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Class of 2025 Welcome!

Your Guide To The Peer Advising Staff



Hi everyone!

Hello everyone! Our names are Noah Fritsch and Kyle Kalmar and we are your Peer Advisor Coordinators for the 2020/2021 academic year. We can't tell you who met each other first, but both of us landed in the same studios in our semesters so far at Syracuse and we have been great friends since. Our mission as peer advisors is to help you transition into architecture school, life here in Syracuse, and guide you through your first year. Each of you will be paired with an upperclassman who will guide you through orientation at the beginning of the semester and mentor you throughout your entire time at Syracuse. We want to be able to not only introduce all of you to Syracuse, architecture, and the community that comes with that, but we want to connect you with what makes architecture school great for us. You will quickly find that the School of Architecture is a tight-knit community, and we are here to welcome you into it. From day one, you will have many familiar faces on campus to help you through the long nights. Together we will learn and grow, and above all, you have a friend in us. We look forward to supporting and getting to know each of you during our time together. Congratulations on all your achievements that got you to this point, and welcome to Syracuse Architecture!

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



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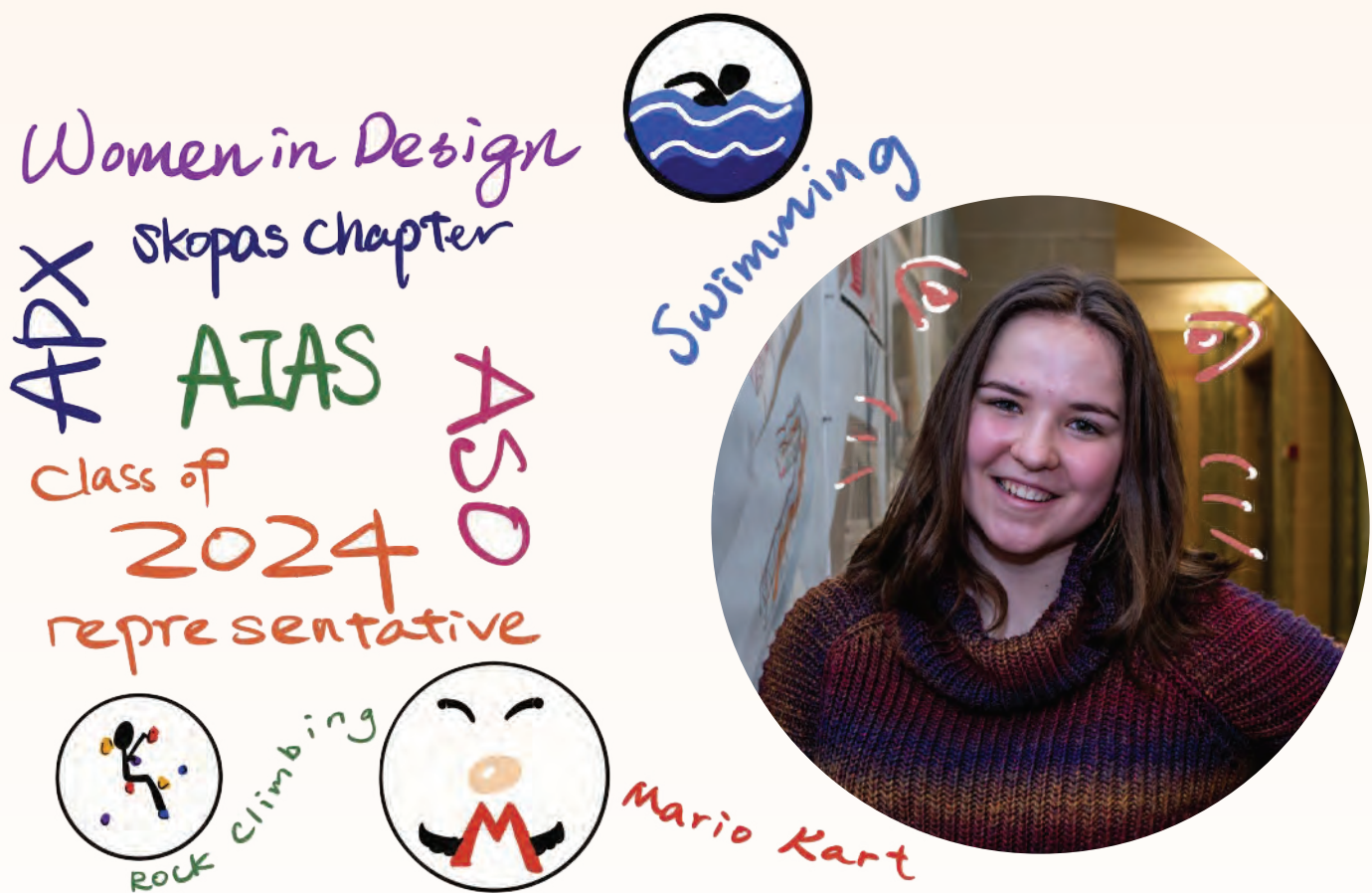


Meet Your Peer Advisors



Aiden McGorry | Second Year

Hello everyone! Welcome and congrats on your acceptance into Syracuse University's School of Architecture! My name is Aiden McGorry. I'm from New York City and I'm entering my second year in the B. Arch program. Syracuse Architecture was my top choice because of its stellar reputation and warm and welcoming community. Since becoming a student here, I have learned a lot from the brilliant faculty and my hardworking and creative peers. In addition to the many hours spent in Slocum Hall, I also participate in the School of Music. I've been playing the cello for all my life and went to LaGuardia School of Music and Performing Arts. Both architecture and music are my passions and I look forward to exploring ways in which I can combine the two disciplines. I am so excited to meet all of you at the forefront of your architecture education. I look forward to being a peer advisor as a way to give back for the reassurance and support I got from my peer advisors (shout out to Astra and Nick <3). I want to help make your transition into college and architecture school as seamless and enjoyable as they did for me. Feel free to reach out! IG: aiden.mcgorry



Alexandra Grypinich | Second Year

Hey there! Welcome to the Class of 2025! My name is Alexandra, and I'm a rising second-year in the School of Architecture. I was born and raised in a northern suburb of Detroit, Michigan, but my whole extended family lives in a small town outside Montreal, Quebec. So, I speak French and am a Canadian at heart. Coming from Michigan, I did not know a single person at Syracuse but soon found the amazing family community that is the School of Architecture. Don't be surprised if you see me jamming out at my studio desk (possibly even dancing)... Outside of studio I am involved in organizations such as Women in Design, APX Skopas Chapter, AIAS, and ASO, where I'm a Class of 2024 representative. I also love going to the Barnes Center to work out, swim, go rock climbing, or even play Mario kart with friends in the esports room! Starting off freshman year is scary for everyone, but my best advice would be to dive directly into it and meet as many people, do as many things as you can, and take advantage of all the great things SU has to offer. In stressful times lean on your peers, or your peer advisors because are all in this together.

