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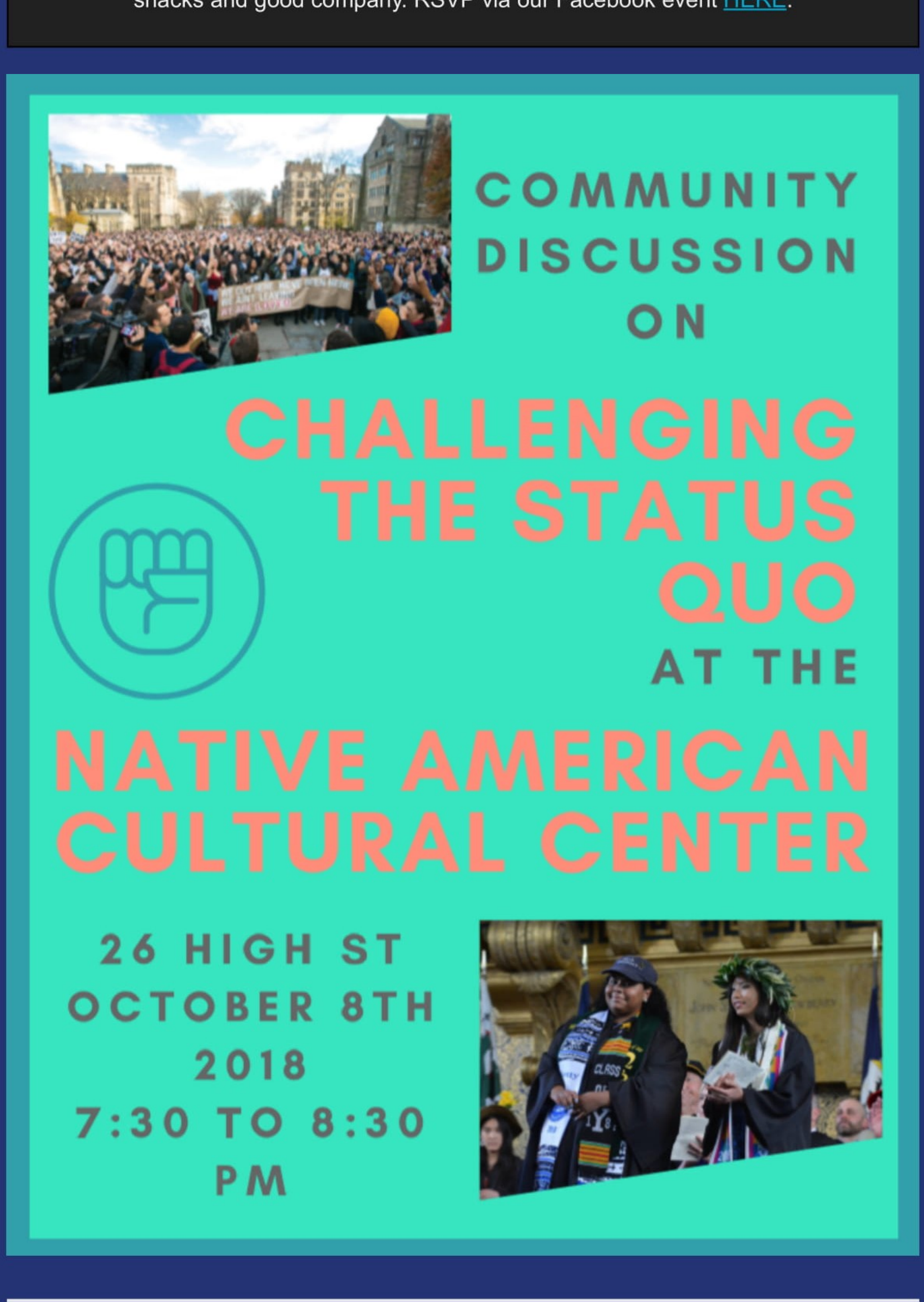
IT IS NOT OUR DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE US. IT IS OUR INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE, ACCEPT, AND CELEBRATE THOSE DIFFERENCES.
AUDRE LORDE

Challenging the Status Quo - and Happy Indigenous People's Day!

