

First-Generation Low-Income at Yale



Welcome!

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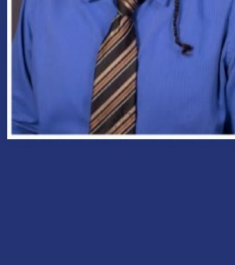
Hello friends new and old, and welcome to the **first FGLI Community Newsletter!** As part of the FGLI Community Initiative, weekly newsletters (with the exception of next week) will be delivered containing the latest on the happenings within the community.

This academic year we are thankful to receive increased investment to support first-generation and/or low-income (FGLI) students, resulting in the first structured collaborative between the Yale College Dean's Office (YCDO) and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to organize this support. This joint effort will work to provide weekly programming, service management, student self-expression, and student empowerment that together constitute the **First-Generation Low-Income Community Initiative**.

Below we briefly introduce a number of resources we are making available along with the launch of our newsletter. A second message will be released shortly before our first scheduled event in September. In the meantime, we invite you to explore to get a sense of what we have planned for the semester. **Get excited!**

Greetings from José Yobani

Hi everyone! My name is José Yobani López, and I am the Woodbridge Fellow (under the YCDO & the CTL) leading the First-Generation Low-Income Community Initiative this year.



I cannot emphasize how excited I am to start nothing short of the most humbling work with all of you. This summer has been busy, but it has been one filled with vivid imagining, critical reflection, and fruitful conversations. As a first-generation low-income recent alum proudly representing Downtown Los Angeles, I feel extremely lucky to be in the position to be guided by my deepest inspiration from the FGLI community during my four years, and work towards the community and space that we have been seeking for so long.

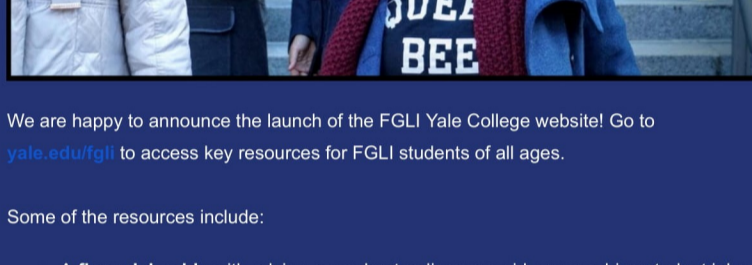
If you're interested in hearing more about what I am envisioning throughout this initiative, check out the [Our Vision](#) blurb in the FGLI website. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing y'all's beautiful faces soon enough!
Con mucho amor,

José Yobani

RSVP to our FGLI Kickoff Dinner!

We're kicking off our programming for this academic year on **Monday, September 10** with a home-y dinner followed by an introduction from the FGLI Community team to what the rest of the semester will look like. Please RSVP to our form by [Friday September 7th at 5 PM](#) to make sure we have enough food.

the First-Generation Low-Income at Yale website



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

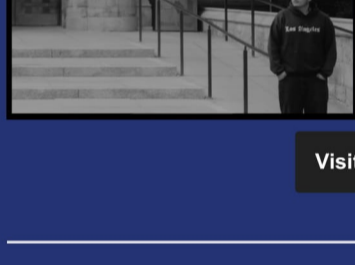
Some of the resources include:

- 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 opportunities made with FGLI students in mind
- Information on **planned programming** (discussion and workshop series) and **student groups** for students seeking to get involved

Given this is a new resource, we are asking students to please send any recommendations for improvement!

Note: the website url is currently "firstgenerationcollege.yale.edu," but we are putting a request to change it to "fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu" - thank you for your patience!

[Visit the Website](#)



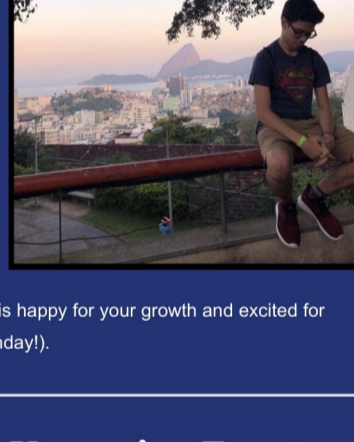
FGLI Student Blog

How can FGLI student visibility increase without centering the voices of FGLI students themselves? The First-Generation Low-Income at Yale student blog is an effort to address this issue by spotlighting the voices of students. Whether it is to share a creative project, reflect on what it means to be FGLI, or simply share an interesting article online, we encourage all FGLI students to contribute to this community platform.

[Visit the Blog](#)

Student Shout-Outs

Each newsletter will feature a new FGLI student and a recent accomplishment they would like to share with the community. To kick things off, we're giving a shout out Christian from Waterbury, CT who returns to the East after a summer in Brazil as part of the Janeiro Elementary Portuguese program. Read more on his reflections as he reflects on the past year and prepares for his sophomore year.



We see you, Christian! The FGLI Community is happy for your growth and excited for what you will continue to learn (and Happy Birthday!).



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following events occurring within the first few weeks of school!

- Friday, Aug. 31:** Intercultural First-Year Mixer (6pm-7pm)
- Friday, Aug. 31:** Meet Your PLs (7:30pm-9pm)
- Saturday, Sept. 1:** La Casa PLs' Annual Mall Trip (details to come)

Monday, Sept. 10: [First FGLI Discussion](#): (Re)Defining FGLI and Establishing Community (6pm-10pm)

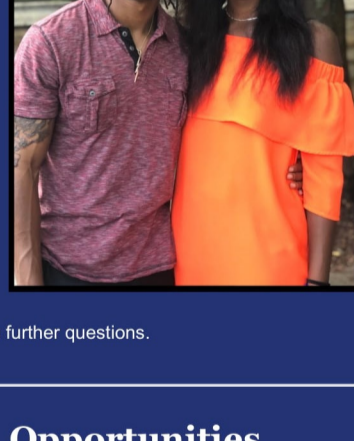
Thursday, Sept. 13: [First FGLI Workshop](#): Pathways for First-Years

Help Us Build the Career Closet!

One of the services we will be providing as part of our initiative is a Career Closet that students can use to borrow formal clothes. But first, **we need your help!**

[Fill out our survey](#) to share what clothes you'd be interested in borrowing.

If you already know have clothes you'd like to contribute, [fill out the Career Closet form](#) to start coordinating your donation.



Email jose.lopez@yale.edu or sheraz.iqbal with further questions.



Opportunities

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is currently looking for a Communications and Events Manager Assistant to assist the science education team with communications as well as managing and publicizing events. Learn more about the responsibilities and compensation at <https://tinyurl.com/CTLSTEMCommunications> or contacting jeremy.bradford@yale.edu.

Trying to get involved in the FGLI Community Initiative? **Apply to be an FGLI Student Assistant!** Help the Woodbridge Fellow with organizing and running their weekly programming and share your vision about how community can be realized. Find more info with Job Reference #18308. Contact silvia.decastro@yale.edu with questions or interest in the position.

"Dominant 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 the meaningful community."
- bell hooks



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