Congrats on becoming part of the Orange family!



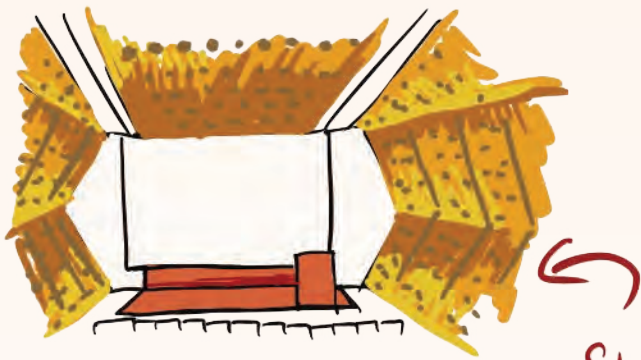
Fashion
Skiing
Romanian
mystery novels



I ♥ ALL DOGS

Allie Galis | Second Year

Hello and congratulations on your acceptance at the Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Allie Galis and I am a rising second-year student in the architecture program here at Syracuse University. I'm from Ridgewood, New Jersey. I love fashion, skiing, tennis, and music. I play the clarinet and I speak two languages! (English and Romanian). In my spare time I love reading, specifically mystery novels and poetry, so if you want any recommendations at any point feel free to ask me about it! I also love to write, paint, draw, and scrapbook! At home I have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, whom I adore. I love all dogs, so if you have a dog and would like to show me a picture that would definitely earn you bonus points in my book!



Favorite place in Slocum
AUDITORIUM!

BBB
RA
(Resident Advisor)



Allison Howard | Second Year

Hello and congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture! My name is Allison Howard, and I'm a rising second-year from HoCo, Maryland! Besides architecture, I'm passionate about tennis, viola, amateur photo-editing, and painting! My favorite place inside Slocum is 100% the auditorium, where my friends and I set up movies and spontaneous Just Dance parties late at night. Next fall, I will be a Resident Advisor (shout out to BBB) so feel free to ask any questions about dorms and such! Rarely, I can be spotted roaming outside of the studio, either at the gym (ha! funny joke) or Ernie Davis dining hall. Pasta Mondays are truly a gift from the gods, so catch me with a plate piled high with chicken, bowties, and chipotle sauce. If I could offer one piece of advice, it would be to recognize that college is all about what YOU make of it! So please, reach out, ask questions, work hard, have fun, and explore all that the Syracuse community has to offer, besides our amazing architecture family :) I look forward to meeting y'all this fall!



Arjun Patel | Second Year

Hey there! Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Arjun Patel and I am a rising second-year architecture student. I'm from San Ramon, California which is 30 minutes away from the coolest city in America, San Francisco (I am a proud Bay Area native). I chose Syracuse University not only because of its academic prestige, but also its high percentage of employed students after the five year undergraduate program. In addition to that, Syracuse University's communal and collaborative atmosphere was a major influence on what brought me here. I came from a very competitive school and being able to be in a space where everyone wants to learn from one another, honestly helped me progress as a first year student. From being able to borrow ideas from different students in order to create your own, to asking a peer to teach you a certain skill, the collaborative atmosphere the school creates allows for developed imaginations and amazing designs. I also chose Syracuse for its school spirit and sports teams, especially because coming from California, there aren't many teams in March Madness over there. Being able to go to these games on the weekends with friends is such a great way to create and share so many memories with people. When I'm not working, I love playing soccer. I am a huge Liverpool FC supporter (an English Premier League soccer club for any of you that don't know what I'm talking about). I love art, especially painting, jamming out to any type of music, except for country (sorry country fans), and I also love just chilling outside and being with nature. We don't get too much sun in Syracuse, but in the fall and spring I love to sit in the quad with friends and chill. I can't wait to meet you!



Alpha Rho Chi



Ben Hartevelde | Second Year

Hello! My name is Ben Hartevelde, and I am a rising second-year student at Syracuse University School of Architecture! I am originally from Maplewood, NJ, the land of bagels and amazing pizza. I like to cook, eat, draw, hike, dance, and drink coffee. Syracuse Architecture has seriously been an amazing experience. The people who come to this program are all super interesting, and bring a wide variety of interests outside of just architecture. The faculty who teach here are also so inspiring and engaging. This is seriously such a great place to come to. Outside of the studio I rock climb, ice skate, am a part of Alpha Rho Chi (the professional co-ed fraternity for architecture and the allied arts), am a member of the College Democrats club, and have spontaneous dance parties... anywhere. As for the future, I hope to work for a medium sized firm in the Manhattan area and then on my way to opening my own firm. I'm so excited to meet you all!



Bryan Cordova | Fifth Year

Hey guys and welcome to Syracuse! My name is Bryan and I'm entering my final year at the School of Architecture. It's been an incredibly eventful journey and I couldn't be any more excited to share my experience with you. Since my second year, I've become involved in a range of different clubs and organizations across campus of which, of course, includes being a traditional peer advisor. I've also been fortunate enough to have studied abroad in both our amazing Syracuse Architecture centers in Florence and in London.

Over my past four years, I've gotten to meet and create so many wonderful relationships with people across different ethnic, educational and environmental backgrounds and interests. As you transition onto your next chapter, I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Looking forward to meet your upcoming class!



