

Your guide to our 2019 Peer Advising team!

Syracuse Architecture Peer Advisors

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***A Reference
for
You!***

*Get to know who's who
before you move in...*

*And just in case
you forget later*





Hi everyone!

Our names are Zarah and Taylor, and we are the Peer Coordinators for 2019/2020. We are super excited to welcome you to Syracuse this fall! As an architecture student at 'Cuse, you will be assigned a Peer Advisor. This is an upperclassman who has volunteered to help you and the rest of your peers transition not only into college, but into architecture school. Your Peer Advisor will guide you through the first couple of days of orientation, as well as be there to answer any questions and offer support throughout your time at Syracuse. When you arrive, one of the first things you'll notice is our extremely supportive community. We are all here to help each other through the late nights! By the end of your first year, you'll be amazed at how much you've grown. You'll make lifelong friends, learn to manage your time effectively, hone your skills on drawing and conceptualization, and most importantly, you'll finally be able to make those little models that you see on Pinterest.

Congratulations, and we'll see you all very soon!



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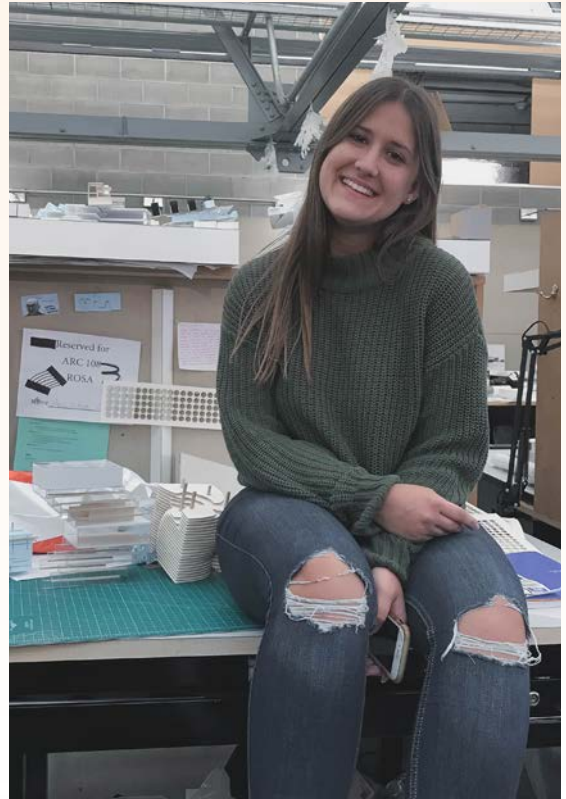
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Meet your 2019 SoA Peer Advisors!

**Alexis Diaz | Second Year**

Hello! My name is Alexis Diaz and I am a second year architecture student at Syracuse! (It's wild to think about because it feels like just yesterday I was reading the 2023 peer advisor bios!) I am from Hinsdale, a suburb of Chicago about 20 minutes outside the city. I am a fan of almost all Chicago sports teams, especially the Blackhawks and Cubs (Fly the WI). I love to paint, draw, and sing. I am the current Head of Philanthropy for Alpha Rho Chi, which is the Architecture and Design Professional fraternity. It is a great way to interact with upperclassmen in and out of architecture and get involved (shameless plug...sorry not sorry). I chose Syracuse not only because of our high ranking with the right balance of design, theory, and technical education, but because of the amazing studio culture and community here. The best advice I can give you is, first, to ALWAYS keep snacks in studio... you will be the most popular person in your section and some really cool friendships may result along the way. Second, have fun and don't stress too much about joining clubs and getting involved immediately, take your time to feel things out. It will happen organically! Congrats on getting in and welcome to Syracuse Architecture!



Andrea De Haro | Second Year

Hey, Hola!!! I'm Andrea De Haro. I was born in Caracas, Venezuela but currently live in Miami, Florida where I was raised. I am a part of the class of 2023 and I am involved in AIAS and I'm an architecture ambassador. I chose Syracuse Architecture because of its studio culture. Besides staying up late, having to take naps on my desk, and never spending a single minute in my dorm, I would never trade this opportunity for anything. My peers have helped me grow as a person and have provided me an immense amount of happiness, support, and motivation to continue doing what I love. I would never have thought that I would make some of my strongest friendships here in studio. These past months have been tough, however the support from my professors and my peers have made it a gratifying and exclusive experience. I am sure all of you will feel the same after your first semester here. I can't wait to meet all of you and assist you during your time here!!



