



CLASS OF 2019

UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES



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Wood Lawn, Douglass Campus

New Brunswick, NJ

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EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

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. Rutgers students, from all schools and campus locations, are welcome to apply the fall of their junior year and selected students begin the following spring. 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 at Rutgers-New Brunswick.

The Undergraduate Associates journey at Wood Lawn begins with the "Practice of Politics" course, where the students examine politics as a choice. Each week, they analyze different political decisions such as the Constitutional Convention, jury verdicts, voting outcomes, budgets, public education systems, legislative actions, campaign strategies, presidential programs, and American foreign policy.

Over the summer and fall, Associates complete internships in a variety of offices focused on American politics, government and public policy. Placement locations range from congressional offices and federal agencies in Washington D.C. to state, county and local government positions in New Jersey and New York, along with some of the top political consulting and government affairs firms in the state, among others. The accompanying "Internship Seminar" in the fall examines the art of leadership in the context of a variety of careers in government and politics.

The final course, "Processes of Politics," is taken during the spring semester of senior year and is designed to help students deepen and apply their understanding of politics and governance by focusing on the mechanics of select processes and issues. The examples chosen will provide windows into how "the system" works more generally and how change occurs – or doesn't. Underlying these conversations will be reflections on the national political conversation emerging from the 2018 elections and building towards 2020 as well as politics in New Jersey where, with legislative elections on the horizon, the Murphy administration will be in its second year.

The Class of 2019 represents the 45th class of Eagleton Undergraduate Associates. There are currently more than 950 alumni of the program. Some have chosen careers in politics and public affairs, while others have applied their advanced 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 go.rutgers.edu/EagletonUA

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Sonya Abrams



Major/Minors: Political Science/Women's and Gender Studies, American Studies

Internship: Jewish Women International (Washington DC) and Assembly Majority Office (Trenton, NJ)

Sonya Abrams, from Montclair, is in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program and Douglass Residential College at Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science and double minoring in American studies and women's and gender studies. During the 2017-2018 school year, Abrams was an Aresty Research Assistant with Professor Weingart at the Center on the American Governor, and is a member of the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Cohort Class of 2018. Abrams is involved in local politics and has been a board member of the Rutgers Democrats, serving first as a freshman representative, secretary, and currently as vice president where she organizes and invites guests to come and speak. During her sophomore year, she received an award from the Department of American Studies for an essay on the integration of the Montclair Public Schools. During the spring of 2017, she took advantage of Douglass College's externship opportunities and was an intern in State Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt's office, writing memos and gaining hands on experience in the political field. Later that year she worked on the Murphy for Governor Campaign. After college, Abrams plans to pursue a career in politics to advocate for women's rights and reproductive health.

Adeel Ahmed



Majors: Political Science and Philosophy

Internship: Congressman Frank Pallone (Washington DC)

Adeel Ahmed is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick, where he is double majoring in political science and philosophy. Ahmed was born in Yonkers, New York and moved to New Jersey when he was four years old. He currently lives in Woodbridge Township. A first generation, Muslim-American from a working-class family, Ahmed became involved in politics during the 2016 election cycle when he was a volunteer coordinate for Senator Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign. Since then, he has focused on organizing and inspiring others to bring about change as co-president of RU Progressive, senator in the Rutgers University Senate, recruitment chair of the Muslim Public Relations Council, teaching assistant for the class "Organizing for Social Change," and head organizer of the #NoBanNoWall march which turned out over 1,200 people. Ahmed's interests focus on alleviating poverty, reducing money in politics, providing healthcare for all, and increasing renewable energy. After graduation, Ahmed plans to pursue a law degree focusing on immigration or labor law so that he can help people from disadvantaged backgrounds such as himself. He hopes to run for public office, implement progressive policies and inspire others to become active community leaders. Ahmed is a 2018 recipient of the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award.

Samantha Booth



Major/Minors: Political Science/Public Policy and Economics

Internship: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (New York, NY)

Samantha Booth is a senior in the School of Arts and Science where she is majoring in political science and pursuing a double minor in public policy and economics at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She is a proud resident of Delran, New Jersey. Booth has worked on several local and statewide campaigns and has participated in a variety of lobbying and advocacy efforts on the local, state, and federal levels through her involvement with the Rutgers University Student Assembly. On campus, she is a resident assistant, an Office of Information Technology lab consultant, and a sister of Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority. Booth is a

recipient of the School of Arts and Sciences Academic Excellence Award, Dean's List, and is in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. After graduation, she hopes to establish a career in public service.

