



CLASS OF 2017

UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES



EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS
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EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

The Eagleton Institute of Politics, founded in 1956 with a bequest from Florence Peshine Eagleton, explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day-to-day practice. The Institute focuses attention on how the American political system works, how it changes, and how it might work better. Eagleton's faculty, centers and programs specialize in the study of state government and politics; public opinion polling and survey research; women's political participation; minority and immigrant political behavior; governors; campaigns, elections and political parties; ethics; science and politics - policy and career intersections; civic education and political engagement; young elected leaders and youth political participation; and New Jersey politics.

The Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program was established in 1974. During the one and one-half year certificate program, Associates learn about real-world politics and government from experienced practitioners. The program is a cooperative educational endeavor between the Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Department of Political Science in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Rutgers students apply the fall of their junior year. Those selected for the program take a series of three courses at Eagleton during the second semester of their junior year and each semester of their senior year. Associates also complete a summer or fall internship related to government, public policy or politics. Undergraduate Associates study government and politics through special seminars, a supervised internship, and discussions with governmental officials and political practitioners. The program is open to undergraduate students from all Rutgers schools, departments and campuses.

Students selected for the program this year will be the 43rd class of Eagleton Undergraduate Associates. There are currently more than 900 alumni of the Undergraduate Associates program. Some have chosen careers in politics and public affairs and others have applied their knowledge of government and politics to a broad range of careers in the private and non-profit sectors.

More information about the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates program can be found at <http://eagleton.rutgers.edu/students/undergradassociates.php>

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Samuel Allaman



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Political Science and Philosophy

Internship: New Jersey Chamber of Commerce/Government Relations, Trenton, NJ

Samuel Allaman is a political science and philosophy double major in the School of Arts and Sciences. He is from the small town of Frelinghuysen in Warren County, where the cows outnumber the people. Samuel came into Rutgers knowing he had an interest in the field of law, but did not discover his love for local and state politics until he took classes within the political science department. This inspiration led to him run for office in his town and pursue his interest in local politics. On top of Samuel's interest for politics, he has still pursued his passion for the law. Samuel interned with MARC Law Firm in Morristown, Judge Berdote Byrne in the Morristown Superior Court - Family Division, and Judge Vincent Leblon in the Middlesex Superior Court - Civil Division. At his fraternity, Chi Psi, Samuel has found an interest in community service through the Embrace Kids Dance Marathon charity event. He is also a member of The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization that raises money for many different charities. In his free time, he enjoys writing screenplays and short stories, hiking, binge watching Netflix and long naps. Samuel intends to go to law school and become active within his local government in an attempt to better his community.

William Callahan



School of Arts and Sciences

Political Science/Economics

Majors: Economics and Political Science

Internship: New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Trenton, NJ

Will Callahan, born in New Brunswick, grew up in Highland Park. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) Honors Program majoring in economics and political science. Will hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement, investigating organized crime. Last summer he interned at the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Intelligence Unit. This summer he will be interning at the United States Automobile Association in the Compliance Department, where he will learn about anti-money-laundering tactics, fraud detection methods, and regulatory measures. In the fall he will be interning at the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. In addition to being an Eagleton Undergraduate Associate he is an active member of his co-ed professional fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. He has served as vice president of alumni relations and will serve next semester as vice president of pledge education. He is also an active member of the Institute of Domestic and International Affairs, where he helps set up Model UN/Congress Conferences. Will has won the SAS Excellence Award and Matt Scherzer Memorial Scholarship. He spends his free time going to the gym or playing basketball while listening to Drake.

Jason DeAlessi



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Political Science and Public Health Studies

Minor: Theater Arts

Internship: Kivvit, Asbury Park, NJ

Jason DeAlessi is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, studying political science and public health. Jason spent his first year of undergraduate study at Johns Hopkins University before deciding to transfer back to his home state of New Jersey and Rutgers. Last summer, Jason interned at NBC News on MSNBC's flagship morning

broadcast, *Morning Joe*. In his spare time, he consults with the Morris County Democratic Committee and campaigns throughout Northern New Jersey to help establish their digital presence efficiently and effectively. After undergraduate studies, Jason hopes to attend law school, pursuing a dual JD/MPH degree. Eventually he would like to work for the Department of Health and Human Services writing healthcare policy. He is a member of the Rutgers Triathlon Team, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, and Tau Sigma Honor Society. On the weekends, Jason works as a youth ice hockey official around New Jersey.