Astra Sun | Third Year

Hello there, and welcome to the Syracuse Architecture family! I'm Astra, a 3rd year, from Houston, Texas, although I will have probably moved to Raleigh, North Carolina by this summer. It is my second year as a peer advisor and I'm excited to introduce you to our wonderful school, architecture program, and other activities the city offers. Join me for a hot cup of tea and board games downtown! Or come show your school spirit at a football game, where I play clarinet in the marching band. I enjoy cooking, anything food related really, and playing some video games in my downtime. It is my job to make your transition into architecture school and college easier and less stressful, so feel free to hit me up with any questions or ideas to make your first year experience a great one!



“Aurora” Ziyi Zhou | Third Year

Hi there, welcome to the Syracuse Architecture family! I am Ziyi Zhou, a 3rd-year student, and I am from Shenzhen, China. I am so excited to meet and become friends with you! Syracuse University has one of the best architecture programs in the world, and I can't wait to show you around the fantastic school. You will meet great friends and amazing professors here, as well as the snowfall! I have learned a lot in the past two years, and I really love the big family! I hope you will, too. The transition from high school to college is not always smooth, especially for architecture students. If you need any kind of help, whether academically or non-academically, or you just want to grab a coffee, please don't hesitate to find to me!

**Brendan Carroll** | Second Year

Hi, my name is Brendan Carroll, I am a second year from Westchester, New York. I chose Syracuse because of everything but the weather. The first time I walked into Slocum I could feel that Syracuse School of Architecture had something different from all the other programs I had visited. It's the balance between being the extremely challenging school that it is while still having a community feel within the major where students don't feel like they are competing against each other. Although the transition into architecture school was difficult for everyone, I have been able to find time for things outside of architecture, like playing in multiple intramural sports (and getting destroyed. Trust me don't join the A leagues freshman year) and going to nearly all basketball and football home games. I had a great first year as I know all of you will have, too. Congratulations on getting through the hard part of the college process (applications) and finally being able to begin the exciting next step that I'm excited to watch and be a part of!



Chloe DeMarco | Second Year

What's up everyone? My name is Chloe and congratulations on your acceptance into the School of Architecture here at Syracuse University! I am from New Jersey and I am a part of the graduating class of 2023. The architecture program here is phenomenal and you should all be proud of yourselves for achieving this amazing accomplishment! Although the program is immensely time consuming and does require a lot of effort, there is room to participate in other areas of interest as well, it's all just about time management! Along with being an architecture ambassador and peer advisor, I participate in Greek life here on campus and I am also a member in SUA, Syracuse University Ambulance, which is a campus-based EMS squadron that responds to on-campus emergency medical calls. Therefore I promise you there is room to explore any other areas of interest you may have. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or just to say hey. I cannot wait to meet all of you and once again, congratulations on your acceptance!



Jenna Merry | Second Year

Hi! My name is Jenna Merry, and I am a student in the class of 2023 from Overland Park, KS. I chose Syracuse because one, it was the farthest I could get from home as I wanted to spread my wings and discover new things, and two because of the absolutely incredible architecture program. I currently am a member of Alpha Rho Chi (the architecture and design professional fraternity on campus), ASO (the Architecture Student Organization), and the social media director of AIAS (the American Institute of Architecture Students). Outside of being in the architecture building or studying, I love hanging with friends, traveling, eating lots of Chipotle, sleeping, keeping warm, Facetiming my family to see my dog, snacking, and thrift shopping. My first year was SO FUN but it was far from easy, so I can't wait to help all of you new advisees in this upcoming year. I'm so excited to be part of this huge new journey with you! Can't wait until we meet!



