

Class of 2022

Eagleton Undergraduate Associates

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Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program

The Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program, established in 1974, is a core education program of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University – New Brunswick. Open to students in all Rutgers schools, departments and campus locations with an interest in politics, government, policy and/or advocacy, students are selected the fall semester of their junior year to complete the one and one-half year interdisciplinary certificate program during their last three semesters as a Rutgers undergraduate. Associates learn about real-world American politics and government from experienced faculty and 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.

The Undergraduate Associates' journey begins with the Practice of Politics course, where they examine the role of power, with a primary focus on American institutions and political behavior. What is power? How does it work in our political system – and what makes it an at once critical, but also troubling aspect of governance within a democratic system? These questions are explored with an emphasis on theories of power and its function throughout American history. Associates incorporate critical works in American politics and political science – while culling visions of power from the literary and artistic world that inform the practical sphere of government in unique ways.

Over the summer or fall, Associates complete internships in a variety of offices focused on American politics, government and public policy in New Jersey and locations across the country. Placements include legislative and executive offices and agencies at the state, county and local levels, Congressional and federal offices, public affairs, public interest groups, political campaigns (local, state and national), lobbying firms, think tanks, and other interest groups. The accompanying Internship Seminar in the fall fosters a deeper understanding of both the institutions and the individuals that shape public policymaking. In addition to learning about a variety of careers in the political realm, the class examines organizational dynamics and the elements of leadership that impact the workplace. Associates have many opportunities to hone their strategic thinking, communications, and career development skills during the course.

The final course, Processes of Politics, during the spring semester of senior year, helps students deepen and apply their advanced understanding of politics and governance by focusing on processes and issues. Building upon the exploration of political power from previous semesters, this course centers around the notion of “politics as a choice”. The examples chosen provide windows into how political and governmental systems work more generally and how change occurs or doesn't. Underlying these conversations are reflections on the national political conversation especially the fall 2020 elections and New Jersey politics.

The Class of 2022 is the 48th class of Eagleton Undergraduate Associates. There are more than 1,100 alumni of the program from across Rutgers University. Most have chosen careers in politics and public service, while others have applied their advanced knowledge of government and politics to a broad range of careers in the private, corporate and non-profit sectors.

More information about the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates program can be found [online](#).

THE CLASS OF 2022 EAGLETON UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATES

NEHA ALUWALIA



Neha Aluwalia is a senior from Plainsboro, New Jersey, double majoring in German and political science at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She is a student in the Honors College and School of Arts and Science. Neha is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Neha previously interned with both the district and Washington, D.C. offices of Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12). She is interested in the intersections of law, public policy, and politics. On campus, Neha is a research assistant for the Center for American Women and Politics, where she conducts data collection for local, state, and national elected officials. She also manages recruitment and retention for the Honors College Ambassador program, competes with the Rutgers University Mock Trial Association, and loves to devour books in her free time.

DECLAN ALVIDREZ



Declan Alvidrez is a School of Arts and Sciences student at Rutgers-New Brunswick majoring in political science and philosophy. He completed research for Professor Kelemen of the political science department focused on the European Union Court of Justice. At Rutgers, he has most recently captained the club ultimate frisbee club team. This past year he interned for FairVote, an organization advocating for ranked-choice voting, and the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank in Washington, D.C. He is a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship in Leadership and Social Policy recipient and was previously a student representative for the Rutgers University Student Assembly.

SARAH ARIF



Sarah Arif grew up in New York and attended high school in Brick, New Jersey. She is currently a senior pursuing her bachelor's degree at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She double majors in environmental policy, institutions, and behavior (EPIB), and political science, which combine her passion for environmentalism and climate change-related issues as well as policy and government. Throughout her undergraduate career, Sarah has interned and volunteered for environmental non-profits such as Environment New Jersey and Clean Water Action as well as worked for the Census Bureau in 2020. To express her passion for the environment, Sarah became a

reporter for the EPIB Trail. She has written articles and commentary on the politics of Biden’s climate plan as well as the urgency to drastically reduce emissions reported by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change findings. Sarah aspires to develop solutions to help ensure the U.S reaches its climate mitigation goals by 2050 or sooner. After graduation she hopes to pursue a career in politics and is exploring governmental agencies such as the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

SOLCYRE BURGA



Sol Burga is a Newark native and first-generation college student double-majoring in political science and journalism at Rutgers-Newark. Her worldview has been shaped by the experiences of her family and community, leading her to have a strong passion for immigration and women’s rights. This has manifested through her work at organizations like the New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, where she campaigned for the Let’s Drive NJ campaign and successfully helped pass legislation that provides driver’s licenses for the undocumented community. Sol is also a former Congressional Hispanic Caucus fellow, where in partnership with other students from across the nation, she co-hosted a webinar to address tenant rights for the undocumented community during the pandemic.