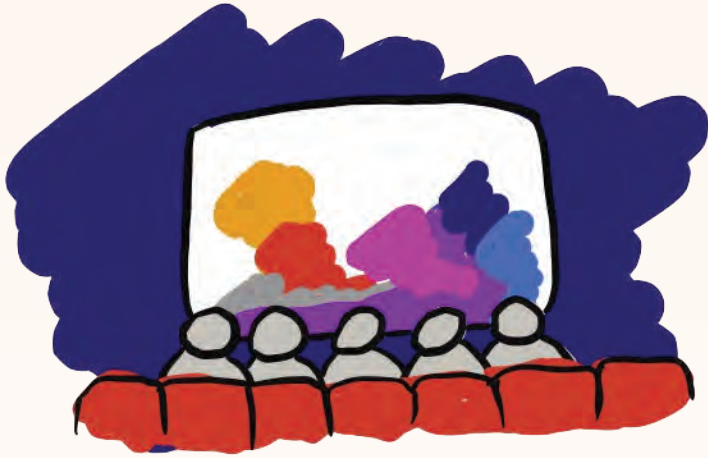
Caroline Ditzler | Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Caroline Ditzler and I'm currently a rising second-year student from Eagleville, PA. I'm not too far outside of Philadelphia, so I'm a sucker for a good cheesesteak. Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture! It feels like it was just yesterday that I was screaming in excitement over my acceptance. I chose Syracuse University because it gave me an overwhelming sense of community right away. Between the program's prestige and the extensive campus opportunities, I knew this place was for me. Outside of architecture, I love making art, playing piano or cello, hiking, and surrounding myself with friends. At Syracuse I'm involved in Architecture Student Organization (ASO), Women in Design (WID), and Volunteer Organization (SUVO). This past year I met some of the best people just being in the school of architecture. It is an instant family and everyone is willing to help one another. I had many questions before coming into the program, so please don't be afraid to ask me anything. I can't wait to meet you all very soon!



Catherin Kovalcik | Second Year

Congratulations on your admission to Syracuse University! My name is Catherin Kovalcik and next semester I am a rising second-year Architecture major. I'm from Mount Pocono, PA and yes I know everyone loves the Poconos. Outside of architecture I work in the Slocum bookstore, give tours through Architecture Ambassadors and U100, help plan OttoTHON (Syracuse's 12-hour dance marathon to help raise money for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital), and am a part of Otto's Army. I chose Syracuse because I loved everything it has to offer from the alumni network to the study abroad programs to the close-knit community found within the school. The best advice I have to offer is to do something outside of Slocum whether it's joining different clubs or taking some weekly classes at the Barnes Center to give yourself a break. If you ask anyone, the students who venture outside of architecture have some of the best time management. Also, always, ALWAYS, get sleep and take care of yourself! We are fortunate enough to have such amazing faculty here and they are SO understanding if you communicate. Don't forget to enjoy your summer but also know that all of us here at Syracuse are excited to meet you in the fall!



Painting Movies
The Adventure Zone
DnD



Crystal Giard | Second Year

Hi everyone! Congratulations on being accepted to the Syracuse Architecture program! My name is Crystal Giard and I'm a rising second-year architecture student from a town called Hudson, New Hampshire. My favorite things to do when I find myself with some free time are painting, watching movies with friends, listening to podcasts like The Adventure Zone, and playing DnD. I chose Syracuse University because I knew that the architecture program here would provide me with just enough of a challenge for my artistic side to thrive. Since starting the architecture program I have made more artwork and more progress than I ever have in my life. For someone who is always looking for that next creative spark, Syracuse Architecture has proven to be a good choice for me. Some advice for an amazing first year is to take the opportunity to develop some good friendships within and outside of the architecture program. You'll be amazed by how different each person's creativity and style can be and surrounding yourself with as many different perspectives as possible can only benefit you. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!



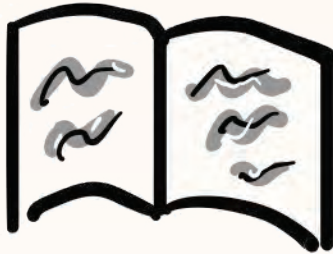
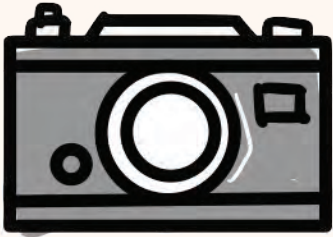
Dome



APX

Danny Horan | Second Year

Hello and welcome to Syracuse Architecture! Congratulations on your acceptance to this incredible program, an achievement you should be very proud of. My name is Danny Horan and I am a rising second-year. I'm from Lafayette Hill, PA, a suburb just outside the northwest corner of Philadelphia. Go Birds. At SyrArch I am a Student Ambassador as well as a member of APX, the national professional fraternity for architecture and the allied arts. Outside of architecture, I love to hang out with friends, go to games in the dome, and listen to all kinds of music. Personally, I was drawn to Syracuse Architecture after attending the Summer College Program before my senior year of high school. I fell in love with the program, its resources, and the endless opportunities it has to offer, as well as Syracuse University as a whole. Now that I'm here and have my first year under my belt, I can still say that I love this school and everything it has provided me. Syracuse Architecture is a very close community that is incredibly friendly, caring, creative, and diverse. You will feel right at home very quickly at this school. Congratulations once again on your acceptance, and I hope to see you all in Slocum come this fall! Go Orange!



DRA
WAI



Eduarda Carvalho | Second Year

Hi! My name is Eduarda Carvalho (but please call me Duda!) and I am a rising second-year student at the School of Architecture. I am an international student from Salvador, Brazil and I speak Portuguese, English, Spanish and a little bit of Italian. I love photography, fashion, Broadway, film, and poetry. Being involved in different campus activities is one of the things I enjoy doing in my free time, including being a member of the film professional fraternity Delta Kappa Alpha and being an Orientation Leader for international students in the WAI program. I also love having people over to my desk and spend some time talking about anything, not only architecture so please feel free to say hi! In the future, my plan is to become a set designer/art director in either the fashion, film or Broadway industry!