Justin DiFabritis | Second Year

Hey guys! My name is Justin DiFabritis, I am a second year student in the School of Architecture, and I am from northern NJ (about 20 minutes outside NYC). I chose Syracuse because of the welcoming community it offered. I truly felt like Syracuse SOA was a family where everyone knew and supported each other, but also offered the competition I needed to reach my highest potential. Before attending Syracuse, I had not taken a single architectural class in my life, so the adjustment was definitely daunting. However, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences so far. I feel like going in with an open mind helped me, and I was able to accomplish things I never thought possible, and so will you! In addition to being an architecture ambassador, I am also part of the Architecture Student Organization and the Renée Crown Honors Program. I love to do photography, watch movies, or find a new restaurant downtown (let me know if you want any recommendations!) when I am not in the studio. Congratulations and welcome to Syracuse, I can't wait to meet you and assist you on your journey!

**Katie Sincebaugh | Second Year**

Hi! My name is Katie Sincebaugh and I am a second year student in the class of 2023 from Auburn, New York, which is very close to Syracuse. The main reason I chose Syracuse was the amazing school spirit the school has and the energy it creates is so fun and inviting, something my high school severely lacked. It's also convenient to be close to home and around my roots and the places I'm familiar with. And of course, the amazing architecture program here is an added bonus. I am part of a few clubs on campus including the Architecture Student Organization (ASO) and Asian Students in America (ASIA), which are fun ways to break into different groups and meet some great people! When I'm not in studio, I love hanging out with friends, ordering food, online shopping (I'm really good at finding sales), and supporting SU football, basketball, etc.! Although this major is very time consuming, there is still lots of time you can set aside for yourself to get involved and do what you want to do. Time management is key! I am so excited to help you all through this journey and I can't wait to meet you!



Khushee Chauhan | Second Year

Hi, I'm Khushee and I'm a second year. I'm an international student from India. I left my friends and family to come pursue architecture at Syracuse and it is probably the best decision of my life. I've found a new family here of many kinds of people, all of whom accept me for me and make sure that I'm never alone. When you join the School of Architecture, the transition will be a big change, but us peer advisors will help you get through it as smoothly as possible. I recommend thinking of your new life as a big level up from the life that you are used to. Keep your wits and humor because being an independent, responsible university student does have to make you serious. I seriously make too many jokes (and unnecessary puns and references from too many books) for my own good so be ready to facepalm at them when you get here. I look forward to seeing you! Best of luck for your school year (trust me, you'll need it)!

**Kiley Russell** | Second Year

Yeehaw, class of 2024. Congrats on getting accepted, it is no easy task, and I hope you all decide to yeet yourselves into our amazing School of Architecture. My name is Kiley Russell and I'm from Harvard Massachusetts (not at all related to Harvard University). I am a second year who enjoys "dad" music, Reddit memes, club penguin (yeah it's back), and chicken tender Thursday (at your local dining hall). Architecture is a time-consuming major, as you all probably know at this point, but it's not anything a close set of friends and a bunch of memes can't solve. Oh, and the work is very rewarding too. I look forward to being one of your ~peer advisors~ this coming year, it's gonna be groovy baby.



Kimberly Esquilín | Second Year

Hello! I'm Kimberly Giselle Esquilín. I'm originally from Puerto Rico, but I grew up in Long Island, New York (on the border of Queens). I knew I wanted to pursue an education in architecture after attending an architecture summer program. I looked at a lot of schools, but Syracuse stood out to me because it wasn't just "an art school." It was part of a bigger university with lots of opportunities both inside and outside of architecture. For example, I'm involved with Cru, Puerto Rican Student Association, Dimensions, and the Architecture Student Organization. Also, the professors are not only educators, but active professionals in the field of architecture. I'm so happy to be in such a welcoming and collaborative environment. Congratulations on your acceptance. This is a huge accomplishment. Good luck!