She is currently working with the Aspen Institute, where she used her former experiences as a fellow to help Chicago residents organize their own community impact project. In the future, Sol hopes to continue to elevate the voices of marginalized communities to bring relevant issues and stories to light.

IMAN DAR



Iman Dar, a senior at Rutgers-New Brunswick School of Arts and Sciences, is a political science and human resources double major. She grew up in Sayreville and has been a proud New Jersey native all her life. Her experience growing up in Central Jersey provided a well-rounded upbringing and ignited passions for immigration, women’s rights, and social welfare reform. She has strong interest in shaping the discussion of maternal care and policies within American systems. Iman is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honors Society. She has also been consistently placed on the Dean’s List each semester Iman has previous experience working in various academic related field,

most recently as a writing tutor at the Douglass Writing Center. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring new brunch spots and coffee shops with friends. After graduation, she plans to attend law school after graduation and hopes to make a positive impact.

VARUN GAITONDE



Varun Gaitonde grew up in Edison, New Jersey. He is currently a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick pursuing a degree in political science with a minor in history. Varun interned with the campaigns of Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker and Congressman Tom Malinowski. On campus, he serves on the executive board of the Rutgers Democrats as secretary and is a member of Pi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. He also recently began serving on the editorial board of the newly created Eagleton Political Journal. Varun is passionate about improving America's regulatory framework to meet the challenges and opportunities posed by a twenty-first century economy. He hopes to attend law school and pursue a career at a government agency with a focus on economic regulation.

GARRETT KNAPPE



Garrett Knappe is an Honors College student majoring in mathematics and economics at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Currently, Garrett works as an undergraduate Aresty research assistant for Dr. Gal Hochman. Garrett is working on constructing an economic model with a disaggregated United States to study different environmental and energy policies. He is also providing a policy recommendation for renewable natural gas technologies and uses. Garrett is a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow and works with Dr. Carlos Esquivel to study foreign direct investment and its effects on domestic labor markets. Garrett plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in economics after finishing his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University, and he hopes to work at the Federal Reserve in the future. He is a presenting member on the Rutgers

Fed Challenge Team and was a research intern at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland this past summer. He has also interned on congressional campaigns. Garrett wants to use the knowledge he acquires from his economics and math studies paired with the understanding of politics given by the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates program to implement sound economic policies designed to help underrepresented communities. In his free time, Garrett likes to spend time with family and friends, hike, and read about economics!

FIONA KNIAZ



Fiona Kniaz is a political science and economics major and a Russian and international and global studies minor affiliated with Rutgers University's Honors College, Douglass Residential College, and the School of Arts and Sciences in New Brunswick. Throughout her Rutgers career, she has been heavily involved at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, interning at the Center on the American Governor and the Center for Public Interest Polling. She has also represented Rutgers University at the Harvard Kennedy School's National Campaign Conference for her work in campus-wide voter registration and outreach efforts through the Center for Youth Political Participation. Fiona played a key role in the research

and creation of RU Voting National, a microsite aimed at giving young people and college students the tools to vote nationwide. During the 2020-2021 academic year, she was the recipient of the John and Ann Holt Endowed Undergraduate Applied Research Fund in American Politics and completed a report on the partisan implications of the redistricting process and policy reforms. Besides her research on electoral reform, Fiona also is interested in higher education policy having interned at the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education and as an intern at the Rutgers Office of Federal Relations. She is active in Rutgers student organizations, serving as a director at the Institute for Domestic and International Affairs, vice president of RU Progressive, and a member of the Cap and Skull class of 2022. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Alpha, and Omicron Delta Epsilon national honor societies. Upon graduating from Rutgers, Fiona plans to pursue a Ph.D. in political science and use her expertise to promote progressive economic policy and governance.