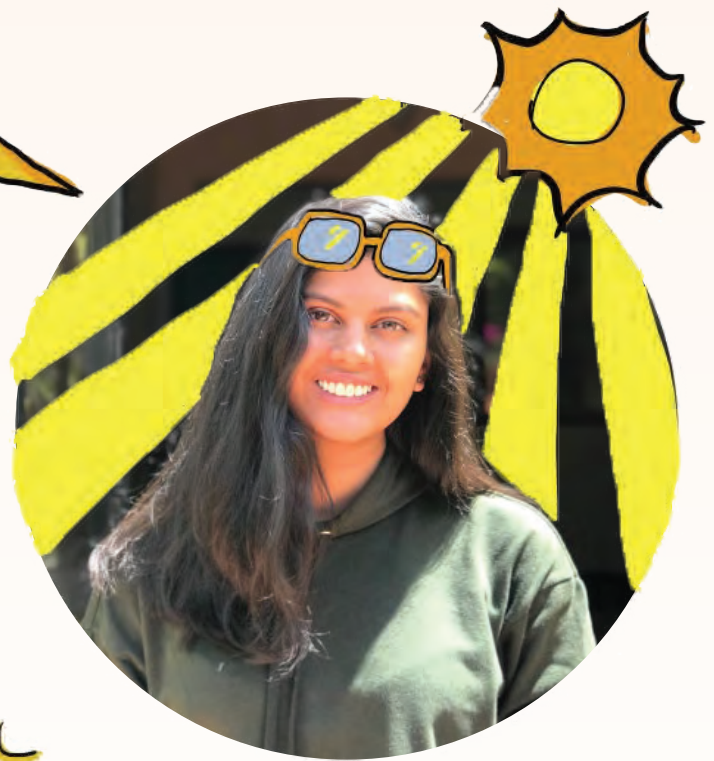


Fiona Cao | Second Year

Hey! My name is Fiona Cao. I am a second year student from China. You can chat with me in English or Mandarin. Congratulations on joining our School of Architecture to Syracuse University! This is an excellent program with professional faculty and talented students. You are going to enjoy your first year which I have finished 3 months ago. Please do not feel nervous for your incoming semester. Just enjoy it and try your best. Different people have different ideas for architecture and art, so it is hard to decide whose model is the best or who is the most talented. You really need to be patient with yourself. Remember do not push yourself too hard. I recommend you leave enough time for your interests, friends and clubs. Sometimes learning from life and nature is more effective to get inspiration than spending each second concentrating on your studio work every day. Besides architecture, I like animal documentaries, painting, and psychology. I am preparing to start my painting minor next year. Feel free to ask me whatever you want. I am so excited to meet you all!



Kappa
Alpha
Theta



Georgia Fernandes | Second Year

Hello! And congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Georgia Fernandes and I am a rising second year student. I was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya (pretty far away!) and although this is such a big change in terms of both location and people, I genuinely think it's the best choice I ever made! I have only been here for a year and I have already met some of my best friends and people I know will always be there for me. It has been such an incredible experience and I have gotten to meet people from around the world with different backgrounds, beliefs and ideas and I have learned so much from that and I can't wait for you to experience the same! I know you've probably heard the rumors that Architecture takes up ALL your time... but that depends on you... it's all about how YOU choose to spend your time... take it from me, these past few months I have gotten to be a part of so many clubs, organizations and activities and getting that breath of fresh air is so important... so spend your time wisely is all I can tell you! Some of my favorite things to do are hang out with my friends, play the drums (with my band :)), going to watch games in the dome and spending time with my new sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta :). Syracuse University is such an amazing place and I have had some of the most wholesome and incredible moments here and I cannot wait for you to get to experience that! Good luck and I cannot wait to meet you!



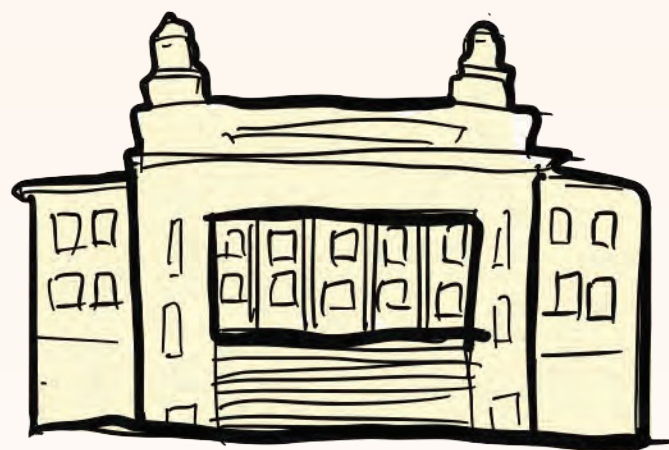
Grace Rankin | Second Year

Welcome on your new adventure at Syracuse University! My name is Grace Rankin, and I am a rising second-year from Phoenix, Arizona. When I was looking into universities my senior year, I really wanted to go out-of-state. As much as I love my home-city, I knew it was time for me to leave the nest and explore the world on my own. However, I still wanted to benefit from a close-knit community that was the perfect balance between meeting new people and making close friends. I loved the idea of meeting new people and learning of their cultures, beliefs, and homes, and I wanted to be able to share my love of architecture. Syracuse University soon proved to be the place for me, with New York providing a new culture, diverse people, and a beautiful environment. Syracuse was not my first choice, but during waves of uncertainty and fear, current students at Syracuse reached out and helped me. They showed me not just an incredible program, but a loving community and family that wanted me to succeed. I am able to share my love of art, architecture, Dungeons and Dragons, fantasy novels, nature, and frogs with so many intelligent and quirky people! As they helped me, I am here to help you (insta: @gracie_lizzy, or email: grankin@syr.edu). While searching for a new place, I found not just an exciting career, but a new home.