Kristina Fosmire | Second Year

Hey everyone! My name is Kristina Fosmire, and I come from a small town about two hours east of here, just outside of the Adirondacks. I am a second year student in the School of Architecture, as well as a Class Representative for the Architecture Student Organization (ASO) and an Architecture Ambassador. Outside of architecture, I love to go hiking, and we're lucky enough to have plenty of trails right around this area. Attending the School of Architecture at SU has been one of the best decisions I've made for my future - and I hope you will be able to say the same. Not only will you be welcomed into a wonderful, collaborative community with incredible learning opportunities, but you will also make bonds that will last a lifetime. The next five years will be an exciting time filled with new experiences waiting for you every day, so make the most of it! Welcome to the Orange family!



Lauren Reichelt | Second Year

Hey Hey Hey!! My name is Lauren Reichelt, and I am a second year here and gosh has my first year flown by. I'm from Westchester, NY which is about 4 hours away, or as I like to tell my mom only 2 hours if she lets me drive. My first visit to Syracuse University was anything but normal, we hit traffic, the weather was actually nice, and I meet some really cool people in the School of Architecture. I knew this was the school for me when I took a tour of the building and saw all the amazing projects students made with only their hands and some glue. I remember not being able to stop talking about the program to my family the entire trip home, and mapping out every step I needed to take in order to secure my spot in the University. Being in this program for the past year was certainly an eye opener, but without it, I would not have met the most amazing people that I am happy to call some of my closest friends. Outside of Architecture you can find me feasting on Chicken Tender Thursday, in both Ernie (for lunch) and Shaw (for dinner), figure skating at Tennity Ice Rink, getting bubble tea on Marshall, hanging out with my sisters in Alpha Gamma Delta, and probably attempting to play softball somewhere on campus on any nice day. This first year will bring many emotions and challenges, just know you have such an amazing support group backing you up and that we are always here to help, not only in your first year, but during your entire college career. Congratulations class of 2024, you made it!! Welcome to your next chapter in life, I cannot wait until I get to meet all of you soon!!



Lia Margolis | Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Lia Margolis and I'm a member of the class of 2023. I'm from a small town in the greater Philadelphia area called Glen Mills, which is about 4.5 hours away from Syracuse. I chose Syracuse's architecture program because of the friendly school culture and the program that balances both the technical and the creative sides of architecture. I'm a member of Orange Pulse Dance Troupe, and Orange Music Group, and I hope to return to singing next year, whether it be through a cappella or another group. Being part of something outside architecture is really important, and the university is a great place to explore your many interests with all of the amazing clubs and organizations. The first year has felt long, but at the same time I feel like it has gone by quickly with all of the things that have happened in such a short time. First year is not easy, but I am beyond happy and thankful for the amazing friends and support team of all your peers that comes with being a part of this incredible, close-knit community.



Maddy Alves | Second Year

Hello! Congrats on your acceptance to the School of Architecture, you should be so proud! My name is Madeline, but I go by Maddy. I'm from Alexandria, Virginia, which is about 20 minutes south of DC (and no just because it says Virginia does NOT mean that I live in farm land). I chose Syracuse after being so inspired during the 2016 Summer Program that Syracuse offers. It was really exciting to me how the program pushed students to create iterative work and make so much progression over a relatively short period of time. The need to push my brain to its creative boundary and continually improve upon and implement feedback from the last project satisfied my work-hungry self. Which, I admit, was very cool and fun from afar, but it took everyone some time to get used to in reality. The studio culture was also a very strong factor. I have made lifelong friends, that I can count on for anything, through the tight-knit community that Syracuse fosters. I also chose Syracuse for its incredible school spirit, and you'll even see me performing at all the football and basketball games with the Syracuse Dance Team. You may be thinking wow she's crazy for doing both architecture and a D1 sport, but it's the way I stay sane and organized. When I'm not dancing or in studio, you'll find me watching Netflix, hanging out with my friends, being way too loud, smiley, and giggly in the halls, jamming out to music, and casually gawking over Twitter feeds of dogs. Can't wait to meet you!