BROOKE MARGOLIN



Brooke Margolin is a senior at Rutgers-New Brunswick in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences' Honors Program and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. She is majoring in public health with a concentration in health disparities and minoring in political science and women's and gender studies. She is simultaneously working towards her master's degree in epidemiology at the Rutgers School of Public Health. She is passionate about health policy, specifically working to eliminate inequities through increased public health infrastructure to improve the health outcomes of marginalized communities domestically. Brooke is a Ralph W. Voorhees Public Service Fellow, Rutgers Scholar at the Intelligence Community – Center for Academic Excellence, and G.H. Cook Scholar. On campus,

Brooke serves as a president of the Rutgers Global Health Institute's Student Council, Student Advisory Panel Member of the Rutgers University Climate Task Force, and vice president of Triota – Women's and Gender Studies National Honor Society. Brooke has been involved with the Eagleton Institute of Politics' Center on the American Governor, Center for Youth Political Participation, and, at present, is a senior research fellow for the Pandemic Task Force at the Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience. Brooke's work at Eagleton propelled her to lead voter mobilization efforts in her hometown of Metuchen during the 2020 election cycle. Professionally, Brooke is currently a programming and development Intern at the New Brunswick Development Corporation, a HealthMap Intern at the Innovation and Digital Health Accelerator at Boston Children's Hospital, and a programs fellow at GlobeMed Headquarters.

TANIA MARTINEZ



Tania Martinez, an out-of-state student from Springdale, Arkansas, is a senior at the School of Arts and Sciences and Honors College at Rutgers-Camden. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science, philosophy, and global studies as well as a minor in Spanish. Tania has been a deeply passionate advocate for immigrant rights ever since she was in high school. Throughout college, Tania has advocated for immigrant rights in any way she can. On campus, she works at the digital studies center where she founded her own podcast "Voices of Immigration" to uplift student immigrant stories in a contemporary context. Tania is president of the Immigrant Justice Association, where she has brought more resources for undocumented students such as creating an emergency

COVID relief fund for undocumented and international students. She is also president of the College Democrats and she serves on the College Democrats of America's Immigration and Refugee Caucus Board. She has had various internships including at Free Migration Project, a non-profit law and advocacy firm in Philadelphia that worked on sanctuary and family detention cases. She is a Bonner Foundation scholar, a recipient of the Robert Packard Memorial Award for Academic Performance and Campus Service, and a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Civic Engagement. Upon graduation, Tania seeks to pursue a dual degree in law and master's in public administration in the hopes of working in immigration law.

NINA PARANJPE



Nina Paranjpe is a senior at Rutgers-New Brunswick studying public health, history and political science. Hailing from Pleasanton, California, Nina is a co-president of the Bloustein Public Service Association, an undergraduate organization in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy dedicated to professional development, career networking, and community service. She also serves as an Honors College Ambassador and member of the Bloustein Standing Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Nina has a passion for community health, and she previously worked as a research assistant with the Essex-Passaic Wellness Coalition, a New Jersey partnership that aims to decrease rates of cancer and chronic disease in Essex and Passaic counties. A lover of museums and history, Nina has also helped develop digital exhibits for the Thomas A. Edison Papers at Rutgers. In the future, Nina hopes to meld her educational background in health and politics to advocate for quality health outcomes for America's most vulnerable populations.

CECILIA RITACCO



Cecilia Ritacco is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) Honors Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in women's and gender studies. Her academic and research interests are in American politics, gender, identity, and political representation. Most recently, Cecilia served as a legislative intern in the office of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer. She has also held internships with the Feminist Majority Foundation, the Center for Youth Political Participation, New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, and New Brunswick City Government. On campus, she is the president of both the Rutgers University Democrats and Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. Previously, she conducted research on online and intersectional violence against women in politics as a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow in Leadership and Social Policy and she also conducted research on youth political representation as an Aresty Research Assistant on the Young Elected Leaders Project. Cecilia is currently an honors thesis candidate in the Department of Political Science and a 2021-2022 SAS interdisciplinary research fellow. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a 2021 national finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and a 2020 recipient of the Rutgers-Eagleton Washington Internship Award. After earning her bachelor's degree she hopes to pursue her Ph.D. in political science.

NIKHIL SADARANGANAY



Nikhil Sadaranganey, a lifelong resident of East Brunswick, New Jersey, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in economics and philosophy. He has interned with Congressional candidate Arati Kreibich in New Jersey's 5th congressional district, and the offices of former Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin and Senator Cory Booker. Nikhil is currently researching presidential rhetoric and its impact on social policy as a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow. On campus, he has held leadership roles with the Institute of Domestic and International Affairs, Phi Chi Theta business fraternity, and the Rutgers University Student Assembly, in which he will serve as the student body vice president. Nikhil is also a member of his town's Human Relations Council. He has served as a member of the Rutgers Student Advocacy Corps and worked with the Rutgers Office of Federal Relations this past summer. Upon graduation, Nikhil hopes to attend law school to pursue a career on healthcare, education, and environmental policy, and eventually run for public office.