Kyle Bright



Majors/Minor: Political Science and Economics/Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Internship: New Jersey Department of Treasury (Trenton, NJ)

Kyle Bright is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science and economics and completing the certificate in philosophy, politics, and economics. He is from Wenonah, New Jersey, and is a graduate of Gateway Regional High School. At Rutgers, he helped to found the A2E tutoring and mentoring program, in which Rutgers students volunteer at an Elementary School in the heart of New Brunswick. He is also involved with Rutgers Democrats and the Association of International relations on campus, and has served as the treasurer of Youth Empowerment Club. During and after the 2016 Presidential election, Bright conducted research on gender and the media as well as cabinet demographics. He interned on now-Governor Murphy's campaign in 2017 during both the primary and general election campaigns. In the future, he hopes to affect public policy in a way that makes people's lives better.

Katherine Budinsky



Major/Minors: Human Resource Management/Economics and Political Science

Internship: Congressman Josh Gottheimer (Glen Rock, NJ)

Katherine Budinsky is a student of the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, and Douglass Residential College, majoring in human resource management, and minoring in economics and political science at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Budinsky, a native of Wyckoff, New Jersey, has always been interested in civic engagement and extracurricular leadership. During the 2016-2017 school year, she participated in the Aresty Research Program where she studied the generational effects on Young Elected Leaders and political participation with Dr. Elizabeth Matto and Ryan Berger. She has also been an active member of Rutgers Dance Marathon for the past three years, serving on the planning team as an assistant director of human resources for the past two years. She has been actively involved in leadership opportunities in Phi Mu Fraternity and in the Panhellenic community. Recently, Budinsky was chosen as a recipient of a School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Award and the Elizabeth Campbell Scholarship for her academic achievements. Her personal interests include philanthropy, sports, music, and art projects. After graduation, she hopes to contribute to her community in a positive way, through public policy, government work, and civic involvement.

LaNaya Butler



Majors/Minor: Political Science and Africana Studies/Comparative and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Internship: Truman Center for National Policy (Washington DC)

LaNaya Butler is a student in both the School of Arts and Sciences and the Douglass Residential College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She is double majoring in political science and Africana studies with a minor in comparative and critical race and ethnic studies. A native of the Washington DC metropolitan area, she served as a Congressional intern in the D.C. office of Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. in the summer of 2017 where she received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her outstanding achievement, service, and public distinction. As an undergraduate teaching assistant in the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, Butler has been able to share her passion for organizing social change movements through aiding students. She will be a peer instructor for a First-Year Interest Group Seminar "Exploring Diversity and Social Justice," in the fall of 2018. Butler also proudly serves as the event coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is looking forward to leading the campus chapter as the

president during her senior year. In the future, she plans on pursuing a law degree and would like to run for public office one day.

Megan Coyne



Major/Minor: Political Science/History

Internship: Office of the Governor/Digital Communications (Trenton, NJ)

Megan Coyne, a lifelong resident of Livingston, is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences majoring in political science and minoring in history. She serves as president of the College Democrats of New Jersey and is the first female to ever hold this position. For two years, Coyne served as president of the Rutgers University Democrats, the largest political organization at Rutgers and the largest College Democrats chapter in the state. She is currently a communications intern in the Office of Governor Phil Murphy. For eleven months, she was an intern on the Murphy for Governor campaign, where she assisted the campaign's director of women's advocacy. Coyne is currently conducting an independent research project on women's political leadership in New Jersey, under the guidance of Dr. Ruth Mandel. During her sophomore year, she served as an Aresty research assistant to Dr. Mandel, where she examined media portrayals of the 2016 presidential candidates to shed light on the role gender plays in American politics. She is a member of the School of Arts and Sciences Honor Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick, Douglass Residential College, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta and Pi Sigma Alpha. After graduation, she hopes to have a job in the Gillibrand-Kander Administration.

Chakeema Cruickshank



Major/Minor: Political Science/International and Global Studies

Internship: Office of the Governor/Department of Advance and Briefing (Trenton, NJ)

Chakeema Cruickshank is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science with a minor in international and global studies. She grew up in Jackson, New Jersey, and discovered her passion for government and politics during her high school years. These interests are reflected in her internships for the Phil Murphy for Governor Campaign and with Congressman Frank Pallone. At Rutgers, Cruickshank is the event planner for Rutgers National Black Lawyer Student Association and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated. She has been on the Dean's List, inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society, and received the School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Award. Her personal interests include travelling, painting and writing. After graduation, Cruickshank hopes to attend law school and also work with a non-profit organization that deals with issues such as sexual assault, civil rights or mental health.