Isaac Mendez | Second Year

Hello and welcome to the Syracuse Architecture class of 2025! My name is Isaac Mendez and I'm a rising second-year from a rural town in northwestern Ohio called Kenton. I'm half Mexican and seeing as such I speak both English and Spanish. After a small town upbringing Syracuse was a bit of a change but I quickly adjusted to the warm diverse environment we have here on campus and within the School of Architecture. The best advice I could give to you if you're at all nervous about the transition is to talk to those around you! Chances are they're sharing many of the same feelings as yourself. Outside of the studio and other classes you can catch me breaking ankles on the soccer field (futsal/club), at my desk painting (check out some of my work @gringodoesart on IG), playing video games, or jamming out to music (love the Gorillaz). In the future I'd love to get a masters in fine arts and utilize those skills in my work as an architect. To close, I want to again welcome you to Syracuse University and more importantly to our large family here at the School of Architecture.

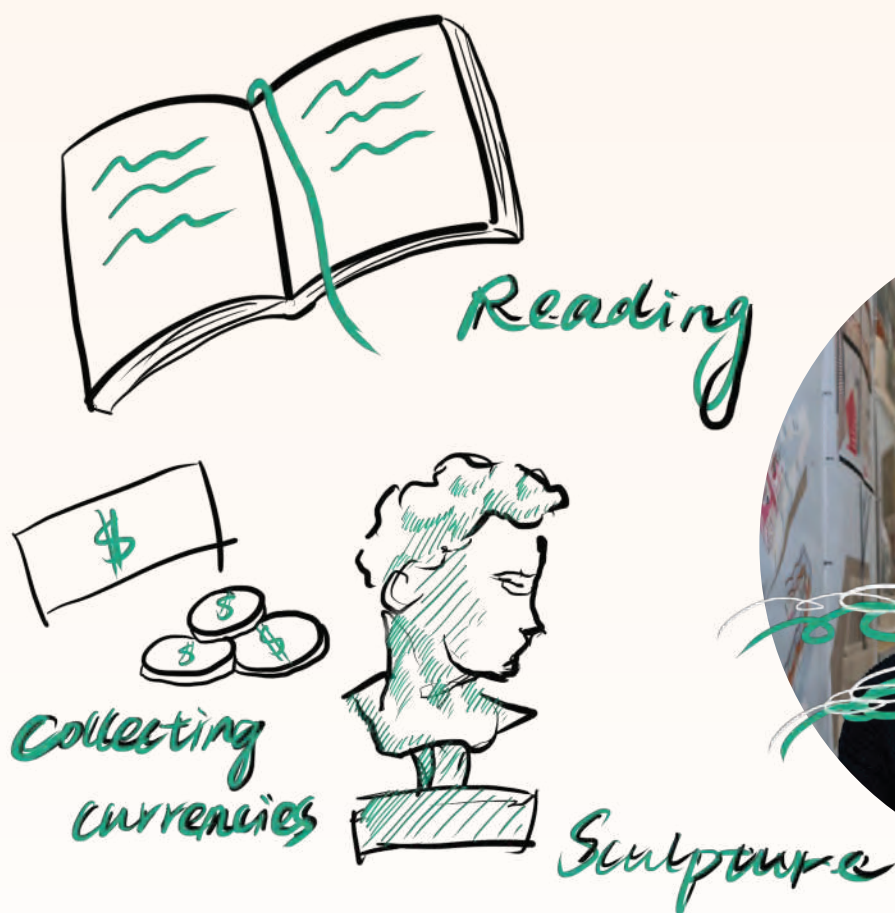


Carnegie
Library



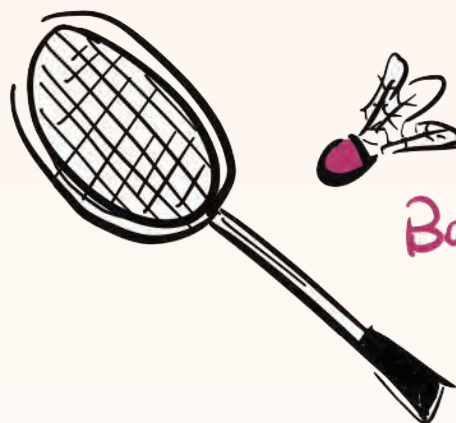
Jeanelle Cho | Second Year

Hi! My name is Jeanelle Cho. I am a rising second-year student from Bettendorf, Iowa, and I speak two languages: English and Korean. First of all, I would like to congratulate everyone for getting into the architecture program! The architecture program here is absolutely amazing. When I am not at studio, you will most likely find me in the gym, working at Carnegie Library (which I highly recommend everyone come visit), getting food with my friends, listening to music (I really like kpop), or dancing. In the future, I would like to become a set designer or become an architecture curator. Again I want to congratulate you for getting into the architecture program, and I can't wait to meet everyone!



Jediel Ponnudurai | Second Year

Hello everybody! Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse Architecture Class of 2025! My name is Jediel and I'm entering my second year this fall. I'm a city guy who was born and raised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia but lived in Bahrain (the small island between Saudi Arabia and Qatar) for most of my high school years. I'm $\frac{1}{2}$ Malaysian Chinese, $\frac{1}{4}$ Sri Lankan, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Finnish and can speak English fluently while being able to hold a basic conversation in Malay (I've tried my hand at Mandarin, Arabic and French but it didn't turn out too well...). My hobbies include reading (more of a non-fiction person), sculpture (particularly clay and cardboard), and collecting currencies from around the world! Personally, I chose to study architecture at Syracuse because the program doesn't expect you to become a conventional architect and much rather teaches you to develop your design capabilities and process. I currently don't have a set career choice but I am sure it will be something design-related. As such, the ability for me to personalize and tailor this educational journey at Syracuse is one I feel will open many doors to many other design-related fields once I graduate. You will have no trouble making friends with a diverse range of people here no matter how shy you think you are and I'm sure you will love and cherish your time here! Once again, congratulations on your acceptance and welcome to Syracuse Architecture!



Badminton
Team

Circle K
Camp Counselor



Kayaking

Kathleen Eveleth | Second Year

Hi! My name is Katie Eveleth and I am a rising second-year B.Arch student at Syracuse University! I am from Chatham, New Jersey and I speak English and French. I like painting, skiing, kpop and playing paddle tennis. In my free time I make architecture vlogs, TikToks and memes. I am the Class Representative for Architecture Student Organization and for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Outside of architecture, I am on the Syracuse Club Badminton team and I'm part of Circle K (a volunteering club). In the summer, I'm a camp counselor and I teach kayaking classes in New Hampshire. In the future, I plan on becoming a licensed architect and my dream is to work for NASA or SpaceX.



