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The successful first-gen low income students who came before me
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Being a Minority in STEM

(and Final Reminder to Apply to be an Ambassador!)

Welcome back FGLI friends! We hope the last couple of weeks granted you all well-deserved rest in the company of friends and family, whether it was back home or here on campus. Our team is grateful to have had some time to breathe - but these past couple of weeks also offered us a lot of time to think about our work moving forward.

If you received our last message, you are probably well aware of a nation-wide conversation about the role that wealth plays in the makeup of our student population. And while the details to these specific cases will continue to unfold, the Community Initiative team wants to take this as an opportunity to continue our year-long conversations about how class background shapes our experiences and feelings of belonging in more subtle, less obviously-absurd - but still valid - ways.

We want reiterate our belief that you all have so much to teach this institution because of who you are and where you come from, and we feel grateful to be given the opportunity to work with you and support you through this endeavor. We encourage y'all to be there for each other as these conversations continue (check out one that Vice News covered below - *shout out to Arturo, Nia, and Liliana!*), and remember we are always within reach as well.

Lastly, we want to remind STEM folx of our Being a Minority in STEM event happening tomorrow afternoon, as well as send a final reminder to apply to be an FGLI Ambassador for next academic year! (*Applications close* ***tonight at 11:59p.!***) We look forward to catching up with y'all!

VICE News Tonight | HBO

"Class, Yale, and The College Admission Scandal" by Vice News

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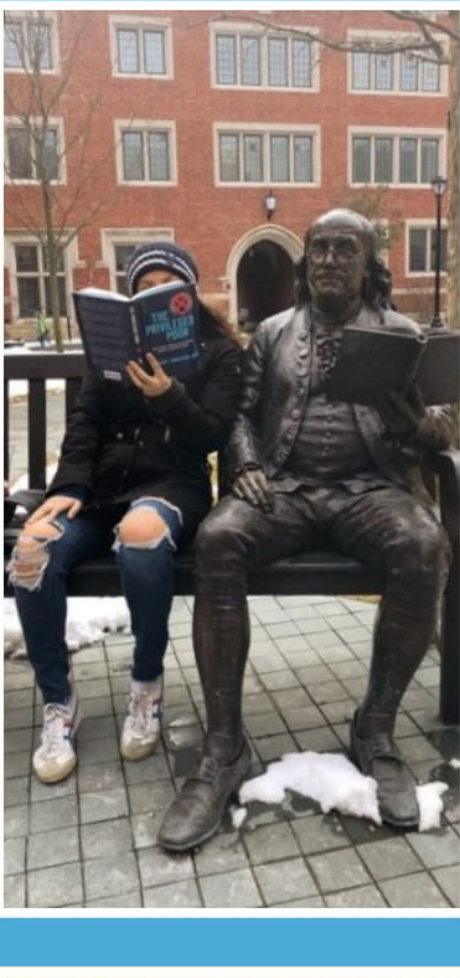

FGLI Students: You can still grab your free copy of Anthony Jack's *The Privileged Poor*!

Simply email jose.lopez@yale.edu telling us what being FGLI means to you and we will coordinate your pickup.
This is a read you don't want to miss!

THE PRIVILEGED POOR
How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students
ANTHONY ABRAHAM JACK
1st gen Yale

The Career Closet

Have an interview for an internship or job coming up? Trying to impress potential employers at a networking event?

We are happy to announce the inaugural launch of the Yale University Career Closet! In partnership with the Yale College Dean's Office, the Asian American Cultural Center at Yale (AACC) has developed the Career Closet as a source of professional clothing for students that need attire for interviews, receptions, and all other formal events. Preview our available inventory (which includes shirts, blouses, pants, suits, dresses, shoes, ties, and more) by following one of the following links.

Women's clothing: link.

Men's clothing: link.

Note: *Clothing is organized based on their traditional categories for a simpler searching process; interested students are free to borrow from any and all of our available options.*

For those interested in borrowing clothing from the Career Closet, please fill out the following Career Closet Request Form to set an appointment with José Yobani.

A special thank you to our alumni donors, notably Lise Chapman and 1stGenYale for donating much of our inventory. We will be updating the inventory as we keep track of more recent items.

Email jose.lopez@yale.edu or sheraz.iqbal@yale.edu for more information.