Courtney Davenport



Major/Minors: Political Science/International and Global Studies, Critical Intelligence Studies, and Spanish

Internship: New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (Trenton, NJ)

Courtney Davenport is an Honors College student pursuing a major in political science and minors in international and global studies, critical intelligence studies, and Spanish. She is from Teaneck, New Jersey, and is a proud member of the Douglass Residential College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Davenport served as an intern for the Rutgers Institute for Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. She also recently completed an externship at the United Nations/Population Fund Strategic Partnerships Branch. Davenport received several School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Awards, Dean's List recognitions, and the Wanawake Academia Award. During her junior year, she participated in the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program in Leadership and Public Policy, where she completed research on the motivating factors behind suicide terrorism. As a student in the Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence for Rutgers, she represented the university at the

National Security Analysis Intelligence Summer Seminar last year and was granted the Most Effective Leader Award for her participation in a South China Sea simulation. Davenport has participated in several leadership roles on campus, serving as a Barbara Voorhees mentor, global ambassador, Honors College community liaison, Honors College Service Assembly civic engagement and advocacy chair, and her current role as the chairwoman for Red Pine Ambassador. She has also participated in semester-embedded study abroad programs to Spain and China, and spent summer 2018 in Peru, where she participated in community service programs and studied at the Academia Latinoamericana de Español. Davenport hopes to combine her interests in international affairs and international security to either work at the United Nations or in the United States intelligence community.

Eric Eaton



Major/Minor: Political Science/History

Internship: Congressman Tom MacArthur (Marlton, NJ)

Eric Eaton is a student at the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science with a minor in history. Eaton is president of the Rutgers Conservative Union and an elected member of the Board of Education in his hometown of Springfield, New Jersey. Eaton interned for his Congressman, Tom MacArthur, and volunteered for the Burlington County GOP, where he worked with several Assemblymen, State Senators, and Freeholders. His dream is to run for Congressional office and eventually become president. When he isn't busy planning his future political career, Eaton enjoys playing drums, chess, and video games.

Salma Elakbawy



Majors/Minors: Political Science/ Women's and Gender Studies, International and Global Studies

Internship: Feminist Majority Foundation (Washington DC)

Salma Elakbawy is a political science major at the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick and a proud Douglass Residential College woman. She is a leadership scholar at the Institute for Women's Leadership dedicated to women's leadership for social change and a WISE fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School. Elakbawy a Dean's List recipient who currently serves as the vice president of RUCurly, and treasurer of the Rutgers Women's Political Caucus. She is a part of First Gen Student Union that works to uplift Rutgers students who are the first in their families to attend college. In the past she interned with the Institute for Research on Women and the Legal Services of New Jersey. She received the Rutgers Eagleton Washington Internship Award in 2018. In the future, Elakbawy plans to attend graduate school to expand her studies on international foreign policy and diplomacy. In her free time she likes to read short stories and watch Egyptian soap operas.

James (JD) Garwood



Majors: Economics, Political Science

Internship: National Republican Congressional Committee (Washington DC)

James Garwood is a senior pursuing a double major in economics and political science at the Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. He is originally from Ladera Ranch, California and loves spending time at home during his breaks. Garwood is involved on campus as a scarlet ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, captain for Rutgers Dance Marathon, treasurer of his fraternity, and he also plays club lacrosse. For the past two summers, Garwood has worked for the Office of Congresswoman Walters, both in the district and in Washington DC. In the future, he hopes to pursue a legislative career on Capitol Hill.

Meredith Giovanelli



Major/ Minor: Public Health/Evolutionary Anthropology

Internship: Mikie Sherrill for Congress (Fairfield, NJ)

Meredith Giovanelli, from Parsippany, New Jersey, is a public health major and evolutionary anthropology minor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and the Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Back home she is an active committee member of the Parsippany Democrats and works as the Mayor's intern at Parsippany Town Hall. At Rutgers, Giovanelli participates on the club swim team and is the editor-in-chief of the *Rutgers Journal of Bioethics*, through which she hopes to inspire discussion about public health issues and medical ethics. Her background in science and experience with cancer research, has allowed her to understand scientific research as something that both shapes and is shaped by policy. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a graduate degree in health policy and become a policy analyst in order to be a part of solutions that combat health disparities. She aspires to act as an advocate to bridge the gap between law, access, science and politics.