NEHA SAJU



Neha Saju, School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program senior at Rutgers-New Brunswick, is pursuing a joint major in history and political science with minors in French and women's and gender studies. Neha is a leadership scholar with the Institute for Women's Leadership, a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow, and a Ralph W. Voorhees Public Service fellow. Previously an intern with the Center for American Women and Politics and the Center for Youth Political Participation, she was also part of the team which designed the RU Voting National Microsite (a national initiative to disseminate accurate election information). She was also an Aresty Research Assistant for Dr. Beth C. Rubin for "The Civically Engaged Districts Project" and is currently the chief copy editor of the Aresty

Undergraduate Research Journal. She is the current secretary of Pi Sigma Alpha (the political science honors society) and an instructor of the law and leadership section of First-Year Interest Group seminar (FIGS program). A former columnist for The Daily Targum newspaper, Neha is currently a correspondent for the Inside Beat section. Neha is dedicated to service work and has been involved with Rutgers University Alternative Breaks as a participant, site leader, and executive board member. She has also done work with the Collaborative Center for Community-Based Research and Service as well as Youth Empowerment Services. A lover of fantasy novels and language learning, Neha hopes to study law after graduating.

CAROLINE SAVAGE



Caroline Savage is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences in the Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick, where she is majoring in political science and criminal justice with a minor in art history. Her academic interests include American government, grassroots movements, and the intersection of art and activism. In the past, she worked as an intern on several state campaigns, and founded and organized the Asbury Park March for Our Lives in the wake of the Parkland shooting in 2018. Aside from gun violence prevention, Caroline is also passionate about criminal justice reform and environmental justice. During her time at Rutgers, she has been a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Pre-Law Society, and

Alpha Chi Omega. In the future, she hopes to advocate for criminal justice reform through a career in the law.

HAMZAH SHAIKH



Hamzah Shaikh is an Honors College student studying cell biology and neuroscience and political science at Rutgers-New Brunswick. He is interested in pursuing a career in medicine and healthcare policy and advocacy. In the past, Hamzah has conducted research at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, where he studied the combinational therapy of mutant p53 reactivators and CDK inhibitors on cancer cell growth and viability. As a Lloyd C. Gardner Fellow in Leadership and Social Policy, Hamzah conducted a comparative analysis research project on COVID-19 responses in Germany and the United States. Hamzah regularly volunteers with his local first aid squad as an Emergency Medical Technician. He thoroughly enjoys providing emergency prehospital care to residents of Holmdel and the surrounding towns. On campus, Hamzah is involved as a resident assistant and as volunteer tutor at the Rutgers Learning Center. In his free time, he loves to be outdoors, especially cycling between campuses or running at local parks and trails.

ANNIYAH SHELTON



Anniyah Shelton is a first-generation student and a member of the Education Opportunity Fund program. She is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-Camden majoring in political science with a minor in legal studies. Anniyah is in the honors program where she is conducting research on the Black Lives Matter movement and writing a thesis on the movement utilizing social movement theory. On-campus, she is a vice president of the Political Science Society where she plans events and projects for the club. She is also an at-large representative for Student Government Association and is a liaison with students, faculty, and staff to raise and advocate for student concerns. Anniyah is a member of the Rutgers Camden Office of Community Standards Campus Appeal committee where she reviews disciplinary actions towards students, and assists with sanction decisions. She is a member of the Tri Alpha honor society for first-generation students. She completed the Pre-Legal Institute at Seton Hall University, an intensive five-week program where she took courses in legal writing, legal analysis, oral advocacy, property law, criminal law, health law, and contracts. Anniyah is passionate about law and music, and she is pursuing a career as an Intellectual Property attorney.

VAHINI SHORI



Vahini Shori (she/her) is a fourth-year student in the School of Arts and Sciences studying political science with a minor in critical intelligence studies at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Vahini currently serves as the executive director of the Association of Big Ten Students where she leads advocacy efforts on behalf of the 500,000 students of the Big Ten Athletic and Academic Conference. Additionally, Vahini serves as an ambassador of Douglass Residential College, where she sits on the Dean's Diversity Board, the planning committee for experiential and service-learning, and is a member of the Public Leadership and Education Network. Vahini is also a peer diversity educator through the Center for Social Justice Education and LGBT

Communities and creates informational graphics online explaining the contexts of current social movements. Vahini has interned at Princeton University, Rutgers' Center for Critical Intelligence Studies, and the New York Legal Assistance Group. She looks forward to pursuing a career in the legal field where she can work collaboratively and intentionally to help our society exist as justly and kindly as possible. Vahini is also the host and producer of the podcast Gen Zeal where she hosts young people focusing on topics they are most passionate about, including celebrity gossip and curating oddly specific playlists on Spotify.