Amy Eng



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Philosophy, Political Science

Minor: International & Global Studies

Internship: District Office of Congressman Frank Pallone, New Brunswick, NJ

Amy Eng made a nine-and-a-half mile journey to Rutgers from her hometown of Edison, New Jersey. She is currently enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences, where she is double majoring in philosophy and political science with a minor in international and global studies. Alongside being an Undergraduate Associate, Amy has made a home for herself at Eagleton with her involvement with RU Voting in conjunction with her participation in the Darien Civic Engagement Project and has also worked as an Aresty Research Assistant on the Young Elected Leaders Project under Dr. Elizabeth Matto. During her senior year, Amy is pleased to continue working with the Aresty Research Center as a peer instructor and will also be writing her senior thesis under Dr. Matto's tutelage. She is currently involved on campus as a proud brother of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity and a founding sister of Alpha Gamma Delta. Oftentimes Amy can also be found in the Plangere Writing Center, where she tutors English and grammar. She has spent her past two summers at Levitt and Slafkes, P.C. and has also been a Middlesex poll worker. Her accolades range from honors societies like Pi Sigma Alpha and Gamma Sigma Alpha to Dean's List. After graduation, Amy hopes to attend law school and has grand ambitions of one day serving as a judge. Until then, it is not uncommon to find Amy building balloon arches, speaking French to whoever will listen, and pensively pondering Descartes.

Carly Frank



School of Arts and Sciences

Major: Political Science

Minors: Labor Studies and Work Organization & Management

Internship: Princeton Public Affairs Group, Trenton, NJ

Carly Frank is a political science major with a minor in labor studies. She spent the first half of her life living in Long Island, but now lives in Voorhees. She is currently a social media and public relations intern for the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. She previously interned for the New Jersey Republican State Committee and the Burlington County Republican Committee, where she worked on a winning campaign. She is also a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, where she serves as vice president of communication. She recently went to Washington D.C. to lobby with the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee on behalf of her sorority's national headquarters. Carly is interested in public policy and lobbying and hopes to have a career in government and politics in the future.

Sean Giblin Jr.



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Political Science and Economics

Internship: ClearEdge Political Consulting, Brick, NJ

Sean Giblin is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences from Jackson. He is a political science and economics double major aiming toward a career in law and public service. On campus, Sean is heavily involved with his fraternity, Sigma Pi, and has established himself as

a student leader through his work as president of the Interfraternity Council and as a member of the Rutgers Democrats, and has previously interned at the Office of Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. in New Brunswick. In his free time, he enjoys listening to hip hop music and making some of his own.

Antoinette Gingerelli



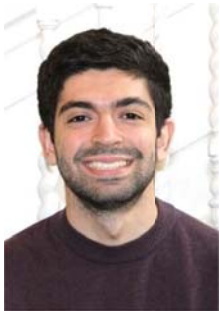
School of Arts and Sciences/Douglass Residential College

Majors: Political Science, Women's & Gender Studies and Middle Eastern Studies Minor: International & Global Studies

Internship: Office of Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling/Assemblywoman Joann Downey, Ocean Township, NJ

Antoinette Gingerelli, from Howell, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science, women's and gender studies, and Middle Eastern studies with a minor in international and global studies. She is a proud member of Douglass Residential College. During her time at Rutgers, Antoinette served as an Aresty Research Assistant under Professor Cynthia Daniels, researching the medical accuracy of informed consent laws in the United States. Additionally, she is a student coordinator of RU Voting, organizing on-campus voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts. Antoinette is also president of the Rutgers Women's Political Caucus and serves as a county committeewoman in Howell. Last summer, Antoinette interned with New Jersey Department of Health in the Reproductive and Perinatal Health Division through the Douglass PLEN Network. This fall she is completing her two-year term as the American Association of University Women Youth Representative to the United Nations, a position that has allowed her to advocate on behalf of women and girls globally. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Antoinette is a recipient of the Lloyd C. Gardner Leadership and Social Policy Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School Public Policy and Leadership Conference Fellowship, and the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship,. This year she will participate in the Ralph W. Voorhees Fellowship Program in Public Service at the Edward J. Bloustein School and complete her certificate in Women's Leadership through the Institute for Women's Leadership Scholars Program. In the future, Antoinette hopes to pursue a career in social policy reform and empower women to ensure they are represented in decision-making regarding public policy.