Happy Monday friends! Today is a special Monday, however. Our friends/community members in the Association for Native Americans at Yale (ANAAY) have been working hard the past few weeks to lead and organize the 2018 ANAAY Powwow, and we want to take the opportunity today to recognize them for their work and dedication to the Native community on and off-campus. So from the FGLI Community to everyone - and especially to our ANAAY leaders - **Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day!**

As always, thank you to everyone who attended our Community Time discussion last Monday - and thank you to our friends at the AACC for hosting us! Over the past few weeks of listening to various stories and experiences of members in our community, we've learned that there is a real diversity of experiences and identities that each of us bring into a shared space. From race/ethnicity to gender, and participation in FSY to immigrant background, we bring different worlds with us that have real effects in how we define FGLI and how we come together to understand what it means to be "underprivileged." As we being talking about more specific experiences and topics, we pledge to recognize these differences so that we may understand each others' voices fully - and, of course, so we can continue developing friendships within our community.

Today, we shift our attention to a question many of us who want to be leaders of change on campus and back home: "How do you enact change? How do I challenge the status quo?" Join us tonight at our weekly Community Time at the **Native American Cultural Center** (26 High St.) from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, where we'll have snacks and good company. RSVP via our Facebook event HERE.



And now, a special message from an FGLI faculty -

Dr. Dena Simmons!

From her beginnings in a single-(immigrant) mother household from the Bronx to the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Dr. Simmons has traveled across the globe and earned a number of fellowships and awards - and we are thankful that she was willing to share some words of wisdom for our community during this midterm season! Take a couple minutes to learn about where she comes from, what she has done since, what she does now, and what she wants you to remember when classes have you feeling a type of way.

From the FGLI Community, **thank you Dr. Simmons for all that you do**!

Student Ambassador Office Hours

Do you need help picking a club to join, homework help, or just want to spill tea? Our student ambassadors will be holding office hours throughout the week at various locations around campus, prepared with snacks and drinks. Visit/Contact Us!

Maddy O'Neal - Sundays from 2-4PM @ Stiles Buttery
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Samantha Wood - Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30PM @ Blue State on York
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Markus Reneau - Thursdays from 1-3PM @ Bass Café
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Henry Rosas - Thursdays from 6:30-8:30PM @ Book Trader
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Diana López - Fridays from 9-11AM @ JoJo's Coffee
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Fatima Chughtai - Tuesdays from 9PM-11PM @ Donut Crazy
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the First-Generation Low-Income at Yale website

We are happy to announce the launch of the FGLI Yale College website! Go to fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu to access key resources for FGLI students of all ages.

Some of the resources include:

- A **financial guide** with advice on understanding your aid, approaching student jobs, and saving money
- **Services** planned for the future (e.g. Community Dinners during break, Career Closet, etc.)
- **Centralized career & academic-related resources** - including diversity-seeking opportunities made with FGLI students in mind
- Information on **planned programming** (discussion and workshop series) and **student groups** for students seeking to get involved