Big mountain
guy
+
Big coffee
guy "



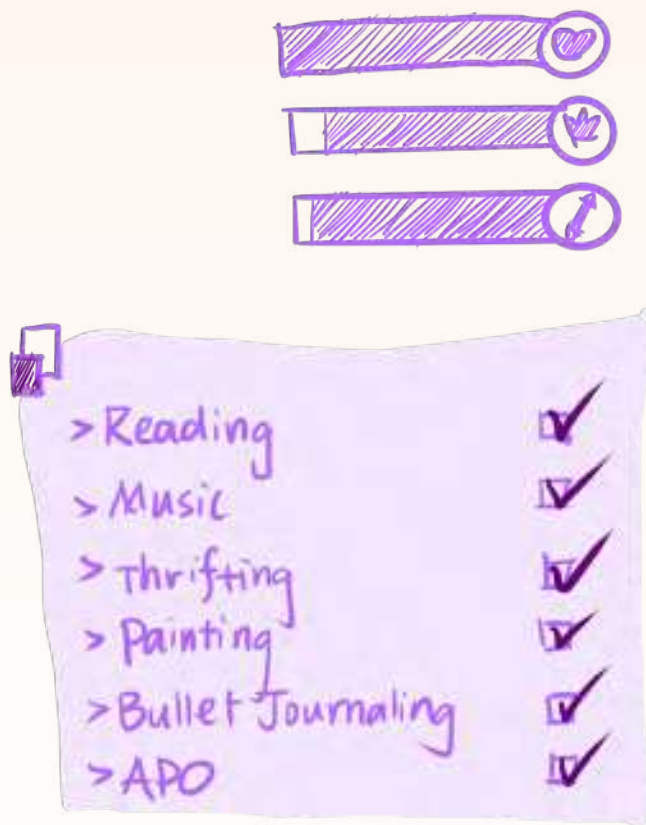
Kyle Kalmar | Second Year

Hello and welcome to Syracuse Architecture! My name is Kyle Kalmar and I am serving as one of the Peer Advisor Coordinators this year, alongside my partner Noah. I'm from Fort Collins, Colorado, so I've grown up exploring the Rocky Mountains (I'm a big mountain guy). Besides architecture, my favorite things to do are hiking, skiing, and painting. Even though I miss the mountains, Syracuse has become my second home! I chose Syracuse Architecture because of its rigorous program and friendly and collaborative environment. After my two semesters on campus, I've made extraordinary friends from across the globe, and my knowledge of and passion for architecture has grown more than I ever imagined. The transition from high school to architecture school surely has its challenges, but it comes with incredible opportunities and irreplaceable memories. And your peer advisors are always here to help, whether it's a late-night studio visit, getting a cup of coffee (I'm also a big coffee guy), or software tutorials, we'll be there. I hope you will lean on us just like we did on our peer advisors. Again, welcome to the Syracuse community, it's gonna be an incredible adventure!



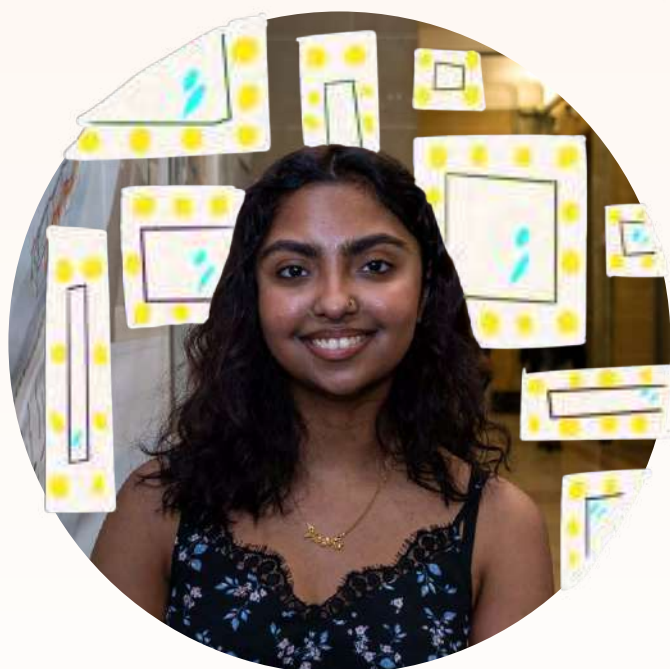
Lillian Zhao | Second Year

Hello! My name is Lillian Zhao and I don't want to get your hopes up, but I AM the most awesomest person you will meet in ur life. Just kidding, who knows, you have to come here to find out! Ha. Haha! Anyways, I really love Syracuse Architecture but some things that I worried about before deciding was the winter. I am from Houston, Texas so the cold was quite a shock. Even though it does get really cold and dark much faster you really just need to wear lots of layers and have a good pair of boots. The snow can actually be really fun because you can go sledding, build snowmen, and go skiing/snowboarding! And, you won't get that sad during the wintertime because you'll make so many friends in the studio. Wintertime can actually be really, really, pretty. I am a student representative for my year and am part of the committee pushing for more recycling and sustainability within the School of Architecture. I also really love drawing, painting and basically all other kinds of art. I can also speak some Mandarin, and I play piano and tennis. I like to watch a variety of tv shows, movies, and listen to many different kinds of music and even if I don't know it, I'm always interested in learning about new things. You form a really close and supportive community here and every day is memorable. I am really glad I chose Syracuse because of it and I hope that you'll love it here as well.



Mackenzie McNeil | Second Year

Hey everyone, my name is Mackenzie McNeil and I am a rising second-year! I moved all the way across the country from St. George, Utah for the amazing architecture program here at Syracuse! I'm also from Hillsboro, Oregon (an hour outside of Portland). Other than architecture, I enjoy reading, thrifting, making/listening to music, painting, and bullet journaling. I chose Syracuse because of all the amazing opportunities being a part of the School of Architecture offers, not only as students but also as alumni. The opportunity that excited me most was how studying abroad is basically built into the program. I also loved the tight knit community within the SoA but also at SU as a whole. My biggest piece of advice is to try and get involved in things on campus outside of architecture! It seemed impossible to me my first semester, but this semester I've been able to manage my time a lot more effectively and get outside of the architecture bubble. I'm rushing the professional service fraternity (Alpha Phi Omega) which has allowed me to meet so many new people and be involved not only on SU's campus, but also in the Syracuse community. I'm very passionate about helping others and making friends so never hesitate to ask me any questions you might have! I can't wait to meet all of you and congrats on your acceptance to an incredible program!