Aaron Jaslove



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Philosophy and Political Science

Minor: Jewish Studies

Internship: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Trenton, NJ

Aaron Jaslove is pursuing a philosophy and political science double major and a Jewish studies minor through the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. He is from Warren Township in Somerset County, and attended Watchung Hills Regional High School. On campus, Aaron is highly involved with the Rutgers University Programming Association, Student Peacemakers, and the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. Aaron has researched the Millennial Generation's level of political engagement with Dr. Elizabeth Matto via the Youth Political Participation Program at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. He is also a Gardner Fellow in the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program in Leadership & Social Policy. Aaron has interests in pursuing both a JD and a PhD after his undergraduate career. Recently expanding his interests from pure theoretical politics to practical politics, Aaron is interested in topics such as criminal justice reform and grassroots movements.

Bishar Jenkins



School of Arts and Sciences

Major: Political Science

Minor: Organizational Leadership

Internship: U.S. Department of the Interior/Office of Policy Analysis, Washington D.C.

Bishar Jenkins Jr., is a School of Arts and Sciences student from Trenton, majoring in political science, with a particular interest and focus on international relations. He is currently the president of the Rutgers NAACP, also having served as vice president and political action chair in recent years. Among other activities on campus, Bishar worked as a writing tutor at the Livingston Writing Center. Outside of his undergraduate pursuits, Bishar has interned at both the state and federal levels. Within the state of New Jersey, Bishar has interned in the Office of Prosecutors Supervision at the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and completed an internship in the Office of the Governor. Bishar was pleased to have spent a semester interning in Washington D.C., where he worked with the Congressional Black Caucus. Furthermore, he is currently a Pathways Intern with the federal government. Bishar's ultimate goal is to become a diplomat with the Department of State. In his spare time, Bishar enjoys traveling and catching up on Discovery ID episodes.

Sophie Kletzien



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Political Science, Psychology

Internship: City of New York/Department of Law, New York, NY

Sophie Kletzien, from Oradell, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology. Sophie is very interested in law and public policy, and spent her past two summers working for the government within the Special Federal Litigation division of the New York City Law Department. There, she worked with corporation counsel attorneys to defend the city and its officials in civil rights cases brought in federal court. She also spent a semester interning for the Eagleton Institute of Politics, working closely with special projects and outreach manager Randi Chmielewski. During her time as an intern at Eagleton, Sophie examined the political processes of New Jersey government, focusing in particular on the November 2015 general election. She was responsible for compiling the Institute's annually-published candidate list for each county and district of the state. Sophie is a recipient of the 2015 Academic Excellence Award and a newly inducted member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She has been on Dean's List since her entrance to the university in fall 2013. After graduation, Sophie plans to attend law school and aspires to one day become a litigating attorney.

Davon McCurry



School of Arts and Sciences

Major: Planning and Public Policy

Minor: French

Internship: Princeton Public Affairs Group, Trenton, NJ

Davon McCurry, from Burlington, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences pursuing his bachelor's degree in planning and public policy with minors in political science and French. Since his freshman year, he has been an active member with the Rutgers Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL). Davon has served as an executive officer with FBLA-PBL on the local, state, and regional levels, completing his service as the 2015-2016 New Jersey state president. Davon has also participated in a number of internships in the public and private sectors. Notably, he interned at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and Verizon's Public Policy Organization in Washington, D.C. In New Jersey, Davon has interned for Assemblyman Troy Singleton, the New Jersey Hospital Association and Princeton Public Affairs Group.

Additionally, Davon serves as the board president and executive director of the Siani Strong Foundation, which provides financial assistance to children with blood and bone diseases. He also enjoys serving as a member of the Burlington Township Planning Board and a youth minister at his church.