Visit the Website

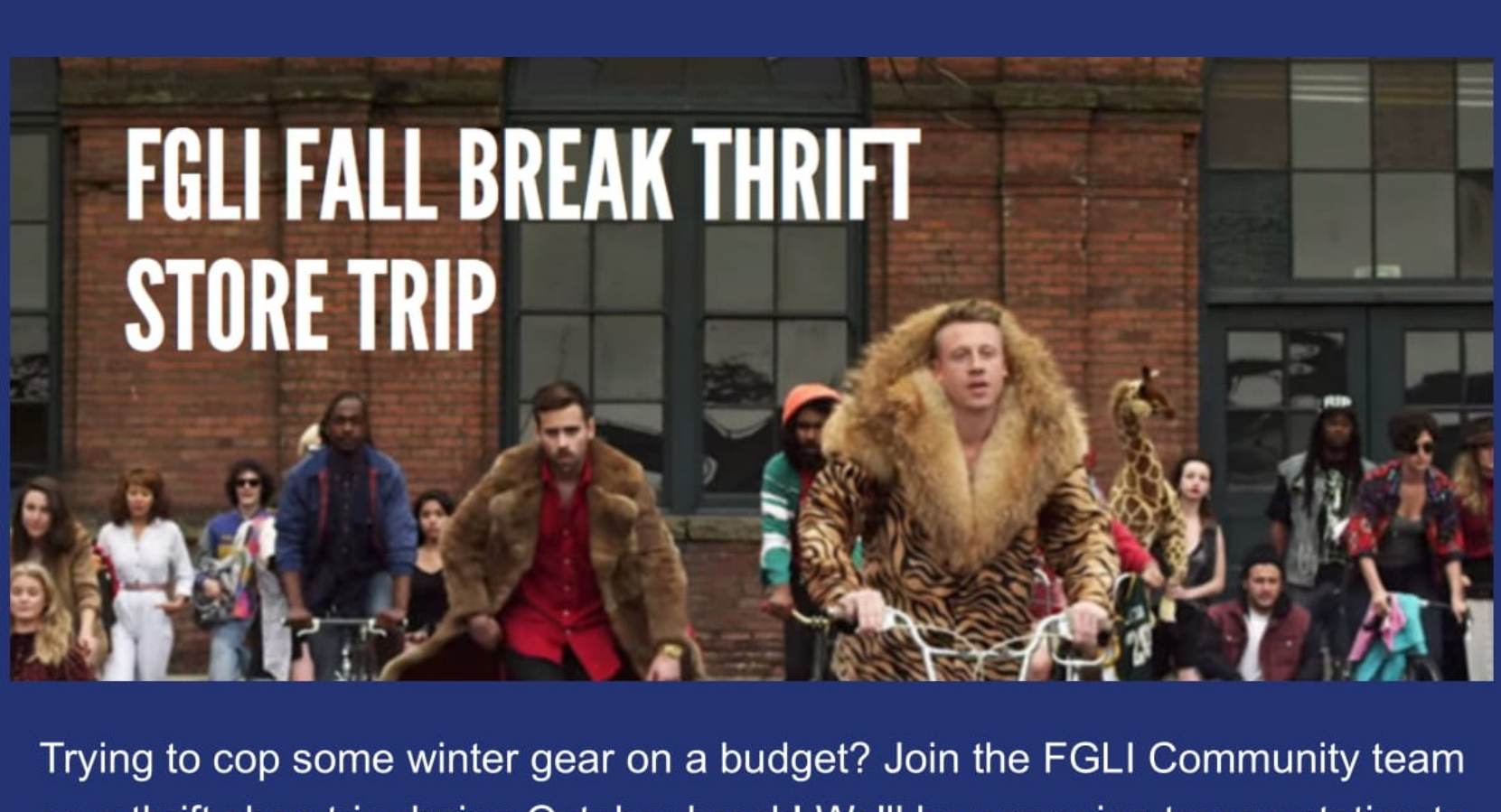
Student Shoutout!

This week we're shouting out one of our FGLI Student Ambassador leaders who has been doing much on the lowkey: Jaster Francis (BC '20)! Jaster is double majoring in Philosophy and Political Science with a concentration in American law and justice, and he is a Gates Millennium Scholar, Captain for the Ron Brown Leadership Network Captain, and has received the "Y-Work Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Employees" from Yale University. On top of being an Ambassador, he is currently the Head of Logistics for the Black Solidarity Conference and has worked as an Operations Assistant for the Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law at Yale Law School.

When asked about his involvement with the FGLI community, Jaster shares, "My passion lies in reducing social inequality both on and off campus. Beginning my college career as a low-income student at Yale University, I had a hard time adjusting to life at Yale. To that end, I work as a FGLI Student Ambassador to the Yale College Dean's Office and I worked over the past 6 months to start-up the Yale College SafetyNet Portal. Additionally, during spring break of my first year, I organized a drive that gathered enough food for over 500 of the homeless citizens in New Haven [I have attached a screenshot of the Overheard at Yale post in this email]. In addition to these activities, I teach free swim lessons to New Haven youth through "Dive In!" at Yale.

Read more about Jaster by visiting the student blog! We see you Jaster, and we are so thankful and lucky to have you as a leader in our FGLI community!

Visit the Student Blog


FGLI FALL BREAK THRIFT STORE TRIP

Trying to cop some winter gear on a budget? Join the FGLI Community team on a thrift shop trip during October break! We'll be arranging transportation to and from Savers (in Orange, CT), and we plan to leave at 2 PM and come back to campus at 5 PM for dinner.