Megha Uddin | Second Year

Hello! I'm Megha Uddin and I will be a second year architecture student starting this fall. Congratulations on being accepted to the Syracuse Architecture program! I know how exciting this moment is as I only went through it about a year ago. Let me tell you a little about me. I was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, but raised in Atlanta, Georgia, meaning I was completely unprepared for the weather up here. Outside of architecture, I participate in NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students), SASA (South Asian Student Association), and Habitat for Humanity. When I'm not in a club meeting or in studio, I'm usually hanging out with my friends, watching Wes Anderson films or trying to figure out what color to dye my hair next. Although I've only been in this program for a year, I know the connections I've made with the community around me, peers and professors alike, will last a lifetime. My first year felt like it flew by too quickly, and I'm excited to see what adventures the next four years will have waiting for me. Welcome to the Syracuse family! We're excited to have you!



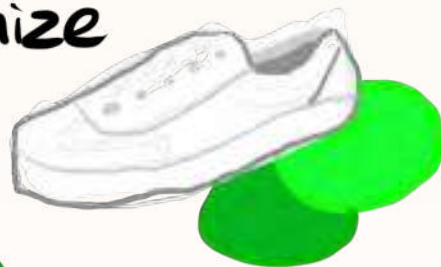
Margaret Torkildsen | Second Year

Hi there! Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse SoA! My name is Margot, and I'm a rising second-year student from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts. I enjoy hiking, painting, literature, playing piano, and watching old movies. When I have free time, I like to go skating at Tennity with my friends. I chose Syracuse because I felt it had a stronger sense of community than any of the other schools I looked at. Some of my favorite places back home are Mill No. 5 in Lowell, and Jordan's Furniture in Reading. I am currently a part of the Renée Crown University Honors Program. My main advice for incoming freshmen is don't be afraid to explore things outside of what you learn in class. You may stumble upon something that helps you out later on. Next year, feel free to come by my desk anytime for advice, or just a chat. In the meantime you can reach me on IG (@i.dont.know.why_) or email (mdtorkil@syr.edu). I can't wait for us to meet!



Spotify
Playlists

Customize
shoes



AIAS

Meenu Pillai | Second Year

Hello! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse University's School of Architecture! My name is Meenu Pillai and I have just completed my first year at the School of Architecture at Syracuse University. I come from central Jersey (yes it exists!), from a town called Edison, New Jersey and can read, write, and speak English and Tamil fluently. Apart from my time making architecture models at ungodly hours, I am a part of Women in Design, National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAS), and a graphic design executive board member for American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). On my own time outside of school, I like to sketch, make monthly Spotify playlists, research shoes, and occasionally customize and sell white shoes. If you ever want your shoes painted or customized, let me know! I'm also very passionate about food and will eat anything edible, especially desserts. In terms of my career path, I hope to eventually go into sculptural architecture and create installations!



Mia Petrillo | Second Year

Hey everyone! My name is Mia and I am from Long Island, New York. I am entering my second year in the School of Architecture, and we are all super excited to welcome you all in the fall. I love spending my time at the beach with my dogs or doing anything creative (painting, drawing, etc.) I am so excited for you guys! Syracuse is a great place and the architecture program is an immediate family at your home away from home. I have met so many amazing people from around the world, that I don't think I would have met if I wasn't in such a diverse program. Being in this program really helps a college freshman get comfortable in their new environment. The instant friends I made helped me get out of my comfort zone and join clubs such as ASO (Architecture Student Organization), and WID (Women in Design). I know I had A TON of questions coming into the program, so please please please feel free to reach out to anyone. (It's not weird I promise). I hope to hear from you guys! IG: mia.petrillo



Nikita Goswami | Second Year

Hey everyone! My name is Nikita Goswami and I am a rising second-year student here at the Syracuse School of Architecture! I'm from Skillman, NJ (basically right by Princeton) and my family is originally from India, so I can speak both English and Hindi. Whether I'm dressed to the nines or sporting sweatpants and a hoodie after a late night, you can always find me wearing big, flashy earrings. Outside of architecture, I'm part of NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students) and WellsLink. In my free time, I love creating digital art, binging Netflix, and going on spontaneous bubble tea dates with friends. When I came up to Syracuse last year, I knew almost nothing about architecture and even less about being a college student. But don't feel scared or anxious! One of the greatest things about the School of Architecture is the people, and between your professors, your TAs, and your fellow peers, you'll always have someone you can lean on. Hope you guys have a great summer, and I can't wait to meet you all next fall!



Noah Fritsch | Second Year

Welcome Class of 2025! My name is Noah Fritsch and I am a rising second-year student from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Alongside my friend Kyle Kalmar, I will be one of your Peer Advisor Coordinators. I cannot wait to meet all of you and start another year at Syracuse Architecture. I was introduced to Syracuse by attending the architecture Summer College after my junior year of high school. From that point on I felt a sense of belonging not only in the study of architecture, but at the school itself. Over the course of my first year, my love for architecture deepened as I have been able to challenge myself with the material we tackle. My peers and I have all learned to think in new ways and have pushed our creativity to new bounds; however, we did not do this alone. While our professors may formally teach us, it is in the constantly available network of classmates that helped me learn so much. Everyone is willing to help with new techniques and design development. Outside of studio, I'm on the Graphic design team for AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students), I work in the Architecture library, I am a member of APX, and I'm also on the Sailing Team. My biggest piece of advice is to get as involved as you can outside of your work. Finding a balance may seem overwhelming at first, but you will have your Peer Advisers here to help you along the way! Lastly, congratulations on your acceptance and you have a great deal to look forward to in your time at Syracuse.



