



# **CLASS OF 2020**

## **UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES**



**EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS**

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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 in the fall of their junior year and the 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 Eagleton 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 policy.

Over the summer or 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" course 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 systems work more generally and how change occurs or doesn't. Underlying these conversations will be reflections on the national political conversation focused increasingly on the 2020 elections as well as politics in New Jersey.

The Class of 2020 represents the 46<sup>th</sup> class of Eagleton Undergraduate Associates. There are currently nearly 1,000 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](http://go.rutgers.edu/EagletonUA)

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### Ashley Abrams

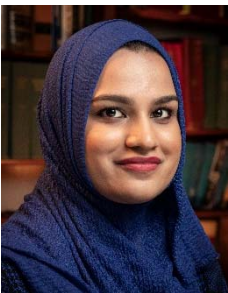


Major/Minor: Political Science/English (New Brunswick)

Internship: Department of Children and Families (Trenton, NJ)

Ashley Abrams is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) Honors Program at Rutgers—New Brunswick pursuing a major in political science and a minor in English. She is from Hamilton, New Jersey and has held internships at Governor Murphy's office, Rutgers—New Brunswick Division of Student Affairs, and *Dialogues@RU*, Rutgers' undergraduate student research journal. She is a two-time recipient of the SAS Excellence Award and an inductee of Pi Sigma Alpha. On campus, Abrams is a resident assistant, and devoted her first three years of college to the Rutgers University Programming Association, where she allocated a budget of \$815,000 for student events. Her senior honors thesis in political science examines expressions of religiosity and trends of secular communication in U.S. presidential candidates. Abrams also serves as a Aresty Research Assistant for Elizabeth Matto's Young Elected Leaders Project at Eagleton. She hopes to pursue a career in public interest law at a government entity and advocate for women's issues and social welfare policy.

### Nashia Basit



Majors: Political Science, Communication (New Brunswick)

Internship: Department of Children and Families/Adolescent Services (Trenton, NJ)

Nashia Basit is in her final year at the School of Arts and Sciences and Douglass Residential College. She is majoring in political science and communication, specializing in leadership in organizations and communities. As a proud Scarlet Knight, she has been involved with several organizations on campus and serves on the executive boards of RU Progressive, United Muslim Relief, Douglass Organization for Commuter Students, and Global Village. She interned at Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics where she worked on the NEW Leadership program to help prepare college women to become politically engaged in their communities. She was involved in several progressive campaigns in New Brunswick that sought to impact grassroots activism in the city. Currently, Basit is working on a grant-funded social action project that focuses on tackling the opioid crisis through creating drug education and empowerment workshops for students across Central Jersey. She is a leadership scholar at the Institute for Women's Leadership and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and Lambda Pi Eta Honor Societies. In the future, she is interested in pursuing a law degree as well as a master's degree in public administration, ultimately to work in legislative affairs. She is passionate about politics and women's rights, and hopes to one day manage her own nonprofit organization.

### Navruz Baum



Major/Minors: Mechanical Engineering/Political Science, Economics (New Brunswick)

Internship: New Jersey Citizen Action (Newark, NJ)

Navruz Baum, hailing from Hopewell, New Jersey, is a student of both the Rutgers—New Brunswick Honors College and the School of Engineering. He is pursuing a major in mechanical engineering and two minors: political science and economics. Since high school, Baum has been passionate about improving his community through student government, serving as president of the Engineering Governing Council and as a member of the Rutgers University Student Assembly. He has also worked to increase voter access and student participation as executive director of Rutgers Democrats and a member of the Rutgers Civic Engagement Coalition. After graduation, he hopes to contribute to his local community through civic involvement, while pursuing a career in engineering.