YOSAN SIELE



Yosan Siele is an economics and political science double major with an international and global studies minor at the Rutgers-New Brunswick School of Arts and Sciences. She is vice president of finance for the Rutgers University Mock Trial Association. Beyond the financial aspects of the organization, Yosan regularly competes around the country with other universities' mock trial teams by reviewing a legal case, formulating arguments, and arguing the case before judges. She is passionate about politics and has participated in the political process by working on different campaigns. She worked on Governor Phil Murphy's Victory 2017 campaign where she learned important aspects of a campaign by talking with voters and training volunteers. She also interned with Congressman Tom Malinowski's re-election campaign in New Jersey's 7th congressional district as a fellow, responsible for guiding groups of interns through the campaign process. During the fall of 2021, Yosan is interning with The Borgen Project as a political affairs intern, working on bringing solutions to preventable poverty to the forefront on politicians' radar. Yosan is a proud Eritrean immigrant and regularly connects with the Eritrean community through church events and festivals. Yosan interned for Bank of America during last summer in the Advisory Development Program and looks forward to joining the firm after graduation. Following her time at Bank of America, Yosan plans to attend law school and plans to work as an immigration attorney, focusing on human rights.

JACKSON SNELLMAN



Jackson Snellman, born and raised in Roswell, Georgia, is a senior in the Honors College at Rutgers-New Brunswick, pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in French and women's and gender studies. On campus, he has extensive experience with the Center for Youth Political Participation, including as an intern with the Civic Sustainability Initiative in summer 2020. He has served as an Honors College Ambassador, a member of the True Inclusion organization working on equity in the Honors College, a teaching assistant, and a resident assistant in first-year dorms. Professionally, Jackson has also worked in a variety of political contexts, serving as a political consulting intern, a campaign intern, an advocate for student financial aid with the Rutgers Office of Federal Relations, and a poll defender through the +1 thePolls initiative working to place a polling location on campus. He is passionate about constructing policy and politics around an intersectional perspective, and seeks to increase overall political efficacy through democracy reform, policy advocacy, and a holistic democratic education. After he graduates, Jackson hopes to be work in policy formation and advocacy

across a variety of policy areas. In his free time, he enjoys driving and exploring new cities, listening to podcasts, and keeping current on his 28 news-related phone apps. Jackson is a proud member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honors Society, and the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.

ADAM Y. SOLIMAN



Adam Y. Soliman is an undergraduate senior from Hamilton, New Jersey majoring in political science, religion, and global studies with a minor in Spanish at Rutgers-Camden. Adam has earned a number of honors during his time at Rutgers including induction into Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society), and Omicron Delta Kappa (the National Leadership Honor Society). On campus, Adam is a member of the Camden Honors College and holds various leadership roles including the president of the Rutgers-Camden Muslim Students Association. He ultimately aims to pursue a career in law and public policy with a focus on reforming the criminal justice system.

SAMARTH THAKKER



Samarth Thakker is a senior in the Rutgers Business School on the New Brunswick campus studying economics and finance with a minor in political science. After graduating from Rutgers, Samarth aims to attend law school and later pursue a legal career within the financial sector. Samarth's passion for public service has led him to engage in a number of experiences in college. He has interned with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and more recently joined the Rutgers University Center on Policing as a research intern. In his free time, Samarth likes to read, listen to music, and play volleyball.

ISAAC ALEJANDRO VELEZ



Isaac Alejandro Velez, from New Brunswick, New Jersey and Fairfax County, Virginia, is a senior in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers-New Brunswick, studying public policy and political science. Isaac has an interest in the intersection of politics, policy, and economics and their effects on working families and underserved communities. He is passionate about promoting policies that stimulate economic mobility for residents at the local, state, and federal levels of government. As a student leader at Rutgers, Isaac was named a Ralph W. Voorhees Fellow in Public Service, where he conducts research addressing community service issues. He also served as a member of the Rutgers University Student Assembly where he instituted and formalized a process for minority communities, with a disproportionate amount of police contact, to hold voting positions on the Rutgers University Police Department Hiring Board. Professionally, he has a wide range of experiences in politics and policy. In 2019, he interned for Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (VA-10), where he supported

constituent service programs and outreach, specifically immigration services. Isaac served as the state and federal policy intern at Results for America, where he advocated for data-driven and evidence-based policies, practices, and budgets with Governor's offices, members of Congress, federal agency staff, and the Biden administration. He also has experience working on campaigns as the political director of a congressional campaign for NJ-10, and as a volunteer for Virginia Governor Ralph Northam. Isaac will continue in his academic journey as he pursues a master's degree in public policy at the Bloustein School. He hopes to obtain a juris doctorate degree and pursue a career to protect vulnerable communities to the fullest extent of the law.