Vladi Goldfarb



Major/Minor: Political Science/Public Policy

Internship: Americans for Prosperity (Boonton, NJ)

Vladi Goldfarb, from Marlboro, New Jersey, is studying political science with a minor in public policy from the School of Art and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick. He is an elected member of the Marlboro Township Board of Education, serving a three-year term. Goldfarb is interned with Americans for Prosperity the summer before his senior year. After he completes his bachelor's degree, he hopes to pursue a law degree before starting a career in government and public policy. His long term career goals include owning a law firm and potentially running for higher office. Goldfarb, a lover of all things involving New Jersey politics, has been involved with campaigns around the state since he was twelve years old, including work as a campaign manager and field director on a number of Freeholder, Assembly and State Senate races.

Steven Haverlock



Majors: Women's and Gender Studies, Human Resource Management

Internship: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Newark, NJ)

Steven Haverlock is a double major in women's and gender studies and human resource management at the Rutgers-New Brunswick Honors College. He is a Dean's list student, and the recipient of the Chancellor's Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award as well as the School of Arts and Sciences Academic Excellence Award. He is from Scotch Plains, New Jersey. On campus, Haverlock currently holds leadership positions with the First Year Interest Group (FIGS) program and the Kirkpatrick Choir. Previously, he served as a resident assistant, peer mentor, and research assistant in the Honors College. During the summer, Haverlock completed an internship at Goldman Sachs in their Human Capital Management division. His interest in politics stems from a desire to understand civil discourse and cross-cultural communication so that mutually beneficial change can occur for all citizens. Ultimately, Haverlock would like to pursue a career in which he can address social inequalities by combining his experience in politics, education, business, and gender studies.

Carlos Hurtado-Esteve



Majors/Minor: Political Science, History/Philosophy

Internship: American Civil Liberties Union (Newark, NJ)

Carlos Hurtado-Esteve is a senior at Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science and history and minoring in philosophy. He is originally from Mexico City, Mexico, and currently lives in Bethesda, Maryland. Hurtado-Esteve has interned with Colman McCarthy, a peace activist based out of Washington DC, and in the Congressional Relations office in the Embassy of Mexico. He hopes to one day work in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or other organization to help formulate immigration policy on the Hill.

Alexandra Kania



Major/Minor: Political Science, History/American Studies

Internship: Nevada State Democratic Party (Las Vegas, NV)

Alexandra Kania is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick majoring in political science and history and minoring in American studies. Her involvement on campus includes serving as the communications director for the Rutgers University Democrats, and as the president of Rutgers Veg Society, an organization that advocates for veganism and vegetarianism. She has previously interned on a New Jersey gubernatorial campaign, and worked as a field organizer on the municipal campaign of the current mayor of Hoboken, New Jersey. Kania is working as a field organizer for the Nevada Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign for the 2018 election cycle. She plans to continue working on Democratic campaigns after graduation, and hopes to one day travel to all fifty states.

Jonathan Kratchman



Major/Minor: Political Science/Labor Studies

Internship: New Jersey State Democratic Committee/Camden County Democratic Committee (Trenton/Cherry Hill, NJ)

Jonathan Kratchman, a native of New Jersey, is a political science major and a labor studies minor with a law in the workplace concentration through the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Kratchman was inspired to get involved in politics when he visited Capitol Hill in 10th grade. Since then, he has been involved in the political arena with the Democratic Party both on and off campus. Kratchman crafted a proposal and advocated for the state legislation with his representatives which was signed into law by Governor Chris Christie in 2017. Kratchman received the Rutgers College Scholarship and is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha. His senior year honors thesis focuses on the psychology of Donald Trump and his campaign tactics in the 2016 election. In his spare time, Kratchman loves to play guitar, travel, and get involved in the political process.