### Lance Bean



Majors: Political Science, Public Policy (New Brunswick)

Internship: The Hohlt Group (Washington, DC)

Lance Everett Bean, a native of North Brunswick Township, is pursuing a dual bachelor's degree in political science and public policy through the School of Arts and Sciences and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Bean is focusing on American politics as well as social and criminal policy. Bean enjoys research and discussion on a number of political topics, most notably the founding of the United States government, Constitutional law, political theory, and the ethics of service in government. Outside of the classroom, he is the former scholarship chair and the current vice president of the Rutgers University Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and is a passionate participant in Rutgers' Catholic Student Association. Bean has also recently received a number of noteworthy honors, including admission into Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society), Gamma Sigma Alpha (National Academic Greek Honor Society), and Phi Alpha Delta's Society of Scholars. He is also the most recent recipient of the Class of 1922 Old Guard - Rutgers College Scholarship. He spent last summer in Washington, D.C. participating in the Leadership and the American Presidency Program through the Fund for American Studies in conjunction with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. Bean ultimately hopes to pursue a meaningful career in both law and government at the Attorney General's office or possibly running for public office himself. He began a master's degree program in criminal justice through Rutgers in the fall of 2019 and plans to attend an honorable law program in the fall of 2020.

### Jonathan Bent



Majors/Minors: Political Science, History/Economics, Creative Writing (New Brunswick)

Internship: The Roosevelt Group (Washington, DC)

2019 Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award Program

Jonathan Bent grew up in the small Central New Jersey town of Montgomery. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at the School of Arts and Science, double majoring in political science and history with minors in creative writing and economics. Over the summer Bent interned for The Roosevelt Group's defense lobbying team in Washington D.C. as a recipient of the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award. He also recently joined Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Honor Society for Political Science. In high school he founded the Political Theory and Government Structure Club, where he served as president for two years. Bent is personally interested in art — its impact on political movements, how it can inspire entire nations and how it encapsulates emotion throughout history. After graduation he plans to continue his studies at law school and pursue a career in law. He eventually would like to start his own company that highlights the importance of art in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and provides a space for complex high attention span content on the internet.

### Samantha Chen



Major/Minors: Biological Sciences/Women's and Gender Studies, Political Science (New Brunswick)

Internship: National Organization for Women (Washington, DC)

Samantha Chen is majoring in biological sciences and minoring in women's and gender studies and political science in School of Arts and Sciences. She grew up in Parsippany, New Jersey and spent most of her life thinking she would pursue medicine. During her first three years at Rutgers, she has conducted research on neurodegenerative diseases. Despite her interest in science, Chen ultimately decided to focus on law and politics. She was an intern for the Morris County Democratic Committee, where she worked on the 2018 congressional campaigns of Mikie Sherrill and Tom Malinowski. At Rutgers, Chen served as president of the Honors College Student Advisory Board where she advocated for the student body and worked closely to address student

concerns with the administration. She is also completing a policy proposal on gender reconciliation and the #MeToo movement as a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow. She hopes to attend law school in the future and work towards bridging the gap between science and law.



**Alexander Deitsch**

Major/Minor: Political Science/International Relations (Camden)

Internship: HudsonTrident (Camden, NJ)

Alex Deitsch is a political science major from the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers—Camden. He is also minoring in international relations and belongs to the National Security Certificate Program. Originally from Burlington Township, Deitsch attended Rowan College at Burlington County before coming to Rutgers. In his sophomore year, he interned for Andy Kim’s congressional campaign and for Senator Troy Singleton’s legislative office. Deitsch is currently a project assistant at the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers—Camden, where he conducts research on juvenile delinquency and substance abuse in South Jersey. He also founded and currently serves as president of the Rutgers-Camden chapter of the College Democrats. After college, Deitsch hopes to continue his education at graduate school in Washington, D.C., where he hopes to get a master’s degree in international relations or foreign service and transition to a job as a Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. State Department.

**Christina Gaudino**



Majors/Minor: Chinese Language, Political Science/Critical Intelligence Studies (New Brunswick)

Internship: State Department Bureau of Consular Affairs (New York, NY)

Christina Gaudino is a senior pursuing majors in political science and Chinese language and a minor in critical intelligence studies at the School of Arts and Sciences. She is also a member of Douglass Residential College. In high school, Gaudino worked on a political campaign and has since interned in various offices throughout local and state government, including the Hunterdon County Office of the County Clerk. Gaudino spent the summer of 2019 interning at the National Committee on US-China Relations. During the summer of 2018, she participated in an exchange program at Jilin University in China through the Rutgers Confucius Institute. She then interned at the State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. During her junior year, Gaudino was an Aresty Research Assistant to Professor Eric Davis in the Department of Political Science, where she worked with a team to develop a model for youth economic integration through social entrepreneurship. At Rutgers, she has also enjoyed contributing to *The Daily Targum* newspaper and singing in Queen’s Chorale. Gaudino grew up in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, where her family owns a restaurant. She enjoys learning Italian, reading translated literature, and working on research for a novel about the Vietnam War. After graduation, Gaudino plans to pursue a career in foreign policy, with a focus on East Asia.