Career Closet Request Form

The Community Initiative website

We are happy to announce the launch of the Community Initaitive website this academic year! 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. Winter Gear Grants, 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

And now, featuring our newest addition...

Alumni Profiles

Our FGLI community extends beyond the four years we are on campus, and as a way of giving back to current (and former) students, registered alumni have provided profiles and made them available to students. Check out these registered alumni's profiles by accessing the **Alumni Profiles** document, where we have collected them for your convenience.

Read their stories, their academic and professional trajectories, and what they're currently doing. Moving to a new city? In the middle of a career change? **Browse through the profiles of alumni of all ages and fields, and shoot them an email introducing yourself!**

Access Alumni Profiles here!

Interested in adding your information to the document? **Fill out our FGLI Alumni Registration Form here!**

Safety Net
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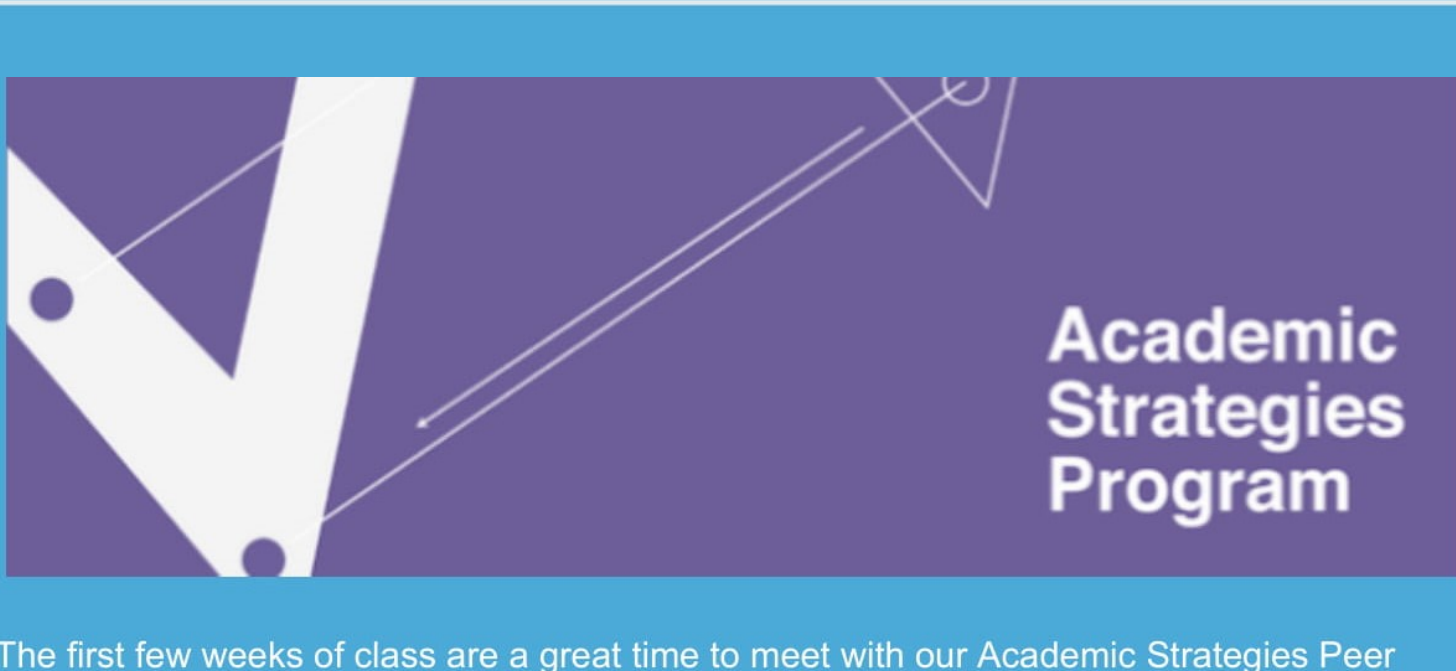
Safety Net is a new tool for you all to request funds to meet unexpected financial need. Students in an emergency and who require immediate funding (within 24 hours) can also find guidance on how to seek help. Funds granted through SafetyNet could cover unexpected expenses like emergency medical procedures, travel for family emergencies, unanticipated academic expenses, etc.