Please fill out this form if you want to go to Savers on October 18th by this Thursday, October 11th so we know how many people to expect to transport!

#PoppinTags

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following events occurring within the next few weeks!

Monday, Oct. 8: Indigenous Peoples' Day Intercultural Dinner (6pm -7:30pm) - Rosenfeld Hall (109 Grove St.) FB link

Monday, Oct 8: Community Time: Challenging the Status Quo (7:30pm - 8:30pm) - Native American Cultural Center (26 High St.)

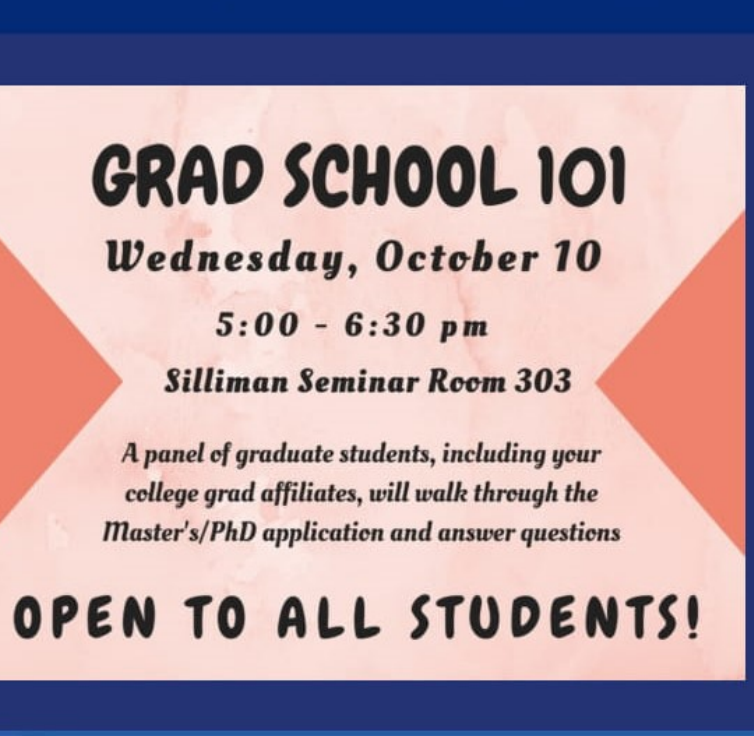
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Grad School 101 (5pm - 6:30pm) - Silliman College, Seminar Room 303

Thursday, Oct. 11: PoC Meditation (7pm) - Afro American Cultural Center (211 Park St.)

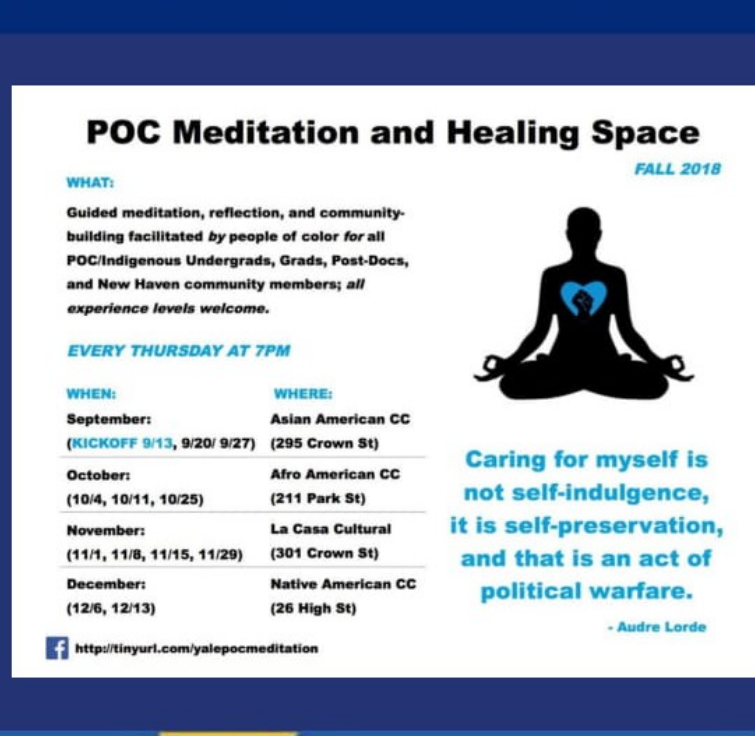
Thursday, Oct. 11: FGLI Workshop: Managing a Heavy Reading Load (6pm - 7pm) - CTL (301 York St), Room M104A (on the second floor)