**Marco Pagliara** | Second Year

Hi, and welcome class of 2024! My name is Marco Pagliara, and I'm a second year in the School of Architecture. I come from a town called Oyster Bay (about 1.5 hours from NYC) on Long Island. From when I first toured Syracuse, campus has felt like a home to me and that has only been more true as the year goes on. The campus community is such a culturally rich and diverse student body, and it has been awesome to make friends and meet people from all across the world. With time management, this inviting environment has allowed me to be a member of the U100, AIAS, ASO, the APX Skopas Colony, and the SU Sailing Team. As a member of Syracuse Architecture, you're joining a community of awesome artists, creative minds, respected faculty, and great resources to help you reach your full potential. These first few months can be intimidating at times, but going through it all with the help of your friends makes it well worth it. Everybody here only wants you to succeed, and it is this environment of collaboration and help that makes Syracuse Architecture such an amazing place. Congratulations on becoming a part of the Orange family, and I can't wait to meet you on campus!



Mariana Munoz | Second Year

Hello class of 2024! Welcome and congrats on becoming part of the Orange family! My name is Mariana Munoz, and I'm from Puerto Rico, a small island located in the Caribbean. Out of all the colleges I applied to, I ended up choosing Syracuse's Architecture program because of all the amazing aspects this school has to offer. Qualities like the amount of different well-rounded clubs to choose from, and the prominent/very well recognized Architecture program motivated me to stand here today. Ever since I started my first semester, last August, I felt more than sure that I made the right decision, even though I never visited campus during the application process. I always felt the support and amiability of all the faculty at SOA, which will continue to help you grow throughout your time at our program. Going into architecture school can definitely be very nerve racking, but I can assure you that with hard work, combined with good time management, and a little bit of coffee you will end up achieving things that you never thought you were capable of. Be ready to embark on a challenging, creative and international atmosphere.



Nick Ladino | Second Year

Congratulations on being accepted into SOA (Syracuse School of Architecture). First of all, you've made the right choice coming here because it's the best architecture school around. I chose SOA because of our school's sports and for the cold weather. I'm a racer on the ski team and am a big fan of all the snow. I was a bit nervous about choosing to go to SOA or another architecture school nearby, but Syracuse ended up being the best fit. A lot of respect is given to architecture students from students outside of our major. The large size of my major is something else I liked; with 150-ish of us, I found lots of friends. Architecture doesn't have to be where you spend all your time, outside of Slocum Hall I'm part of the French Club, AOS, AIAS, my fraternity, La Lucha, College Republicans, College Democrats, Outing Club, and Ski Team. There is time to do all these activities at Syracuse, but the main difficulty is just balancing it all. I'm from Warren, NJ and one of the funniest moments was finding out another person in studio was not only from my town but my neighbor. We went to different schools in high school, but we became friends and now order McDonald's whenever we work late. In all, I think Syracuse offers the best balances of social life and academics. Of course it was challenging to find the right mix in the beginning, but with time a balance is found. So congrats again, I hope you make the right choice, and I'll see you next fall.



Samantha Lee | Second Year

Congratulations class of 2024! My name is Samantha Lee and I am part of the class of 2023. I will be one of your peer advisors! Ever since arriving on campus last fall, I have fallen in love with the community and people of Syracuse and I'm sure you will too! I'm thousands of miles away from home in Hong Kong, but I've never felt out of place because of the new family that I've found here. Our mascot may not be the most intimidating because he's kind of round and an orange, but he really brings us together at games and at events. As an Orange, you will feel like you are part of something greater. Even though I've been working really hard on architecture for the past year, and loving/hating every second of it, I've found time for other things too. I've had the opportunity to become an Architecture Ambassador, and I pursue my interests of illustration by designing for the campus magazine, Medley.

**Sneha Nair** | Third Year

Welcome to the School of Architecture at Syracuse! Congratulations on getting in! I'm Sneha Nair, currently a third-year student from India but I was raised in Lagos, Nigeria! I hope you are all excited to be a part of this long, yet adventurous and fun journey. The thought of moving so far away from home scared me at first but after coming to Syracuse, I found a family and it became a home away from home for me. The first year can be overwhelming at times, but I am here to make sure your transition from high school to freshman year is very smooth. Being part of a great architecture program here at Syracuse helps you grow and form lifelong bonds with peers and professors, as well! Additionally, getting involved on campus is very easy as there is so much to do around the university. In my last two years, I have attended various events, games and fun activities, as well as explored a few of the many electives the university has to offer. I love to do photography, dance and listen to music. I cannot wait to meet all of you and get to know you!



