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# The Community Initiative

EMPOWERING FIRST-GENERATION LOW-INCOME STUDENTS AT YALE



## Starting Off the Semester Right

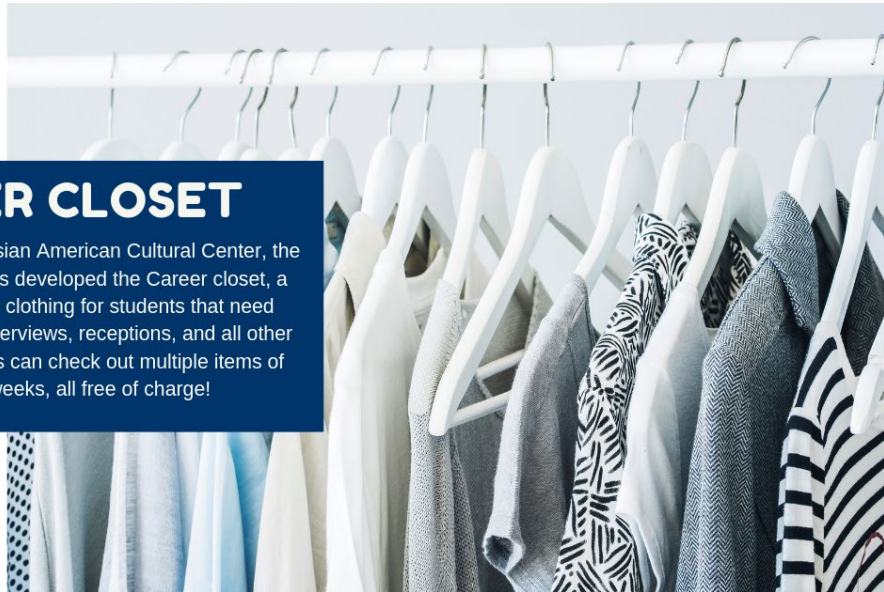
We hope that everyone is beginning to settle in classes, extracurriculars, and everything else going on around campus! In this newsletter, we want to highlight tips and workshops that will help guide you toward a successful semester! Last week, we focused on mental health and this week we'll be focusing on academic strategies available to FGLI students across campus!

Lastly, if you have any questions regarding the Community Initiative and its various resources and initiatives, please reach out to [fgli@yale.edu](mailto:fgli@yale.edu) or to [jorge.anaya@yale.edu](mailto:jorge.anaya@yale.edu). Have a great weekend!



## CAREER CLOSET

In partnership with the Asian American Cultural Center, the Community Initiative has developed the Career closet, a source of professional clothing for students that need professional attire for interviews, receptions, and all other formal events. Students can check out multiple items of clothing for 2 weeks, all free of charge!





**Thank you to the various clothing and item donations from 1stGenYale Alumni, the Career Closet is officially up and running for the Fall semester. Please check out our [Men's inventory](#) and our [Women's inventory](#), and submit a request [here!](#)**

Yale is joining about a dozen other campuses nationwide in solidarity with the No Tech for Ice campaign.

Started by Mijente and SLAP, the No Tech for Ice campaign takes aim at Palantir, a company notorious for providing data platforms that ICE uses to identify targets, raid workplaces, and prevent migrant children from reuniting with families in the US.

The first step is a petition for Yale students to pledge that they will not work for Palantir, letting them know that their recruitment they rely on for employees will suffer so long as they continue to enable human rights abuses.

Sign the pledge [here](#), or email Tommy Tang ([tommymtang@gmail.com](mailto:tommymtang@gmail.com)) or Ricardo Aguilar ([ricardo.aguilar@yale.edu](mailto:ricardo.aguilar@yale.edu)) for more information!



Interested in college access and educational justice? Want to help low-income, high-achieving students get into the nation's best colleges? Matriculate is a non-profit organization that helps low-income high-achieving students get into schools that are financial and academic fits for them. Matriculate uses a peer-to-peer virtual advising model allowing each advising fellow to work with 3-4 high schoolers from across the country. What's more, Matriculate is an incredible community on-campus of advising fellows who are passionate about educational equality.



At the moment, over 50% of low-income students don't apply to a single school that is an academic fit for them. Let's change this!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Rohan Angadi ([rohan.angadi@yale.edu](mailto:rohan.angadi@yale.edu)).

**To apply:**

STEP 1: Complete the Eligibility Form: [matriculate.org/apply](https://matriculate.org/apply)

STEP 2: If eligible, you'll receive a link to a short application in the coming weeks

Early Action Deadline: Sept. 15th

Final Deadline: Oct. 27th

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## Joining FLY at Yale

Interested in working on university policy to better the experiences of first-gen/low income (FGLI) students? Want a way to voice your opinion and have it heard by the administration?