**Jessica Graham**



Major/Minors: Political Science/Economics, Critical Intelligence Studies, Sports Management (New Brunswick)

Internship: Praescient Analytics (Washington, DC)

2019 Rutgers-Eggleton Washington Internship Award Program

Originally from Clinton, New Jersey, Jessica Graham is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, majoring in political science with minors in economics, critical intelligence, and sports management. Last summer she interned at Praescient Analytics, a government contractor specializing in intelligence through the Rutgers-Eggleton Washington Internship Award. She also completed coursework at George Mason University as part of the Fund for American Studies D.C. Internship Program. Graham is a research assistant for Rutgers Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Milton Heumann. Previously, she interned at the Office of the Attorney General,

Division of Criminal Justice, in the Bureau of Corruption and Government Fraud. After completing her undergraduate degree, Graham plans to attend law school, possibly pursuing a career in national security and foreign policy.

### **Samuel Kaplan**



Major/Minor: Political Science/History (New Brunswick)

Internship: Office of Congressman Frank Pallone (New Brunswick, NJ)

Sam Kaplan is a senior at Rutgers—New Brunswick. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree majoring in political science with a minor in history at the School of Arts and Sciences. Hailing from West Orange, Kaplan has completed a variety of internships including with U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and Greener by Design, while earning Dean's List recognition each semester with a 4.0 GPA. He spent last summer interning at Cravath, Swaine and Moore and backpacked through Peru for a month. Kaplan hopes to attend law school following his graduation from Rutgers.

### **Veenay Komaragiri**

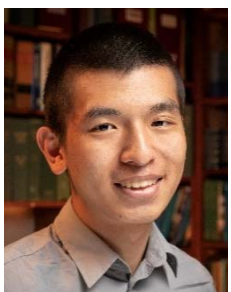


Majors/Minor: Business Analytics, Information Technology/ Political Science (New Brunswick)

Internship: AFSCME (Washington DC)

Veenay Komaragiri, a proud resident of Central Jersey, is a senior in the Rutgers Business School—New Brunswick. He completed an internship at the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey and served as an investigator intern at the Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice. Komaragiri also interned at the Obama Foundation on the south side of Chicago which inspired him to explore activist work at Rutgers. On campus, he helps organize professors and graduate students as a Mary Gibson Labor Intern at Rutgers chapter of the American Association of University Professors-American Federation of Teachers (AAUP-AFT). Komaragiri is passionate about issues related to prisoner rights, labor organizing, and economic justice. He is also involved in Verbal Mayhem Poetry Collective, where he occasionally performs poetry.

### **Congyuan Li**



Majors/Minor: History, Political Science, Information Technology and Informatics, Spanish/ Critical Intelligence Studies (New Brunswick)

Internship: General Services Administration/Federal Acquisition Services (Washington DC)

Congyuan "Tiger" Li is a Rutgers—New Brunswick Honors College student pursuing majors in information technology and informatics, history, political science, and Spanish, with a minor in critical intelligence studies. He is from Piscataway, New Jersey, but lived for a few years in Highland Park and graduated from Highland Park High School. Li is a presidential scholar and recipient of the School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Award. Currently, Li works as a community service officer and frontline supervisor for Rutgers Public Safety and has interned at the Rutgers Center on Policing, where he helped use technology to solve real problems in law enforcement. He also recently completed an internship with the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Li's policy interests are in public safety, national security, intelligence, military, and international affairs. In the future, he hopes to use his technical skills in a career in public service. In his free time, Li enjoys running half marathons, camping, and reading.

