## MCS PAFs 2023-2024



Jessica Alexander '24 Email: <a href="mailto:jessicaalexander@college.harvard.edu">jessicaalexander@college.harvard.edu</a>
Primary area: Government & Law; Secondary area: Still Exploring & Deciding

I'm Jessica, and I'm a senior in Kirkland House originally from New Jersey. At MCS, I work with students interested in government, law, and non-profit work, and with students still exploring. On campus, I study psychology, captain the Mock Trial Team, and lead the Institute of Politics' Internships and Career Services Program. I've worked with the Phillips Brooks House Association, New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, and Partners for Women and Justice. In my free time, you can find me perfecting my fruit tart recipe and rewatching 90's trial drama movies.



Matthew Andrews '25 Email: <u>matthew\_andrews@college.harvard.edu</u>

Primary area: Business; Secondary area: Entrepreneurship

Hi everyone! My name is Matthew Andrews and I'm a junior 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 am the co-president. Last summer I was in Malaysia doing economic policy research and exploring the country. Outside of extracurricular activities, I enjoy playing some chess, flute, and bagpipes! I'm looking forward to being an MCS PAF, a FIP leader, and a Teaching fellow for CS 50!



Sydney Bloch '25 Email: <a href="mailto:sydneybloch@college.harvard.edu">sydneybloch@college.harvard.edu</a>

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

My name is Sydney Bloch, and I am a junior in Leverett House studying Social Studies with a secondary in Psychology. I grew up in Los Angeles, California, but have also lived in Dallas, Texas. 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, serve on the Board of 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, and doing paint by numbers. This summer, I participated in a fellowship for Jewish students called Birthright Excel which is a competitive 10-week program where you work a full-time job in Israel. I worked at Monitor Deloitte in Tel Aviv as a Strategy Consultant Intern.



Lal Kablan '25 Email: <u>lalkablan@college.harvard.edu</u>

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

Hello! My name is Lal Kablan, and I am a junior at Adams House, originally from Istanbul, Turkey. Formerly 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 am serving as the Co-President of the Behavioral Strategy Group (BSG), a research assistant at the Carey Lab and a business associate at the Crimson Business Board. As an 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 last summer at the Harvard Business

School's MENA Research Center - a position I have found through MCS! This summer, I conducted research on small area estimation for forest inventory applications with Professor Kelly McConville as part of the Summer Program for Undergraduates in Data Science (SPUDS). During my free time, I enjoy cooking traditional Turkish food, pottery, and watching docu-series!

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Tiffany Kalu '24 Email: tiffanykalu@college.harvard.edu

Primary area: Engineering

I am a senior in Cabot House studying Environmental Science and Engineering (SB), and I'm from Dallas, Texas. I have a wide array of interests in the environmental sphere, ranging from sustainable materials to green infrastructure. I have conducted research on waste-to-energy as part of Columbia University and Amazon's Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program. I also have experience in environmental consulting in my internship in the Water Infrastructure and Climate Adaptation group at Ramboll. In my junior spring, I took the opportunity to study abroad in London, UK at the University College London. On campus, I've interned at the Office for Sustainability, working with the social equity group on

initiatives relating to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in and outside of Harvard. I've served as a board member for the Harvard Society of Black Scientists and Engineers (HSBSE), as well as a Peer Advising Fellow (PAF) for first-year students. I'm also a part of the Kuumba Singers of Harvard College.



Gavin Lindsey '25 Email: glindsey@college.harvard.edu
Primary area: Still Exploring & Deciding; Secondary: Environment

My name is Gavin and I am a Junior in Cabot House pursuing a double concentration in Environmental Science & Public Policy and Economics. I call home to a small rural farming community nestled amidst the Rocky Mountains of Western Colorado, which is where my interests and passions around the environment stem from. Outside of my academics and PAFing, I am involved with a number of sustainability organizations on campus including being the COO of Harvard College Conservation Society and the Cabot House Representative for the Office for Sustainability's Resource Efficiency Program. Additionally, I dedicate a lot of

his time to working for the Harvard Shop and the Office for Sustainability. In my free moments, I enjoy supporting my friends in Harvard Athletics, especially Harvard Water Polo, as well as exploring all that Boston and the greater New England area have to offer. This past summer I was able to work for a Council of Governments back in Western Colorado on Economic and Sustainable Development. My main projects included workforce growth and the implementation of EV charging stations across the region. I had a great summer, but I am very excited for another year at the college and the opportunity to meet and connect with you all this year!



Jadyn Matthews '24 Email: <u>jadynmatthews@college.harvard.edu</u>
Primary area: Psychology & Global Health

Hello! My name is Jadyn Matthews, and I am a senior (Class of 2024) at the College, from Chattanooga, TN. I am double concentrating in Psychology (Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Psychology track) and Human Evolutionary Biology with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. I am also a premed student and live in Adams House. On campus, I am involved in the Harvard-Radcliffe Modern Dance Company, Harvard Black Premedical Society, and the Association of Black Harvard Women. Additionally, I have served as a research assistant in psychology laboratories and work as a course facilitator for LS1a. I

spent this past summer on a clinical internship at a hospital and lab in northern Iceland - it was a wonderful experience that I organized myself! 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!

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Grace Taylor '25 Email: <a href="mailto:gtaylor@college.harvard.edu">gtaylor@college.harvard.edu</a>
Primary area: Environment

Hi! My name is Grace Taylor and I'm a junior studying Environmental Science and Public Policy and Global Health and Health Policy (quite the mouthful!) I'm from Dedham, Massachusetts and live at Quincy House. At Harvard, I am a member of the women's lacrosse team and Athletes in Action. This summer I traveled to southern Vietnam to teach physics and mentor eighth and ninth graders through the Coach for College program. I love traveling and have also spent time in Spain through an MCS 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 paths that intersect with environmental justice, human health, and all life sciences!



## Michael Torto '25 Email: <a href="mailto:mtorto@college.harvard.edu">mtorto@college.harvard.edu</a> Primary area: Arts & Journalism

My name is Michael Torto and I'm a junior 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 three 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.