Then join FLY (First-Gen/Low Income at Yale)! We are in our second year and hoping to build a strong community this year to focus on issues like a designated FGLI financial aid officer, funds for unpaid social science internships, and a center for FGLI students to congregate in the future! If you're interested in finding out more about FLY and/or joining, we will be hosting an informal event this Sunday, September 15th at 3 pm in the South Berkeley Common Room!

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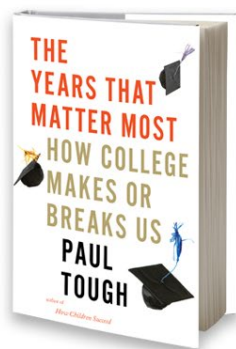
# CAREER SPEAKER SERIES



1stGen Yale will launch their Career Speaker Series (CSS) this Fall, designed to complement student life initiatives by filling a need for career guidance geared specifically for FGLI students. CSS will help undergraduate students explore careers, find internships and land jobs that match their interests and skills. First-Gen alumni will serve as panelists, speakers, and informal coaches to students as they pursue their career interests.

If you are interested in the Career Speaker Series, please fill out this [survey](#) to maximize the greatest benefits to students!

## THE YEARS THAT MATTER MOST HOW COLLEGE MAKES OR BREAKS US



**PAUL TOUGH**

author of *HOW CHILDREN SUCCEED*

**September 19, 12:30 - 1:30**

**Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning**

**Room 120A-B**

**301 York St., New Haven**

Co-sponsored by the Education Studies program, the Yale College Dean's Office, and the Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

To sign up for the public talk and lunch with Paul Tough, please fill out this [Google Form!](#)

## Visit Our Website!

Go to [fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu](http://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu) to access key resources for all FGLI students, including:

- A **financial guide** with advice on understanding your financial aid, approaching student jobs, and



- saving money.
- An **introduction** to our team of student ambassadors and administration.
- A **list** of academic and financial resources you can apply to.



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Sept. 14th:** Latinx Retreat (All-Day) @ La Casa Cultural, 301 Crown St.

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**Sunday, Sept. 15th:** FLY at Yale Information Meeting (3 PM) @ Berkeley South Common Room

**Monday, Sept. 16th:** Succeeding in Seminars and Lectures (7:30-8:30 PM) @ Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17th:** Strategies for Intro Math Courses: Problem Sets and Exams (4:00-5:00 PM) @ Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18th:** Time Mangement (7-30. 8:30 PM) @ Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, 301 York St.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18th:** Bystander Intervention: Breaking the Script of Sexual Violence (4:00-5:30 PM) @ La Casa Cultural, 301 Crown St.

**Friday, Sept. 20th:** New Haven Pride Festival (All-Weekend)

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## **FSY '19 & '18 Input on Banner Student Experience Project**

If you are part of the First-Year Scholars cohorts of 2019 and 2018, please consider becoming a part of the Banner Student Experience. Below is a message from the Yale University Information Technology Services:

**Reimagine the New Student Portal with Us**

*Evenings of September 17, 18, and 25 from 5pm – 7:30pm at 109 Grove Street in Rosenfeld Hall (entrance on Temple Street)*

Want to win Apple AirPods or receive an Amazon gift card? Want to help redesign how graduate students use the Student Information Systems (SIS) at Yale?

The University Registrar Office invites you to join a project advisory committee and provide input on a newly designed hub for student services. By attending three design workshops on the evenings of 9/17, 9/18, 9/25, where dinner will be provided, you will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and entry into a raffle for a chance to win a pair of Apple AirPods. You are also invited to attend a small number of advisory committee meetings throughout the academic year.

Sign up here <http://usability.yale.edu/be-heard> to participate

We know that the beginning of the semester is busy for all of us, and we value your time and input. With your help, we can help make these systems more intuitive and useful for all students. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in this effort.

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## **Opportunities**

**STARS II:** Application is open to juniors and seniors and is due by Wednesday, September 25th at 11:30pm

Want to get a head start to your semester? Check out the resources available through the Poorvu Center's [Academic Strategies Program](#)! This program helps you identify and practice the approaches and techniques that will help you gain ownership and satisfaction in your academic work at Yale. Their resources include:

- **1-1 Mentoring:** De-mystify Yale's hidden curriculum! Meet with a junior or senior peer to discuss how to organize your schedule, study for exams, talk with faculty, and anything else that poses a challenge in Yalies' academic lives. Our online schedule goes live on Sept. 16th; if you'd like to schedule a meeting please email [academicstrategies@yale.edu](mailto:academicstrategies@yale.edu).
- **Workshops:** Last year, over 600 seats were filled in the Academic Strategies Workshops. Join them in their interactive discussions on "Time Management," "Managing a Heavy Reading Load," "Pathways for First Years," and "Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project." Workshops are held multiple times over the course of the semester, and new workshops are added weekly. See the [Academic Strategies Calendar](#) for more information.