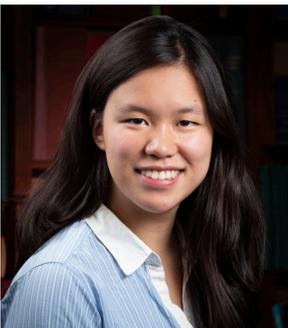
LAURA VORBACH



Laura Vorbach is a senior in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program double majoring in political science and criminal justice, with minors in economics and international and global studies. Outside of academics, Laura is a resident assistant, the president of the Rutgers University Alumni Association Scarlet Council, a vice president of the Rutgers Mock Trial Association, a vice president of the Women's Pre-Law Society, and is involved in youth mentoring through Rutgers Pilot Me. Her aspirations lie in public international law, and she is particularly interested in the intersection of politics and crime in international relations and societies around the world. Through the Eagleton Institute and her role as an Undergraduate Associate, Laura has also been involved in the founding of the Eagleton

Political Journal for Rutgers students, as well as interned with the Network Contagion Research Institute.

AUDREY XU



Audrey Xu is a senior studying economics and philosophy in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. Her work experience includes internships at the Niskanen Center, the American Enterprise Institute, the Manhattan Institute, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and Senator Cory Booker's Office. Audrey has also received grants to be a Peter G. Peterson Fiscal Intern as well as a Koch Intern. After graduation, she hopes to work within think tank research or government service in fiscal policy related topics. On campus, she helps plan and staff Model United Nations conferences and is the founder and chair of the Rutgers chapter of the AEI Executive Council.

MARC YOUNKER



Marc Younker is a Rutgers-New Brunswick student in the School of Arts and Sciences majoring in political science and minoring in critical intelligence studies. On campus, Marc serves in numerous positions such as the vice president of the Rutgers chapter of the Black Law Students Association and representing the Rutgers Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a scarlet ambassador. Marc serves as the director of diversity, equity and inclusion for the Association of Big Ten Students where he represents the interests of Rutgers University and the other 500,000 students in the Big Ten conference with legislators, key stakeholders and advocacy groups. Marc has interned for Goldman Sachs'

Global Compliance division, for the political team on Cory Booker's Presidential campaign, in the United States Senate through the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and for Angela Rye's Impact Strategies doing research and consulting on policies for entities ranging from corporate clients to local elected officials. He is also a scholar at the Institute for Responsible Citizenship where he has researched the impact of racial politics on Black candidates in gubernatorial elections. He is also a Lloyd C. Gardner fellow where he conducted research on monetary sanctions in the criminal justice system and its impact on marginalized communities using a framework of equity. After completing his undergraduate degree, Marc plans on attending law school and using the skills he gained throughout his education to combat inequity by expanding access to justice through a career in public service. In his free time, he loves watching stand-up comedy, trying new restaurants and hanging out with friends.

JOSE ZARAZUA



Jose Zarazua is an Honors College student at Rutgers-Camden pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy with minors in legal studies, international politics and religion. He completed the National Security Studies Certificate Program offered by the Rutgers-Camden and is currently a member of both the Political Science and Philosophy Honors Programs. He is from Sicklerville New Jersey and is a proud alum of Winslow Township High School. His interests in law, politics, and government stems from his advocacy for people with disabilities, equality for members of marginalized communities such as the LGBTQIA community, black and brown Americans, and immigrants, gender equality, environmental justice and improving democracy. He advocates for these groups and issues today. Jose was recently elected to serve as president of Political Science Society for a second time, and was elected to serve as the first president of the Beta Mu Tri-Alfa Chapter, a National Honor Society for first-generation college students and Student Governing Association's vice president for the 2021-2022 school year. Jose is a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honors society, and Phi Beta Kappa, America's most prestigious and oldest academic honor society. He serves on the Rutgers-Camden Office of Community Standards'

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