Taylor Hoople | Second Year

Hi, class of 2024! I'm so happy to welcome you to the Syracuse family, we are all so excited to meet you! My name is Taylor, and I'm a second year student from Bedford, NH. I will be one of your Peer Coordinators for the year! I love this program for the community that is fostered in studio, from the staff to students. We really are all a part of a big family. When I'm not in studio, I'm making art, finding new music, or watching Brooklyn Nine-Nine. Honestly, I survived all the late nights and the Syracuse winter thanks to my best friends, Chicken Tender Thursdays, and finally my vitamin D supplements (definitely recommend). Transitioning into college was the most difficult part of my first year, so if you are ever having trouble adjusting, I promise I am always here to help! Choosing Syracuse Architecture will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. Congrats and see you all very soon!



“Toto” Yingxuan Chen | Third Year

Hi, and welcome class of 2024. My name is Yingxuan Chen (Toto) and I am a student in the class of 2022. With the competition in the application process, I am sure you all must be outstanding. It is always fascinating to see new folks bring new experiences to the school. I came from Shanghai, China, and have a family of half Chinese and half Singaporeans. I chose the Syracuse University architecture program because of its promising education in the fields of architecture and the learning environment. As a third-year student, I have learned a lot about the program and the process of learning. I am sure that you guys had heard how tough the architecture major is, however, with proper studying skills, it won't be. I am here to help you go through this process. Never hesitate to find me when you encounter any difficulty (either in making models or using software). Can't wait to see you guys around studying with us.



Valeria Otero-Lopez | Second Year

Hello everyone!! My name is Valeria Otero! I am originally from Caracas, Venezuela, but I moved to Miami, Florida about 4 years ago! I'm in the class of 2023 here at Syracuse. I would like to congratulate you on your acceptance into the School of Architecture! As you may have heard, architecture can be pretty rough, but at the same time, it is full of amazing experiences. Here you're going to get to know the people from your class (and upperclassmen) pretty well and start friendship bonds that will definitely last. Knowing that this is a five-year program could sound intimidating, but I know these years will fly by. Just a little bit more about myself, I love going to the beach (yeah... I'll probably never get that here lol), spending time with my friends, eating sushi (actually eating everything in general), watching tv shows, and I looove dogs!!! Besides being an ambassador and peer advisor, I'm a member of ASO, SARO, and Greek Life! 'Cuse definitely has a wide range of clubs and organizations, that along with the Architecture School, will make your transition smoother. I am really excited to get to know all of you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me! Good luck and Go Orange!!!



Zarah Durst | Second Year

Hi and welcome to Syracuse! My name is Zarah Durst and I'm a second year student from Dunstable, Massachusetts. I'll also be one of your Peer Advisor Coordinators along with my friend Taylor Hoople. I am so happy to be a part of this program. I found in my first year I was able to push myself to new boundaries, both academically and socially. During your time at Syracuse, you'll find new ways to express your creativity, learn new skills to represent your ideas, and meet lifelong friends. When I'm not in studio, I like to sing and play piano, do pilates, and eat cereal with my friends. Transitioning from high school to college is difficult, especially when you're studying architecture. I personally had times throughout the year that were especially challenging, but one thing that I love the most about Syracuse Architecture is how supportive the community is. Never have I felt that I had no one to talk to when I was having trouble. Whether it is your peers in studio, your peer advisors, or any faculty, there will always be someone who is genuinely happy to help you. With that being said, feel free to contact me or any of the other peer advisors with any questions or concerns, or if you just want to introduce yourself and make a new friend. :)



Zhi Zheng | Second Year

Hi guys! My name is Zhi Zheng, a second-year student in the School of Architecture from China. I chose Syracuse because of its passion and patient community environment. People here provide support to each other and it's nice to have such a community in this high pressure and challenging major. More importantly, the community accepts different opinions and cultures. This gives me a comfortable environment as an international student. A diverse campus is a lifelong benefit no matter if you are a domestic student or international student. I am also a part of APX Colony, an organization with students from multiple colleges including school of design, VPA and so on. There's way more you can do here besides architecture, and it is encouraged for you to try different things here. Congratulations again, and welcome to Syracuse.