Riley Link



Major/Minors: Public Health/Spanish, Economics

Internship: Office of the Governor Phil Murphy/Federal Affairs (Washington DC)

Riley Link is majoring in public health and minoring in Spanish and in economics through the School of Arts and Sciences, the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, and the Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She has interned at WhyHunger and with the Mandela Washington Fellowship Rutgers Civic Leadership Institute. Link has conducted Aresty research on the political standing of a disadvantaged ethnic group in Brazil. She is a proud member of Douglass Residential College, where she served as a peer academic leader and participated in multiple weeklong seminars on

women's public leadership. Link co-founded A2E, a large after-school tutoring program in New Brunswick and directs the program as president of Youth Empowerment Club. She completed the Advancing Community Development program and worked with local organizations to expand food access in New Brunswick, for which she received the Rutgers Civic Scholar Certificate. She also received a Rutgers Eagleton Washington Internship Award in 2018. Link has had the opportunity to study abroad in Cusco, Peru and in Valencia, Spain and has also taken academic trips to Brazil and Israel. Upon graduating Rutgers, she is interested in researching and advocating for better health policy.

Geidy Mendez



Major/Minor: Political Science, Latino and Caribbean Studies/ Women's and Gender Studies, Comparative and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Internship: Robert Menendez for Senate Campaign (New Brunswick, NJ)

Geidy Mendez is a senior at the School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers-New Brunswick, majoring in political science and Latino and Caribbean Studies. She is from East Orange, New Jersey and is a member of the Douglass Residential College. Mendez is a 2019 scholar for the Institute of Women's Leadership, which aims to empower and teach women about women's leadership for social change. She is actively involved in various organizations around campus such as the Latin American Women Organization, Galvanizing and Organizing Youth Activism (G.O.Y.A.), and First Generation Student Union. In addition, she is the Class of 2019 representative for the Douglass Governing Council. Mendez interned at El Centro Hispano Americano where she worked on domestic abuse cases for undocumented individuals ensuring that they are heard no matter their immigration status. After graduation she hopes to earn a degree in immigration law and continue advocating for immigration rights.

Nicholas Pellitta



Majors/Minors: Political Science, Economics /Spanish, International and Global Studies

Internship: National Governors Association (Washington DC)

Nick Pellitta is a double major in political science and economics with minors in Spanish and international and global studies at the School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers-New Brunswick. He grew up in beautiful Flemington, New Jersey. He served as president of the Honors College Student Advisory Board for his first three years in college. Pellitta also serves as the chairperson of the RUSA Allocations Board and a director of Rutgers Model United Nations in addition to being a cofounder of the A2E tutoring program at Roosevelt Elementary School. He is also a brother of Chi Psi Fraternity. Pellitta has had the privilege of studying abroad in Brazil and Spain while at Rutgers, and has interned for both Senator Cory Booker and Governor Phil Murphy. After graduating, he hopes to attend law school and pursue a career in public office.

Sophia Samuel



Majors/Minor: Public Policy, Economics/Political Science

Internship: *MSNBC/The Rachel Maddow Show* (New York, NY)

Sophia Samuel, from Jackson, New Jersey, is pursuing majors in public policy and economics, with a minor in political science at the School of Arts and Sciences, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Douglass College, and Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She has remained involved in Eagleton and the Center for American Women and Politics, where she has completed research on women candidates for the American presidency and has analyzed the role gender played in public perception of Secretary Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential election. Samuel has had a wide range of internship experiences, including working for Secretary Clinton's 2016 campaign, the American-international nonprofit Vital Voices, and for *Hardball with Chris Matthews* on *MSNBC*. She rejoined *MSNBC* as an intern for *The Rachel*

Maddow Show in the summer of 2018. Though she is uncertain about her future career, Sophia hopes to one day assume a role in the creation of fair and common-sense policies.

Falak Shahid



Major/Minor: Political Science/Women's and Gender Studies

Internship: New Jersey Department of State (Trenton, NJ)

Falak Shahid is a Douglass College woman and student in the School of Arts and Science Honors Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She is pursuing her undergraduate degree in political science and women's and gender studies. She is also studying as a Leadership Scholar at the Institute of Women's Leadership, a program dedicated to women's leadership for social change. Shahid is also a recipient of numerous awards including the Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Award. She recently interned with the Hudson County Democratic Organization and as an advisor to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations. Shahid has interned for the Center for American Women and Politics, working on New Jersey's New Leadership program, and has also conducted research through the Aresty Research Center on the rights of Indigenous communities, under Dr. Eric Davis' mentorship. Shahid is the finance director of MIST New Jersey, a nonprofit organization that organizes an annual academic and arts competition for high school students throughout the state. Her career goals include becoming a practicing attorney in immigration law, community organizing, and working in academia. Shahid enjoys traveling and trying new foods by completely immersing herself in a culture.