Arisleidy Nunez



School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers-Newark
Majors: Public & Nonprofit Administration and Political Science
Minor: Business Administration
Internship:

Arisleidy Nunez is an incoming senior, double majoring in public and nonprofit administration and political science. She is very passionate about philanthropy, service, and political engagement, and a proud Eagleton Institute of Politics Undergraduate Associate, Jumpstart Corps and Braven alumni fellow. She is committed to social justice issues and has participated in various service-learning initiatives in Tanzania, Mexico, and most recently, in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a Dominican-American, she is very thrilled to be interning and working in the Dominican Republic to exercise her passion for activism, education advocacy, and social change. Upon graduation, she will pursue an MPP/JD to further blend her love and commitment to social justice issues, and she hopes to start her own nonprofit in the Dominican Republic to enable youth to further their education. She is very excited and humbled to be working with social change agents and be a part of this powerful movement to help build the future of higher education.

Na-Yeon Park



School of Arts and Sciences/Douglass Residential College
Majors: Political Science and Chinese
Minors: International & Global Studies and Women's & Gender Studies
Internship: Borough of Ridgefield/Office of the Administrator, Ridgefield, NJ

Na-Yeon Park is a proud native of South Korea and current resident of Ridgefield. She is a student in Douglass Residential College majoring in political science and Chinese and minoring in international and global studies and women's and gender studies. Na-Yeon is a student associate at the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights (CGHR), working on case studies that will be used by professors and major political and economic institutions across the country. At CGHR, she is leading the North Korean human rights violations project. Na-Yeon is a Rutgers Institute for Women's Leadership scholar, Taiwan-United States Sister Alliance scholar, a Gilman scholar and one of ten college women who was selected to be on the 2015-2016 American Association of University Women National Student Advisory Council. In April 2016, Na-Yeon represented her organization and commitment project, One Step, which focuses on a sustainable education and leadership development curriculum for North Korean refugees around the world, at Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U). Out of more than one hundred applicants domestically and internationally, One Step was selected as a semi-finalist at CGI U's Social Venture Challenge. Na-Yeon was recently selected as an alternate finalist for a Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State and the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, and she was one of twenty-five undergraduate students who received a Fund for Education Abroad scholarship nationally. She is also one of two undergraduates in New Jersey who received the 2014 Asian Women's Christian Association Kihwa Scholarship. Starting her senior year, Na-Yeon will work at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. On campus, Na-Yeon was the Class of 2017 representative in Douglass Governing Council and is serving as a returning peer academic leader of the International Students House in 2016-2017. Na-Yeon plans to pursue a Foreign Service career after her graduate studies, and apply her three language skills--Korean, English and Mandarin--in the workplace to contribute in strengthening international peace, security and diplomacy.

Priscilla Savage



School of Arts and Sciences/Douglass Residential College

Majors: Political Science and Public Policy

Minor: Environmental & Business Economics

Internship: NJ Food Council, Trenton, NJ

Priscilla Savage, from Colonia, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences majoring in political science and planning and public policy. Last summer, Priscilla worked as a government affairs intern at Princeton Public Affairs Group. As a sophomore, Priscilla served as a legislative intern for the City of Jersey City. She also served as a public policy intern at Greener by Design, an environmental consulting firm based in New Brunswick.

Most recently, she has volunteered on the congressional campaign of U.S. Rep. Leonard

Lance. Priscilla worked as an Aresty research assistant for Dr. Ruth B. Mandel, helping to build a database that documents the advancement of women through 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Priscilla is the recipient of the Lloyd Gardner Fellowship in Leadership and Social Policy and the School of Arts and Sciences Academic Excellence Award. She is also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha the National Political Science Honor Society. She intends to continue demonstrating academic excellence in law school and hopes to pursue a career as a lobbyist.

Justin Schulberg



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Mathematics and Political Science

Minors: Spanish and Economics

Internship: Middlesex County Prosecutor/Intelligence Analysis Unit, New Brunswick, NJ

Justin Schulberg is a junior in the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. He is currently majoring in mathematics and political science, while also pursuing minors in Spanish and economics. At Rutgers, Justin is involved in many facets of campus life. Justin has been heavily involved with the Interfraternity Council as the vice-president and the Rutgers University Student Assembly as the president of the student body. He has immense

experience working with the state government, having interned in the Governor's office at the State House and for a New Jersey assemblywoman. Justin has also worked for Antoni Macierewicz, a member of the Polish Parliament (the Sejm). In his spare time, Justin likes to do anything involving soccer, from playing soccer to playing FIFA to watching the world's greatest sport. He also holds a strong interest in physical fitness, going to the gym, running, and working out almost every day.