### Assatta Mann



Major/Minor: Political Science/Honors College Studies (Newark)

Internship: Legislative Black Caucus/Office of Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly (Paterson, NJ)

Assatta Mann, a lifelong resident of Passaic, has worked on several local, grassroots campaigns. She is an Honors College student at Rutgers—Newark pursuing a major in political science through the School of Arts and Sciences—Newark. Mann interned Braven, a higher education non-profit, and for NJ Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly. Mann continues to pursue her passion about research as an undergraduate research assistant examining the decision making process of how judicial officials and everyday citizens perceive and act on human rights. Mann is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars honor society and Pi Sigma Alpha. She participated in Seton Hall Law School’s Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies, where she was recognized for writing the best appellate brief. She is currently president of the Pre-Law Society and the Rutgers Democrats, both based on the Rutgers-Newark campus, as well as a chair of the College Democrats of New Jersey’s Black Caucus. Following graduation, Mann hopes to pursue a master’s degree in political science with a focus on American government and politics, after which she plans to attend law school and pursue a career in public service and community organizing.

### Viridiana Martinez



Major/Minor: Public Policy/Latino and Caribbean Studies (New Brunswick)

Internship: Governor's Hispanic Fellows/Office of Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (Perth Amboy, NJ)

Viridiana Martinez, from Franklin Township, is studying public policy with a minor in Latino and Caribbean Studies. She is a student of the School of Arts and Sciences, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, and Douglass Residential College. She currently serves as the community service/political chair for the Rutgers’ Mexican American Student Association and is also a mentee in the Rutgers’ *Road to Government, Policy and Service* Mentorship Program at University Career Services. Martinez was also inducted into the Tau Sigma Honor Society. Prior to Rutgers, she attended Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) where she received her associate’s degree in liberal arts. At RVCC she served as president of the Orgullo Latino/Latin Pride Club, where she coordinated a high school outreach program that encouraged Latinx students to pursue higher education, and created a “Check the Box” campaign to enable the college to become a Hispanic Serving Institution. These efforts resulted in proper documentation and a 23% increase in Hispanic/Latino population at the college. She also completed an internship with Sanofi US with on their US Market Access team. After graduation, Martinez would like to earn a graduate degree in public policy with the hopes of working on Capitol Hill.

### Rishi Mehta



Majors: Political Science, English (New Brunswick)

Internship: Department of State (Trenton, NJ)

Rishi Raj Mehta, from Somerset, New Jersey, is a Senior in the School of Arts in Sciences at Rutgers—New Brunswick, majoring in political science and minoring in English. Mehta interned for the 2016 presidential campaign of Senator Bernie Sanders and served as digital director and speechwriter for Peter Jacob’s congressional campaign (CD-7) in 2016. Mehta serves as president of RU Progressive and the Rutgers Pre-Law Society, and previously served as an opinions columnist for *The Daily Targum*, focusing on contemporary political and legal issues. He is also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha. Mehta’s interests include criminal justice reform, the removal of big money in politics, and a more equitable America. Mehta hopes to combine his passions for politics, writing, and the law by working as a political speech-writer at the highest levels of government.

### Harrison Paige



Major/Minor: English/Political Science (New Brunswick)

Internship: Office of the Mayor (Trenton, NJ) and Assemblywoman Pinkin (Edison, NJ)

Harrison Paige, a New Brunswick resident originally from South Orange, New Jersey, graduated from Columbia High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree at Rutgers—New Brunswick in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program with a major in English and minor in political science. He has always been passionate about contemporary politics and social justice. Paige completed an internship at the Legal Aid Society of New York in the juvenile rights practice, where he worked with staff attorneys to advocate for indigent clients of all ages and completed research on nationwide juvenile Miranda laws. During his

sophomore year, Paige also worked at a plaintiff-side employment law firm in New York where he was able to continue his passion for advocacy and helping people, especially in the LGBTQ community. After graduating from Rutgers, he hopes to attend law school to pursue a career in law, public policy, government, or government relations.

### Neida Perez



Majors/Minor: Philosophy, Latino and Caribbean Studies/Political Science (New Brunswick)

Internship: State Assembly Majority Office (Trenton, NJ)

Neida Perez is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers—New Brunswick, double majoring in philosophy and Latino and Caribbean Studies with a minor in political science. She is a member of the Douglass Residential College and the SAS Honors Program, where she received an Academic Excellence Award. Perez was raised in South River, New Jersey and now resides in Old Bridge. She is a scholar at the Paul Robeson Leadership Institute, a scholar at the LAWbound of LatinoJustice PRLDEF, and a fellow at America Needs You. She also helped found the Mexican American Student Association on campus. Perez

interned for the Ford Foundation's technology and society team, where she worked on issues of equal access and fair regulation of digital technology. She also interned at Goldman Sachs' compliance department. Perez completed an externship at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. After graduation, Perez hopes to go to law school and pursue a career in the judicial branch of government.

