul, Turkey. Originally a part of the Class of 2024, I decided to take a gap year before college, during which I worked in a research program and an ed-tech start-up. On campus, I live in Adams House and enjoy participating in the Crimson Business Board and the Ballroom Dance Team. As a prospective economics and psychology concentrator, I am very interested in the topics of behavioral economics and the science of decision making, which prompted me to intern this summer at the Harvard Business School's MENA Research Center. I enjoy cooking traditional

Turkish food, painting, and watching docuseries in my free time! I hope to return to campus and extend the same help to other students who are creating their own career paths, as well as students interested in business careers.



**Tiffany Kalu '24**

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**Primary area: Engineering**

Hi everyone! My name is Tiffany and I am a junior living in Cabot House studying Environmental Science and Engineering. I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and am a first generation Nigerian American. My academic interests are at the intersection of human interaction, technology, and the environment. On campus, I serve as the NSBE Senator for Harvard Society of Black Scientists and Engineers, a Peer Advising Fellow, and as an intern at the Office for Sustainability. I am also involved in many other Black affinity groups on campus. This past summer, I conducted environmental engineering research at Columbia

University as part of Columbia and Amazon's Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program. My project focused on the utilization of waste-to-energy residues in building materials, specifically clay fired bricks. In my free time, I enjoy binge watching shows, listening to music, and hanging out with friends and family.



**Gavin Lindsey '25**

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**Primary area: Still Exploring & Deciding; Secondary: Environment**

I'm Gavin, 2025, Cabot House, concentrating in Environmental Science and Public Policy/Economics. I'm from Olathe, Colorado, and will be representing students still exploring and students interested in environmental careers. In addition to being Harvard Water Polo's Number 1 Fan, I'm in the Harvard Model Congress (Director of International Programs for Harvard Model Congress Europe), the Harvard College Conservation Society (Harvard Forest Project Team, New England Aquarium Project Team), a sales

associate at The Harvard Shop, and the Director of Recruitment for Kali Praxi. This past summer, I lived and worked in Dublin, Ireland as a summer intern for FoodCloud, which is an Ireland and UK wide social enterprise that focuses on combating Food waste and Disparities as well as Carbon emissions by acting as a bridge between food producers and local charities in need of cheaper surplus products that otherwise would go in the bin. My hobbies are traveling anywhere and everywhere, skiing, hiking, camping, movie marathons, sustainability and ecological preservation, international politics, and agriculture.



**Jadyn Matthews '24**

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**Primary area: Psychology & Global Health**

Hello! My name is Jadyn Matthews, and I am a Junior (Class of 2024) at the College, from Chattanooga, TN. I am concentrating in Psychology on the Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Psychology track with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. I am also a pre-med student and live in Adams House. As such, I'm excited to focus on psychology & global health fields as an OCS PAF. On campus, I am involved in the Harvard-Radcliffe Modern Dance Company, where I am the Board Administrator, as well

as Harvard's Society for Black Scientists and Engineers, where I am the Mentorship Chair. Additionally, I have served as a research assistant in Harvard's Laboratory for Developmental Studies and work as a course facilitator for LS1a, an introductory biochemistry course here at Harvard. I have spent my past couple summers here at Harvard taking courses, proctoring at the Harvard Summer School, volunteering at a Harvard campus childcare center, and working for the Harvard College Connection in the Admissions Office

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(where I am also employed during term-time). Outside of class, I enjoy exploring coffee shops, spending time with friends, knitting, and watching movies. I look forward to meeting some of you as you explore career opportunities and interests!

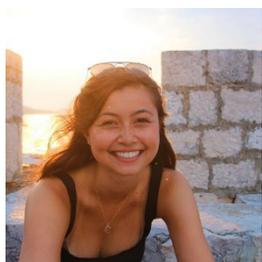


**Meera Nair '23**

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**Primary area: Still Exploring & Deciding; Secondary: Life Sciences**

My name is Meera, a senior in Mather, studying Molecular & Cellular Biology. My hometown is Omaha, Nebraska, and I'm excited to be a PAF and OCS PAF this year. I'll be working with students who are still exploring their options or discovering their paths, and students interested in careers in the Life Sciences. I am involved with life sciences research in a variety of focus areas, initially within the realm of drug repurposing and pharma but then transitioning to spatial transcriptomic analysis of Classic Hodgkin's Lymphoma. During my time at the College, I have applied for and participated in a variety of summer and Wintersession career development programs, ranging from OCS site visits to Harvard Premedical Society's BIOME program to PRISE to Herchel Smith Harvard Undergraduate Research Program to Harvard Global Health Institute internships.



**Charis Palandjian '23**

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**Primary area: Life Sciences**

Hi everyone, I'm Charis, from Belmont, MA! I live in Dunster and am a senior concentrating in Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology with a Global Health and Health Policy secondary. I'm President of HAPA (Half Asian Peoples Association), a member of the club tennis travel team, and participate in a range of PBHA programs every year. My past summers have included research in the Zhuang Lab during the school year and over one summer (2019-2020), clinical research at the Ragon Institute for a summer while also taking Chem S-17 (first semester orgo with lab), and a gap year from academic year 2020-2021 to intern on the Moderna Therapeutics infectious disease research immunology team. This summer I am conducting research/writing my senior thesis in the Corbett lab on a coronavirus immunology project. In my free time, I love baking, biking, and spending time with my dogs. I'm excited to work with advisers and students representing careers in Life Sciences.



**Grace Taylor '25**

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**Primary area: Environment**

Hi, my name is Grace, an Environmental Science and Public Policy sophomore in Quincy House. I'm also on the Varsity Women's Lacrosse team at Harvard, and am from Dedham, Massachusetts. This past summer I studied in Spain through OCS summer abroad so I can improve my Spanish fluency. I've worked in Guatemala and witnessed the effects of climate change on Latin American communities and am passionate about being able to help communicate in Spanish. I'm excited to work with first year students, especially as they explore environmental paths.



**Michael Torto '25**

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**Primary area: Arts & Journalism**

My name is Michael Torto and I'm a sophomore living in Lowell House and studying sociology. I was born and raised in Newark, NJ. At Harvard, I'm a member of the Black Male Forum, the newly founded community Black Arts Collective, DWS Graham and Parks where I volunteer at an elementary school, and I'm also a tutor for Harvard Student Agencies. I've been an intern at Audible Inc for the past 3 years and currently work with their Editorial team where I build product detail pages and conduct interviews. I also have a deep love and passion for acting and poetry. I plan on using my background in sociology to combat social justice issues as a broadcast journalist. I can't wait to connect with students interested in the Arts & journalism.