Welcome to the start of the admissions season! Do you remember your first days at Yale? The frenzy of move-in or the nervous excitement of meeting your classmates and shopping for classes? Well, the campus is radiating energy as the newest members of the Yale family, the Class of 2019, have settled into their courses and embraced the vibrant life at Yale. I invite you to read more about the Class of 2019, as this group represents an amazingly broad array of backgrounds and talents.

You, our dedicated ambassadors, have every reason to be proud of your involvement in shaping this class.

Over the summer months, we refreshed ASC Orientation to improve access and navigability. As you look towards the new interview cycle, I encourage you to review this interactive resource and the many others available in the ASC portal. We share a wealth of information, including helpful tips about the details we seek to learn from your conversations with applicants. Additionally, we ask that all volunteers devote a few moments to review the Ivy+ Best Practices for interviewing.

Looking ahead, we intend to expand the reach of the ASC Program this year. Our approach to expansion is two-pronged. First, we want to fully mobilize our active ASC members, making sure that those who express an interest in ambassadorial service are able meet with Yale applicants and engage in this critical work. Please update your interview preferences and confirm your commitment to your ASC Director within the next month. Expressing your availability and enthusiasm will allow our directors to best engage you in this exciting process. Along the same lines, directors will also work throughout the year to ensure that interviews are allocated across the entire membership.

As the second part of our program for expanded access, we will pilot an enhanced virtual program to broaden ASC reach into rural areas where students may not otherwise have the opportunity to interact with Yale alumni. There are hundreds of exceptional applicants across the globe who, simply because they live in rural regions, never have the chance to meet with Yale alumni. This year, ASC members will be able to opt into an engaging squad of virtual interviewers, ready to connect with these students and in many cases, provide the first introduction to the values and character that make Yale so special. Stay tuned for more information about how you can participate in this exciting new opportunity.

With applications for the Yale Class of 2020 around the corner, Yale admissions officers are on the move to find the best and the brightest students from around the world to join our exceptional community. But we cannot do this alone! Your enthusiasm and efforts are powerful forces in shaping future Yale generations, so we wholeheartedly thank you for your dedication to ambassadorship. Cheers to another fantastic admissions cycle ahead!

### Yale Class of 2019: By The Numbers

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<td>1,364 students represent 49 states &amp; 60 foreign countries</td>
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<td>14.4% of the class will be the first member of their families to graduate with a four-year degree</td>
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<td>Citizenship</td>
<td>41% of the class are US citizens or permanent residents who identify as a member of a minority ethnic group</td>
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<td>10.5% of the class are sons and daughters of Yale alumni</td>
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<td>14.4% of the class and include students from 13 African nations</td>
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<td>a record 88 students were named QuestBridge College Match* Finalists</td>
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*all but Wyoming

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*over 80 majors currently offered by Yale College

* a program that serves high-achieving low-income students

Click here to view the full Yale Class of 2019 Profile
Introducing the New Staff

Our office is thrilled to introduce the four newest members of the Undergraduate Admissions team, all of whom are recent alumni of Yale College. Please read below to learn more about their backgrounds and the valuable experiences that they bring with them to the office.

Chris Bakes

Chris Bakes MC ’14 joins the Admissions Office as the regional officer for Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Canada (except Alberta and British Columbia). A Connecticut native, he spent the last year working as an Admissions Officer for Columbia Undergraduate Admissions, where he worked on science recruitment, coordinated the faculty review process for art supplements, and managed applications from Midwestern applicants. While at Yale, Chris majored in French and served as Head Tour Guide for the Admissions Office and Director of the Fifth Humour Sketch Comedy Group.

Dinée Dorame

Dinée Dorame ES ’15 is the regional officer for Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico (her home state), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wyoming. She received her B.A. in Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies. She was a Freshman Counselor and Master’s Aide in Ezra Stiles and has worked as a Recruitment Coordinator for the Admissions Office since 2012. Dinée was an active member of the Yale Native American Cultural Center and served as the President of the Association of Native Americans at Yale. As an undergraduate, she also worked as a Policy Assistant for the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education.

Sherlyn Galarza

Sherlyn Galarza OC ’15 is the regional officer for Nevada and parts of Southern California (Orange County, Riverside, and San Diego). Originally from Texas, Sherlyn majored in Political Science and became involved with several groups on campus that allowed her to explore religious life at Yale, community service in the education and health fields, and social enterprise. Sherlyn spent a summer working with EMERGE Fellowship, a Houston-based non-profit that aims to prepare low income first generation students for the admissions process. Sherlyn herself is a first generation college graduate.

Kebra Sedam

Kebra Sedam SM ’13 is the regional officer in charge of Alabama, Arkansas, parts of central and coastal California, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and Ohio (only Cincinnati). After graduating with a B.A. in American Studies with a concentration in Politics and American Communities, she returned home to Los Angeles and spent her first year working for the City of Santa Clarita in the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department. Kebra spent the past year working as a Brand Activation Manager for Anheuser-Busch.

Admissions on the Road

Travel season has arrived, and our admissions officers will hit the road in the coming weeks to engage in outreach activities. We plan to offer many information sessions, individually as well as with some of our peer institutions as part of group travel. Whether you’re a new ASC member or a seasoned interviewer, we encourage you to attend a regional information session for a refresher on Yale College, as well as the opportunity to meet your regional admissions representative. Click the image to the right for details on our upcoming events. We hope to see you out on the road!

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The ASC is a network of alumni volunteers who share a passion for Yale and conduct interviews on behalf of Undergraduate Admissions with the goals of:

1) Providing crucial information about applicants to Yale so that the admissions committee can make better decisions as it shapes the freshman class, and

2) Establishing a Yale presence to educate the local applicants and community about Yale’s unique opportunities, values, and character.