Meet the Creative Team - We are responsible for all creative endeavors related to the Peer Advising Program. This includes items such as this **super** creative welcome packet, the totally cool t-shirts that you'll see the Peer Advisors sporting during orientation, photographing all related activities, and more! Some of the 3rd and 4th year students are full-time members of this team and a few 2nd year students have taken on this responsibility in addition to being your traditional advisors.



CHAIR

Lainey Marra | Third Year

Hey guys! Welcome to Syracuse Architecture! My name is Lainey Marra and I am entering my third year towards getting my BA in Arts and Crafts with a minor in Iced Dirty Chai ;) Architecture school will be fun! I promise! It'll be tough but these have been the best two years of my life. Whether it's been befriending people from all across the globe, making friends who finally understand me (see mom?? its not just a phase!!), ordering more sushi on GrubHub than a girl could ever consume, or even being trusted with power tools on a daily basis... I would never have imagined I would be where I am two years ago! You all are truly in for a treat and I'm excited to support you in whatever way I can. One important tip I can give you all is make time for what you love, it is easy to forget about the hobbies and interests that make you the happiest!



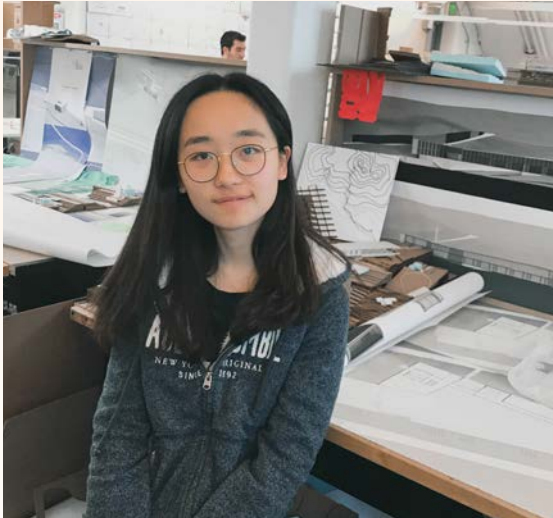
Aaron Cass | Fourth Year

Howdy Ho Neighborino. My name is Aaron Cass and I'm one of the members of the Creative Team of peer advisors. I will be entering my 4th year this spring and I'm excited to be on campus doing the Visiting Critic Studio. I am the second oldest student in the Architecture program (I'll let you guess how old I am when you meet me), I am one of two married students, and I am the only Veteran. Since coming to Syracuse University, my passion for design and for photography has only increased. Besides Architecture, I also enjoy graphic design (especially logos), and photography and have recently been hired by the school as a photographer (you can see samples of my work on my webpage www.cassdesigns.me). The extrovert in me can't wait to meet and talk to you all in August, and the introvert in me will have trouble keeping in contact with you all. But nevertheless, myself and the rest of the peer advisors are excited to meet and guide you through your time here at SU.