Jordan Taylor



Majors: Political Science/History

Internship: Robert Menendez for Senate Campaign (New Brunswick, NJ)

Jordan Taylor is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick, where he is double majoring in political science and history. He is from Tyrone, Georgia, and a graduate of Sandy Creek High School. Taylor has been involved with numerous campaigns across various levels of government. On campus, he is the president of the Rutgers Democrats, and a brother of Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, the Rutgers pre-law fraternity. Taylor also studied abroad in Rome at John Cabot University during the spring 2017 term. He plans to attend law school after graduation, and pursue a career in international business law.

Paige Tetens



Major/Minor: Philosophy, Political Science/Women's and Gender Studies

Internship: Everytown for Gun Safety (New York, NY)

Paige Tetens is a Rutgers-New Brunswick student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program majoring in philosophy and political science with a minor in women's and gender studies. She is from Ringwood, New Jersey and is involved in politics both on and off campus. Tetens worked as an intern on Josh Gottheimer's 2016 congressional campaign and Phil Murphy's 2017 gubernatorial campaign. On campus, she serves as the secretary for the Rutgers University Democrats and has served on their executive board for two years. Tetens is passionate about her studies in philosophy and is an organizer for a recently restarted chapter of Minorities and Philosophy, an organization dedicated to providing a support system for under-represented groups studying philosophy. She is a member of the Douglass Residential College and was previously a member of the Institute for Research on Women's learning community. As a junior, Tetens was a fellow in the Lloyd C. Gardner Program for Leadership and Public Policy. She hopes to attend law school after graduation and pursue a career in advocacy and public policy.

Andrea Vacchiano



Majors/Minor: History, Political Science/German

Internship: Cato Institute (Washington, DC)

Andrea Vacchiano is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program double-majoring in history and political science with a minor in German at Rutgers-New Brunswick. At Rutgers, she serves as president of Young Americans for Liberty (YAL), Rutgers' premier libertarian organization and one of the most active political organizations on campus. She is also a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow in Leadership and Social Policy. She was an opinions columnist for *The Daily Targum* her sophomore year and currently serves as managing editor for *The Centurion*. Vacchiano is treasurer of Young Americans for Freedom and a former public relations chair for the Rutgers University Debate Union. From Madison, New Jersey, she has spent her last three summers in Washington DC completing internships with the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, a non-profit for conservative women; the National Journalism Center and *The Daily Caller News Foundation*, a media outlet founded by Tucker Carlson; and the Cato Institute. Her work has been featured on *The Drudge Report* and the Heritage Foundation's *Daily Signal*. Vacchiano's academic accomplishments include Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Alpha Theta, Dean's List, and School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Award. She is passionate about research and has been a research assistant for the Aresty program, studying the Thomas Edison Papers; Professor Lisa Miller, focusing on the relationship between rising homicide rates and declining trust in societal institutions; and the history department's Scarlet and Black Project, where she compiled a historic walking tour of Douglass campus. Vacchiano also interned for Eagleton helping with public programs and special projects. After graduation, she would like to obtain a doctorate in history or work for a think-tank to combine her passion for history and political interests.

Michael Zhadanovsky



Majors: Political Science, Information Technology and Informatics.

Internship: Office of the Governor/Communications (Trenton, NJ)

Michael Zhadanovsky is a junior in the School of Arts and Sciences and School of Communication and Information at Rutgers-New Brunswick studying political science and information technology and informatics. Born and raised in Fort Lee, New Jersey Zhadanovsky has been passionate about politics since his early childhood. His first involvement in politics was through Rutgers for Hillary, a student group dedicated to the election of Hillary Clinton. His participation in the club grew into a field fellowship with the Clinton campaign during spring 2016, followed by an internship with Clinton's national finance team at the campaign headquarters in Brooklyn throughout fall 2016 election cycle. Zhadanovsky co-founded and served as president of Rutgers for Phil Murphy, a grassroots group focused on electing Phil Murphy as Governor. He joined the Murphy campaign as an intern until the 2017 primary and was the Rutgers campus team lead for Victory 2017 during the gubernatorial election. Zhadanovsky interned with Princeton Public Affairs Group, a top lobbying firm in Trenton and he is a recipient of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization 2017 All Stars Award. He currently interns for Governor Murphy's communications team and serves as the vice president for the College Democrats of New Jersey. Zhadanovsky's career goal is to serve as a chief of staff to a future president and to eventually start his own lobbying firm.