Parth Shingala



School of Arts and Sciences

Majors: Political Science and Journalism

Minors: History and International & Global Studies

Internship: Asia Society, New York, NY

Parth Shingala, from Edison, is majoring in political science and journalism and minoring in history and international and global studies. Prior to commencing his schooling at Rutgers, Parth had always been fascinated with the prospect of working in government. Through internships with the Chris Christie for Governor campaign, Office of the Governor of New Jersey, United Nations and the Council on Foreign Relations, Parth has developed an

undeniable passion for government affairs. Striving to truly immerse himself in the wide variety of opportunities present at Rutgers, Parth serves as vice chairman of the Rutgers University Student Assembly Allocations Board, vice president of administration for the Rutgers University Interfraternity Council, and vice president of Chi Psi Fraternity. He was formerly director of staff for Rutgers University Model United Nations 2015. Parth is a proud recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, Dean's List and Greek Leader of Distinction Award. Within the political science department, Parth was a teaching assistant for Independent Study &

Research and formerly conducted research at the Center for the American Governor as an Aresty Research Assistant. This past summer, he interned at Accenture as a management consulting summer analyst. Following his undergraduate studies, Parth hopes to pursue a career in government, particularly relating to foreign policy.

David Siegel



School of Arts and Sciences

Major: Political Science

Minor: Statistics

Internship: Applied Energy Group, Red Bank, NJ

David Siegel, born in New Brunswick and raised in Highland Park, is a student at the School of Arts and Sciences. He is pursuing a double major in political science and statistics. David has a strong interest in local government and educational reform. He has been accepted the five year master's program for education at Rutgers and hopes to one day become a teacher. During the summer of 2015, David attended basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia for the Army National Guard. He was also active in Congressman Frank Pallones' office in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Sonni Waknin



School of Arts and Sciences/Douglass Residential College

Majors: Political Science and History

Minor: Women's & Gender Studies

Internship: Kivvit, Asbury Park, NJ

Sonni Waknin, from Marlboro, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS). She is double majoring in history and political science. Sonni is currently a trainee at Kivvit, a national public affairs firm. She is also an intern with the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. In the past, she interned for EMILY's List and the Monmouth County Democrats. Sonni is a Lloyd C. Gardner Undergraduate Fellow at Rutgers and has written for *The Daily Targum*. In addition, she has recently been awarded the SAS Academic Excellence Award and the Jessie Munger Scholarship. Outside of academia, Sonni is the treasurer for Rutgers University Quidditch team and is a part of the Sports Club Executive Board. She plans on pursuing a career in politics and law, attending law school after the completion of her undergraduate degree. In the little spare time she has, Sonni enjoys performing stand-up comedy and watching sitcoms. In the summer of 2016, Sonni continued her traineeship at Kivvit.

Alexandra Williams



School of Arts and Sciences/Douglass Residential College

Majors: History

Minors: Political Science and Spanish

Internship: NJ Department of Children and Families/Division on Women, Trenton, NJ

Alexandra Williams is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) from Hillsborough, majoring in history and minoring in political science and Spanish. She is a proud member of Douglass Residential College and the SAS Honors Program. Allie is actively engaged in Douglass, where she is the vice president of the Women's Center, a Red Pine ambassador, and the 2017 representative for the Douglass Governing Council. In the Honors Program, Allie serves as an SAS honors ambassador and a peer mentor. For the past two years, Allie has also been active in Rutgers's student government, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA). In her sophomore year, Allie was RUSA's first ever Sexual Assault Task Force chair and the caucus chair for Douglass Campus. This year, Allie served as the Douglass Senator in RUSA as well as in the University Senate. She also has the honor of being the student representative to the Rutgers Board of Governors. Allie has been on the

Dean's List every semester she has been at Rutgers and is also a recipient of the 2015 Academic Excellence Award. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Sigma Iota, the history and foreign language honor societies respectively. Since 2014, Allie has worked as an acquisitions editorial intern with the Rutgers University Press. This fall, she will continue writing her honors thesis in the history department, focusing on the political perceptions of women in Restoration England. After graduation, she plans on volunteering abroad before returning to pursue a PhD in history and joining the Foreign Service.