### Ayesha Qureshi



Majors: Political Science, Computer Science (New Brunswick)

Internship: Only Through Us (Washington, DC)

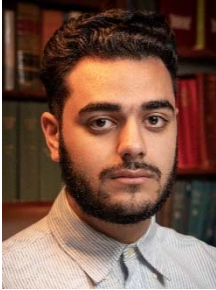
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Ayesha Qureshi was born in Fort Worth, Texas, grew up in Lawrenceville, New Jersey and currently lives in Somerset. A proud Douglass College woman, she is studying political science, computer science, and Arabic, and is a member of the Cap and Skull Senior Honor Society. Qureshi served as a teaching assistant on an organizing for social change course, and as a research assistant at the Aresty Research Center, studying the intersections of international social movements in the past century. Qureshi is currently president of the

Muslim Public Relations Council where she advocates for 7,000 Muslim students. She completed internships in the Office of Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and the Civil Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. Last summer, Qureshi received the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award and interned at Only Through Us in Washington, D.C. As a senior, Qureshi will teach a First-Year Interest Group seminar on community activism and civic engagement. She is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician, with over 400 hours of volunteer experience caring for patients. In her free time, she enjoys perfecting her Chai recipe and watching movie trailers. In the future, she hopes to work as an attorney in the expanding intersection of civil liberties and technology in the digital age.



### **Mustafa Raza**



**Majors/Minor:** Political Science, Comparative Literature/ South Asian Studies (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** State Assembly Majority Office (Trenton, NJ)

Mustafa Raza is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, double majoring in political science and comparative literature with a minor in South Asian studies. He is a proud resident of Jackson, New Jersey, living in close proximity to Six Flags. At Rutgers, he has served as a School of Arts and Sciences' senator-at-large for the Rutgers Senate. Raza also served the underrepresented community of Camden by teaching children entering high school through the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School. He is the current treasurer of

Verbal Mayhem, a poetry collective that holds weekly open mics at Rutgers. After graduation, Raza hopes to pursue a graduate degree in foreign service, with hopes of becoming a United States diplomat.

### **Jessica Resnick**



**Majors/Minor:** Political Science, Public Policy/Women's and Gender Studies (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** State Senate Majority Office (Trenton, NJ)

Jessica is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences and Douglass Residential College double majoring in political science and public policy with a minor in women and gender studies. Hailing from South Brunswick, New Jersey, Resnick previously interned with the New Jersey Division on Women where she worked on the Statewide Domestic Violence Statewide Plan. At Eagleton, Resnick was the program coordinator for the Darien Civic Engagement Project at the Center for Youth Participation. She also conducted research

with the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling as an Aresty Research Assistant and received the 2019 Kathy Crotty Legislative Internship Award. On campus, she has served as the policy director and president of Rutgers NO MORE to help end sexual violence and was the vice president of programming for the Rutgers Women's Political Caucus. She has participated in federal lobby efforts through the Rutgers Office of Federal Relations and the National Organization of Women-New York City. Jessica was a First Year Interest Group instructor and taught first year students about political science. She is also a sister of Omega Phi Alpha, the National Service Sorority and Pi Sigma Alpha. In the future Resnick wishes to impact underserved communities through a career in policy development, research, and writing.

### **Samantha Salem**



**Major/Minors:** Political Science/Economics, Philosophy (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** Kivvit (Asbury Park, NJ)

Samantha Salem is a student of the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, majoring in political science and minoring in both economics and philosophy. She grew up in Marlboro, New Jersey, and began exploring her passion for government, law, and politics after her acceptance into Colts Neck High School's rigorous Law and Public Service Program. At Rutgers, she has served as public relations chairperson for the Residence Hall Association and College Avenue and Panhellenic Council representative to the Rutgers

University Student Assembly. Salem is the parliamentarian for Gamma Phi Beta and supports their philanthropy efforts through Girls on the Run. Her academic record holds honors distinction with inclusion on the Dean's List throughout her college career. Her Honor Society inductions include Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha. She has received several School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Awards, and has been selected for various leadership initiatives on campus, in Washington D.C., and internationally, including the first-ever mobile town hall with Congressman Frank Pallone, and the Hillel Israeli Leadership Initiative. Salem interned at a prominent immigration law firm, and high-profile corporate law firm. She plans to continue her education through law school, and eventually follow a career path involving civic engagement, government, and advocacy.