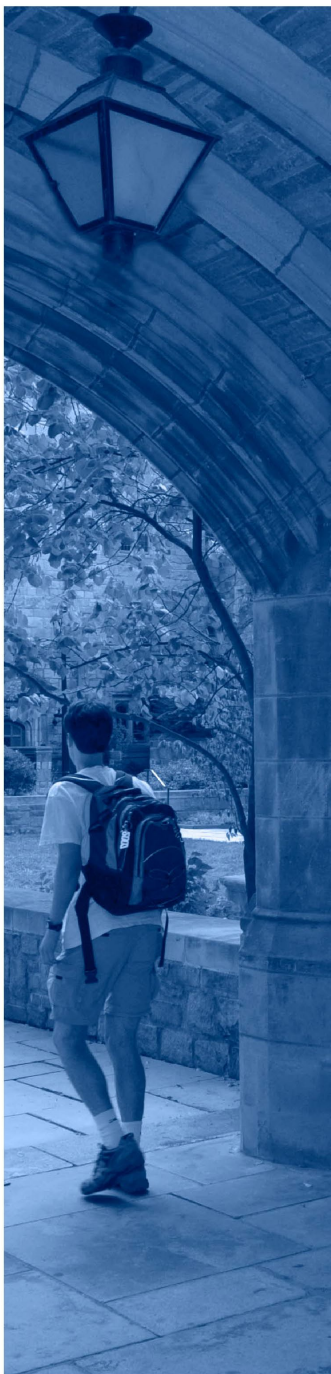
Questions? Contact Dr. Karin Gosselink, ASP Director: [karin.gosselink@yale.edu](mailto:karin.gosselink@yale.edu)

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**Yale OCS Podcast Series: [Take This Job And Love It!](#)**

Job search got you down? Does the process seem too vague? Advisors at Yale's Office of Career Strategy and featured guests tackle an array of career search topics through this low key, relaxed conversational series. If you are just getting started or

you know exactly what you want, this series is for you! First two episodes are available now, and new episodes will be released every other week. Listen and subscribe via [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Stitcher](#), and [Soundcloud](#).



## Employment Opportunity

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Join the STEM Education team at the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning for an undergraduate internship this Fall!

Apply Online: [tinyurl.com/poorvuresearchassistant](https://tinyurl.com/poorvuresearchassistant)

#### Fall 2019

*up to 10 hours per week*  
*\$14.75 per hour*

#### Fall 2019

*301 York Street*  
*New Haven, CT, 06511*

#### Job Description

The Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning is seeking a motivated **undergraduate Research Assistant** to help our vibrant STEM Team during the Fall of 2019. The STEM Education Team leads national faculty development initiatives that promote excellence in undergraduate STEM Education such as the Summer Institutes on Scientific Teaching ([summerinstitutes.org](http://summerinstitutes.org)). The Research Assistant will work closely with the STEM team to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the Summer Institutes data, manage routine website maintenance, and more, with the potential to contribute to ongoing research projects. The Research Assistant will receive training in a range of skills and programs relating to data management, STEM education, and evaluation.

#### Learn more about the responsibilities:

[tinyurl.com/poorvuresearchassistant](https://tinyurl.com/poorvuresearchassistant)

For more info, please contact Project Manager of STEM Evaluation and Technology, Jon Waterhouse: [jonathan.waterhouse@yale.edu](mailto:jonathan.waterhouse@yale.edu)

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## 1stGenYale Alumni Connections

Yale Students and Young Alumni - On your way to an internship? Moving to a new city? Connect with Yale alumni who share being first-generation and from underserved backgrounds and want to be a resource for current FGLI students. To arrange a caring, genuine connection for your Yale experience, internship, career, and beyond please contact a 1stGenYaLeader below or our Coordinator Barb Protacio directly at [protacio@aya.yale.edu](mailto:protacio@aya.yale.edu). Join us in building our future together.

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## Tip of the Week

**Making your academic life easier:** We know how stressful that classes can be (and how costly they can be!) One of the most underutilized resources is the Yale University Library system! It is the second-largest academic library system in North America and has over 15 MILLION volumes. Here are some tips to successfully navigate that:



- **Borrow Direct:** For humanities majors with classes that assign five or more books, Borrow Direct is an easy resource to avoid spending hundreds of dollars on readings. Borrow Direct lets you check out books from any school in the Ivy League for the semester. Books typically arrive within a few days, which comes in handy if you're on a time crunch. Read more [here](#).
- **Personal Librarian:** Everyone gets assigned a personal librarian when they come to Yale. If you need helping finding resources for a research project or thesis, you can ask these folks questions and set up meetings with them to find the answers. Find out who your PL is [here](#)!
- **Renting Out Equipment:** If you need to take video/pictures for class (or just want to have a photoshoot with friends!), Bass has equipment that you can rent out for free. You can see what they have available [here](#)!

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## Inspirational Quote

The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities.

- Benjamin E. Mays



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