Friday, Oct. 12: Cena a las Seis ft. Jonathan Salazar (previous FGLI Student Ambassador) (6pm - 7pm) - La Casa Cultural (301 Crown St.) FB link

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY INTERCULTURAL DINNER



GRAD SCHOOL 101
Wednesday, October 10
5:00 - 6:30 pm
Silliman Seminar Room 303
A panel of graduate students, including your college grad affiliates, will walk through the Master's/PhD application and answer questions
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!



POC Meditation and Healing Space
FALL 2018
WHAT:
Guided meditation, reflection, and community-building facilitated by people of color for all POC/Indigenous Undergrads, Grads, Post-Docs, and New Haven community members; all experience levels welcome.
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7PM

WHEN:	WHERE:
September: (KICKOFF 9/13, 9/20/ 9/27)	Asian American CC (295 Crown St)
October: (10/4, 10/11, 10/25)	Afro American CC (211 Park St)
November: (11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29)	La Casa Cultural (301 Crown St)
December: (12/6, 12/13)	Native American CC (26 High St)

Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare.
- Audre Lorde

http://tinyurl.com/yalepocmeditation

Cena
a las seis

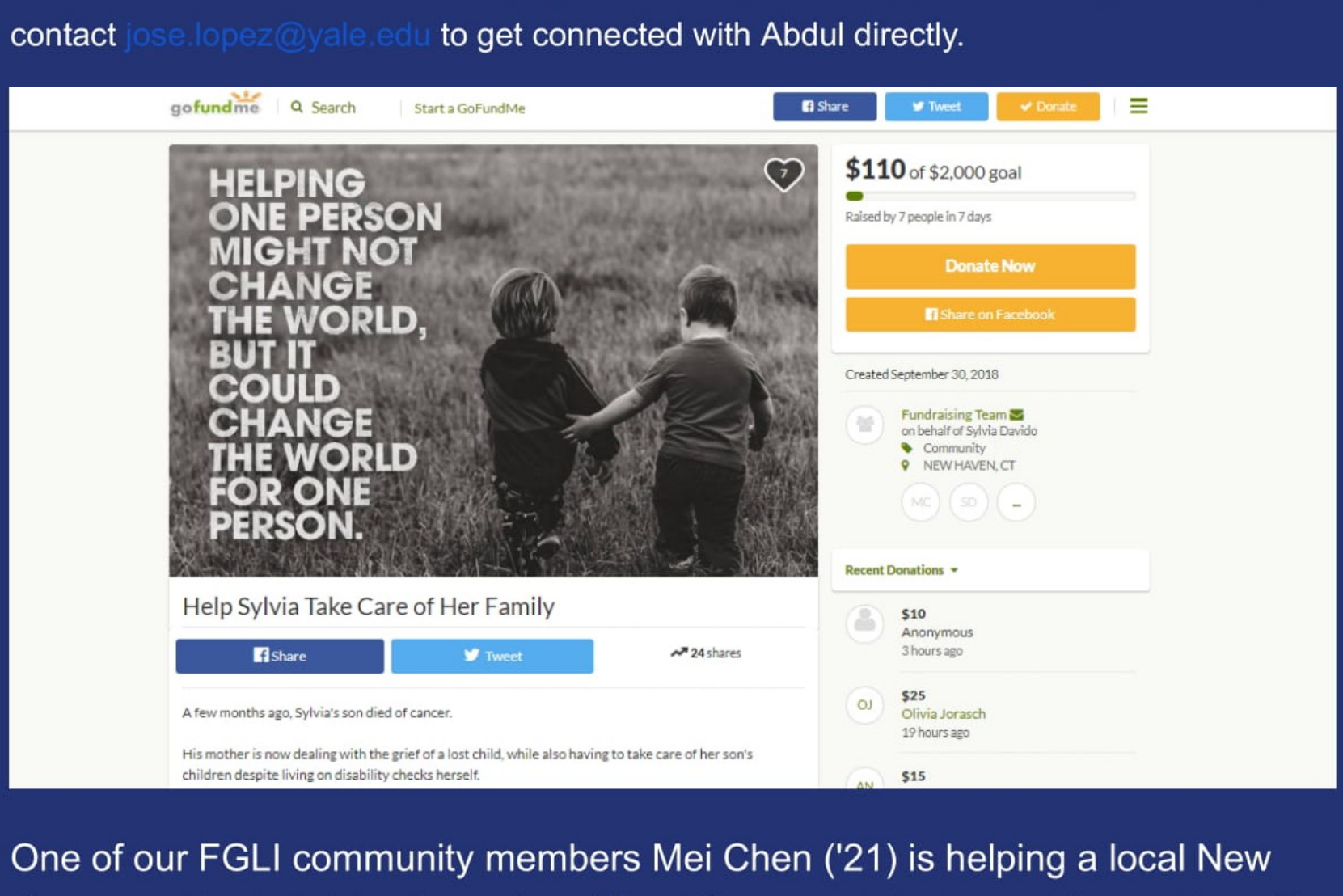
Opportunities

Interested in helping low-income, high-achieving high school students get into the nation's best colleges? Interested in educational justice and college access? If so, **apply to be an Advising Fellow with Matriculate**! Fill out an interest form to receive further details about how to apply. Reach out to e.richards@yale.edu with questions. Learn more about Matriculate here.

One of our own FGLI alums in New Haven is seeking students interested in part-time counselor work! Abdul-Razak Zachariah (TD '17) is the Senior Counselor Recruitment Coordinator at LEAP in New Haven, and they are currently in need of local college and graduate school students part-time as Senior Counselors for our after-school program.

LEAP
Leadership, Education & Athletics in Partnership

LEAP is also hiring lifeguards and swim instructors for their Aquatics program. Interested students should visit their website (https://www.leapforkids.org/counselor-applications) or contact jose.lopez@yale.edu to get connected with Abdul directly.



Help Sylvia Take Care of Her Family

$110 of $2,000 goal
Raised by 7 people in 7 days

Created September 30, 2018

Fundraising Team