### **Bridget Savage**



**Major/Minors:** Political Science/ Computer Science, Critical Intelligence Studies (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** Office of Homeland Security (Hamilton, NJ)

Bridget Savage is a senior at the Rutgers—New Brunswick Honors College, pursuing a major in political science and a double minor in computer science and critical intelligence studies. She grew up in Brielle, New Jersey and began working on political campaigns in high school when she interned for the Monmouth County Democrats. Following her freshman year at Rutgers, she worked as a fellow for the Vin Gopal for Senate race and was an Aresty research assistant with Professor Ashley Koning at the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling, where she researched mode effects on the reliability and accuracy of surveys. Prior to her junior year, Savage worked as a junior finance staff member for Josh Welle for Congress. Last summer she also interned for the Send My Friend to School policy campaign in London. Savage is a sister of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and a brother of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. After graduation, she plans to take a year off before attending law school to work full-time as a presidential campaign staffer. Savage hopes to pursue a career in the intelligence community before becoming a policy advisor.

### **Mateusz Solarz**



**Major/Minor:** History, Political Science (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** Office of Congressman Andy Kim (Toms River, NJ)

Mateusz Solarz is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program at Rutgers—New Brunswick, double majoring in history and political science. He grew up in Brick, New Jersey and is a lifelong history buff and follower of all things politics. Solarz has worked on numerous campaigns including the re-election of his local mayor and as a campaign fellow on Andy Kim’s successful congressional campaign in 2018. At Rutgers, he is a recipient of a SAS Excellence Award, the Wilson Carey McWilliams Scholarship, and is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha. His honors thesis focuses on women in the Polish Solidarity movement that toppled the communist regime in the 1980s. When he is not busy with schoolwork and his position as a fitness supervisor at Werblin Recreation Center, Solarz enjoys cooking, working out, and talking politics. When he graduates, he hopes to attend graduate school and work in government or the civil service.

### **Hasin Tasneem**



**Majors/Minors:** Public Policy, Business Economics, Human Resource Management/Political Science, Labor Studies, Business Administration (New Brunswick)

**Internship:** Communications Workers of America (Atlantic Highlands, NJ)

Hasin Tasneem is from South Brunswick, NJ. She is a senior studying public policy with a concentration in business economics and human resource management, with a minor in political science through the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, School of Management and Labor Relations, and Douglass Residential College. She is also a Women’s Leadership Scholar through the Institute for Women’s Leadership. Passionate about civic engagement, global citizenship, and public service, she has interned in state, federal, and international policy through various political campaigns, New Jersey Department of Children and Families, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United Nations Population Fund. On campus, Tasneem serves as a Resident Assistant, supervises and teaches research as a Senior Peer Instructor for the Aresty Research Center, and competes on the Mock Trial Team. After graduation, she wishes to explore the fields of strategic partnerships, compliance, and regulatory affairs, before attending law school.

## Ayanna Thompson



Major/Minor: Political Science, Philosophy (New Brunswick)

Internship: Department of State (Trenton, NJ)

Ayanna Thompson, from Plainfield, New Jersey, is an Honors College senior at the School of Arts of Sciences double-majoring in political science and philosophy. Since freshman year, she's been involved with the Rutgers Department of Leadership and Experiential Learning where she received a First-Year Fellowship and then served as a freshman mentor. She also interned for the Rutgers Institute for Women's Leadership on the Community, Leadership, Action and Service Program. During her junior year, Thompson studied abroad at University College London in the United Kingdom, where she delved deeper into international relations research. Last summer she also interned at the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Policy and Legal Affairs and Compliance sector. Thompson is interested in governmental work, law, and is passionate about the American education and criminal justice systems. She is excited to be an Eagleton Undergraduate Associate and is looking forward to the opportunities that follow.