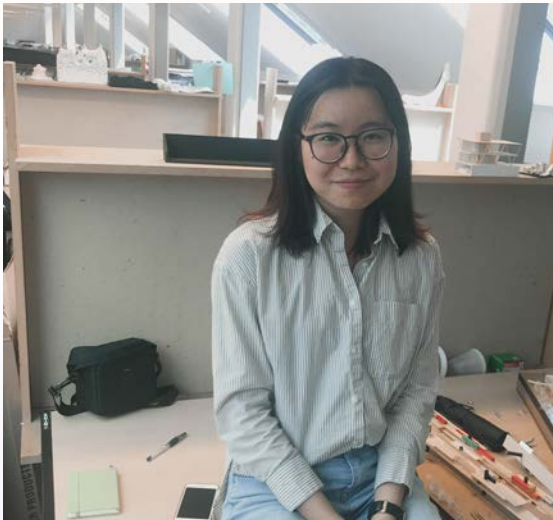
"DJ" Junzhi Deng | Third Year

Hello friends! Congratulations on your admission. Hi, my name is Junzhi Deng, and people call me DJ. My hometown is Beijing, China, which is a beautiful city for visiting. I studied in the US during high school in Newport News, Virginia, which is a small city but with slow living pace. Then as I start to experience the community in Syracuse, I was attracted by its friendly and family-like atmosphere. Before I studied this major, I had no idea about architecture. I never attended an architecture summer camp or any class about architecture, but because of the responsible TAs, faculty, and peer advisors, I did not feel I was left behind. Therefore, I want to be one of them to help you in any way possible. Finally, congratulations to you. Be ready and get excited for the next five-year adventure in Syracuse School of Architecture.



“Kat” Xiaojun Zhou | Third Year

Hi, my name is Xiaojun Zhou, and you call me Katherine, or Kat if you want. I am from the class of 2022 in School of Architecture. I come from Kunming, Yunnan and spent my high-school years in Shanghai, China. Before coming to Syracuse, I have also spent some time in the architecture program at UC Berkeley. I chose Syracuse for its strong B.Arch program and excellent tennis team, which I didn't realize that I will not have any time for, and most importantly the study-abroad program in London and Florence. Besides, I was very much looking forward to seeing snow since I was from the southern part of China. The university also provides us a variety of opportunities to explore your interests and skills in not only academic areas but also after-school activities. I am very happy to help with any difficulties you face here, so please don't hesitate to talk to me about architecture or not architecture when you have any problems. Can't wait to meet you guys soon!



Ximeng Luo | Third Year

Hello friends! Congratulations on your admission to Syracuse School of Architecture. My name is Ximeng Luo, and I am a member of the creative team, entering third year this fall. I come from Xiamen, China, and had lived in St.Louis, Missouri for two years prior to coming to Syracuse. I love the amount of snow we get every year and the late summer afternoons of this city. Fan of Russian literature, Tranströmer, horror films and soccer games. Contact me if you wish...and get ready for the fierce snow!



Marco Pagliara | Second Year

Part-Time Creative Team Member - Full-Time Peer Advisor



Zhi Zheng | Second Year

Part-Time Creative Team Member - Full-Time Peer Advisor

Meet the Social Media Committee - We are responsible for creating, coordinating, and maintaining all of the Peer Advising Program social media platforms. Don't forget to join our Facebook Page, "Syracuse University School of Architecture Class of 2024" and follow our Instagram account, "SyrArchWelcome". There will be LOTS of great information posted throughout the summer and school year. We also are just great in general... some of the 3rd year students are full-time members of this team and a handful of 2nd year students have taken on this responsibility in addition to being one of your traditional advisors.



CHAIR

Jasmine Greytok | Third Year

Hey Class of 2024! I'm Jasmine and I'm from Philadelphia, not outside of it, I live in the city. Fun fact: I live next to the Betsy Ross house. You may already know me as "that girl that I get all those Facebook notifications from", but my official title is Chair of Peer Advising Social Media. I was a traditional Peer Advisor and an Event Coordinator last year and I loved it so much I came back for another year of advising. Besides Peer Advising, I'm a tour guide for the School of Architecture, the current President of ASO (Architecture Student Organization), and member of the architecture school's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. When I'm not doing all of that I love exploring places in Syracuse, especially parks and trails. I also have a healthy obsession with true crime, podcasts and Syracuse Architecture.



Katie Weeks | Third Year

Hey, my name is Katie Weeks, and I am a third year here at Syracuse! I'm a part of the peer advisor social media committee and was a traditional advisor last year (shoutout to Lia my favorite peer advisee). I'm from the Lehigh Valley, PA which is almost exactly 3 hours south of SU. I am a Slocum Hall tour guide, member of greek life, marching and pep band, and the president of freshman national honors society on campus. Other than architecture, I love ice skating, cooking, and hanging out with my friends here. If you ever need anything please reach out, I'm always around to help and talk to! Congratulations Class of 2024, you made it!



Astra Sun | Third Year

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Justin DiFabritis | Second Year

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