on behalf of Sylvia Davido
Community
NEW HAVEN, CT

A few months ago, Sylvia's son died of cancer.

His mother is now dealing with the grief of a lost child, while also having to take care of her son's children despite living on disability checks herself.

$10
Anonymous
3 hours ago

$25
Olivia Jorasch
19 hours ago

$15

One of our FGLI community members Mei Chen ('21) is helping a local New Haven resident, Sylvia, through a difficult time - and she's reaching out to to the rest of us to help. sylvia lost her son to cancer a few months ago, and she is now dealing with the grief of a lost child while also having to take care of her son's children despite living on disability checks herself. The goal is to raise enough money to ensure that Sylvia can take care of her family, and hopefully get her started on creating a new life for her and her grandchildren. Clothes, food, and shelter are essential, but unfortunately, not everyone can count on having them. Please consider donating whatever you can to help Sylvia and her family. Every little bit helps. Donate to the GoFundMe campaign HERE.

TSAI CENTER for INNOVATIVE THINKING at YALE

La Casa, the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, and Tsai CITY have partnered to launch the Critical Innovation Fund: five $1,500 awards for teams with the strongest proposals for innovative approaches to pressing immigration challenges in America.

Teams can apply with any idea — an event, a movement, an educational campaign, a technological innovation, a storytelling project, a work of art — that addresses current immigration challenges. We welcome interdisciplinary teams from across Yale and New Haven; teams must include at least one current Yale student. Preference will be given to teams who have lived experience with the challenge they choose to address, and teams who are focusing on local and New Haven-based issues. Ready to submit your idea? Apply here by 11:59pm on November 15. Read about the details on the fund in this YDN article.

> "Dominator culture has tried to keep us all afraid, to make us choose safety instead of risk, sameness instead of diversity. Moving through that fear, finding out what connect us, reveling in our differences; this is the process that brings us closer, that gives us a world of shared values, of meaningful community."
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> - bell hooks

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