The first few weeks of class are a great time to meet with our Academic Strategies Peer Mentors. During your 1-1 session, you can:

- Create a weekly schedule to help manage your time and get things done
- Set academic and professional goals and identify ways to meet them
- Identify challenges and develop strategies to enhance your approach to your academic work

Sign up for an appointment via our online scheduler.

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This week's upcoming workshops:

Fresh Start: Midterm Edition

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

Want to refresh your approaches to your academic work? Our mentors will lead you through a series of activities to help you identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the new challenges presented by your current semester's courses.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

We all procrastinate. When your procrastination habits get in the way of your goals, however, it's time for a change. This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

Time Management

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 PM, Poorvu Center M104A

Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

Planning and Research Strategies for Undergraduate Term Papers

Friday, March 29, 1:00 PM, Poorvu Center 120A

Have an assignment that requires research? Want to extend your research skills beyond Google Scholar and JSTOR? This workshop offers guidance on approaching research topics, developing a work timeline, and using Yale libraries and other resources to create strong research-based projects.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, Mar. 25th: FGLI Study Hall (6:00p. - 10:00p.)
Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning (301 York St., Room 121)

Tuesday, Mar. 26th: Being a Minority in STEM (4:00p. - 5:00p.)
Good Life Center Lounge (in the 4th Floor of Byers Hall in Silliman College) Link

BEING A MINORITY IN STEM
Good Life Center Lounge | March 26 4pm

Opportunities

2019-2020 FGLI Ambassadors

Want to be involved in the work of supporting the FGLI community here at Yale? **Apply to be an FGLI Ambassador for the 2019-2020 Academic Year!** You will be a part of the team under the Yale College Dean's Office that is behind the Community Initiative, which has the goal of providing academic, social, and emotional support to FGLI students at Yale through collaboration with other student groups and its own projects. FGLI Ambassadors work closely with the Woodbridge Fellow under the YCDO and the Poorvu Center to realize programming that is responsive to current concerns of FGLI students. A personal relationship with the first-generation and/or low-income experience and identity is required.

Applications will be accepted until Monday, March 25th at 11:59 PM. Applicants need to look up position with Job ID #18308. Click here to read the full Job Description, and click here to learn more about the current Ambassadors.

Apply Here!

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1stGenYale

1stGenYale, an alumni-led Shared Interest Group (SIG) of the Yale Alumni Association, is proud to be a partner with the Community Initiative, and we invite graduating seniors to join us to make a difference for the next generation of students. We look forward to seeing you at our programs, which connect students and alumni who share first-generation, low-income, and otherwise under-served backgrounds.

Begin making your connections by checking out the 1stGenYale representatives for different regions across the country here!

Stay updated by liking their Facebook page, learn more by visiting their website, and email questions to 1stgenyale@gmail.com.

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MacMillan Center Language Study Fellowship

The MacMillan Center Summer Language Fellowships will provide payment of program tuition and fees up to $5,000 and a living stipend up to $2,500; the MacMillan Center Academic Year Language Fellowships will provide payment of non-Yale University/program tuition and fees up to $18,000 and a living stipend up to $15,000.

Both fellowships are available to any undergraduate, graduate, and professional school student whose academic program requires the study of a foreign language or whose research plans require the study of a foreign language. In the application, students are expected to demonstrate a bona fide academic need to study the language they have proposed and show a clear relationship to the applicant's overall course of study. Priority will be given to students applying for intermediate and advanced level language study.

The deadline for MacMillan Center Summer Fellowships for Language Study is Friday, March 29, 2019; for MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study, it is Wednesday, May 1, 2019. For details and instructions on how to apply, visit either Summer Fellowships or Academic Year Fellowships.

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Are you a first-generation college student? Are you from a low-income or working-class background? Would you like to volunteer to participate in a study about your experiences of class on campus? In order gain insight into the experiences of low-income, first-generation, and working-class (LIFGWC) students, Dr. Debbie Warnock and student research assistants at Bennington College have developed **a survey that asks about institutional supports on campus, as well as sources of informal support, such as relationships with faculty, staff, and fellow students from similar class backgrounds.** Participants will be contributing to our knowledge of the first-gen/low-income/working-class student experience on campus and can opt into a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card. To participate, simply click the button below to be redirected to the survey.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to debbiewarnock@bennington.edu with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your time and help!

Click Here to Participate in the Survey

> "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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