Olivia Porrill | Second Year

Hey! My name is Livvy Porrill and I am a rising second-year from Birmingham, Alabama! Some things that I really like to do is play soccer, scuba dive, go on coffee runs with friends, belt out musicals (very, very, badly), and binge watch Star Wars. Congratulations on getting accepted into the architecture program! I know that you are going to enjoy your first year as much as I did. You will make so many fun and talented friends, and be so proud of what you will create! The best advice I can give is to be patient with yourself, and learn as much as you can. As a perfectionist by nature, the hardest thing for me to realize was that I am learning, and could by no means be perfect. Do your best, and be proud of what you create, but also be kind to yourself, and make time for your friends and life outside of studio. Creativity cannot happen in a vacuum! I am also involved in Syracuse's AIAS (the American Institute of Architecture Students) chapter, and a member of APX (the national professional fraternity for architecture and the allied arts). When I'm not in studio, you can find me doodling in a sketchbook, playing guitar, or watching movies. Feel free to come by my desk at any time for help or advice, or even just to chat! I am so excited to meet y'all!



Padmini Rajan | Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Padmini. I am a rising second-year architecture student. I was born and raised near San Francisco, California. It was a big change to come to Syracuse, not just geographically wise. But it was definitely worth it. I've met some pretty incredible people here and I hope to be just as supportive as those who helped me were. I did have some architecture experience coming in as I did a couple pre-college programs but I had no drawing skills. I honestly don't think I needed it, all the classes, professors, TA's and of course peer advisors all guide you through everything from the basics and are here to help! When I'm not in the studio, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and going hiking (even if it doesn't happen often). I also love to play field hockey, listen to music and explore new things. Congratulations on becoming Class of 2025 and I can't wait to meet you all! :)



Romi Moller | Second Year

Hi everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture! My name is Romi Moller, and I am a rising second-year student here at Syracuse University School of Architecture. I was born in Israel, lived in Australia and France, and I currently live in the Northern suburbs of Chicago! Outside of architecture, I love drawing, writing, reading, going for runs (when I have the time to), skiing, and looking for new music! On campus, I am a part of NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students), AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students), Ski Club, and the Honors Program. It is no lie that architecture students live in studio, but if you learn how to manage your time properly, you will be able to escape Slocum and discover all the amazing things that Syracuse University has to offer. Trust me, it's possible. If I were to give you one piece of advice, I would tell you to take everything step by step. Don't rush, be patient. Over time, you'll start to recognize that you are not in a competition, you're here to learn. Whenever you feel stressed, take a deep breath and remember that you are the creator, you have control over what you are making, and if you take it step by step, you will be just fine. Architecture school allows you to meet so many different people from diverse backgrounds and lifestyles, and the relationships that you will form in this program are ones that will last you a lifetime! Please don't hesitate to visit me at my desk whenever you feel stressed or just want to talk. Once again, congratulations on your acceptance to one of the best architecture schools out there! See you soon!



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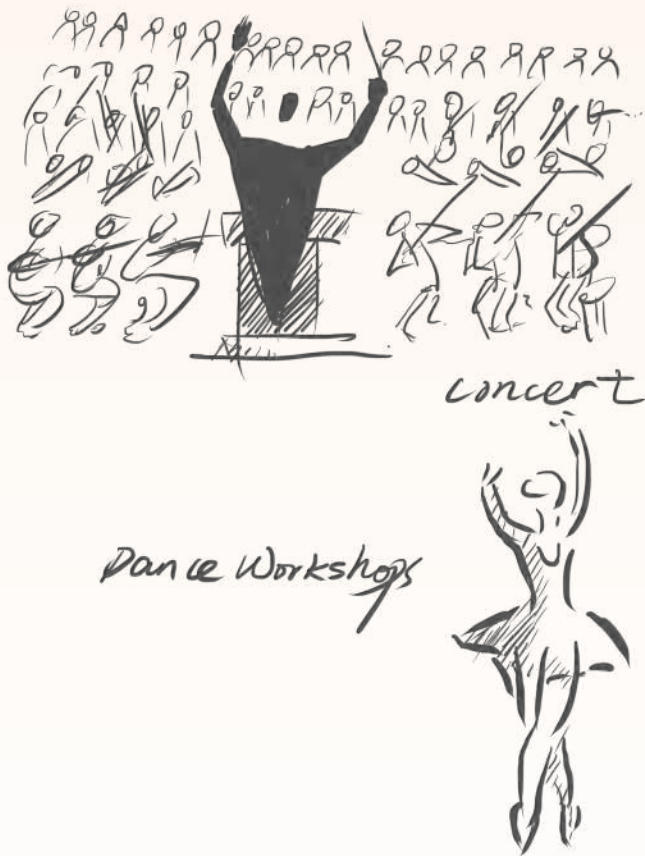
Sarah Fellingham | Second Year

Hey everyone! First of all, congratulations on your admittance to Syracuse and the School of Architecture! My name is Sarah, and I am a rising second-year student from the smallest state in Lincoln, Rhode Island. I love playing soccer, running, skiing, painting, and discovering new music. I personally chose Syracuse because I wanted to be able to do all those things I love outside of studio, and I felt as though Syracuse encouraged me and allowed me to make time for that the most. That being said, here at Syracuse I am a part of Club Running, Intramurals, Ski Club, and Women in Design, so I am happy to answer any questions you might have about any of those. The best piece of advice I can give you is to make sure you manage your time well, and do your best to succeed in architecture school, but also don't be afraid to venture outside of Slocum's walls either. Congratulations, and I can't wait to meet everyone!



Sofia Gutierrez | Second Year

Welcome to SyrArch, I'm Sofia Gutierrez! I am a rising second-year student from South Jersey. Congratulations on being accepted to the School of Architecture! This is no easy feat and all of the peer advisors are so excited to meet you. Syracuse Architecture was an easy decision for me the second I got on campus as a high school senior and got to meet the then-first-year students. The level of sophistication in the first-year work blew me away and the people were so warm and welcoming. I immediately knew that this was the school for me, and I hope you have had that realization as well! Make sure that wherever you go, you make time for the things that you love- those are the things that will give you a little extra motivation on days when you need it. Outside of the studio you can find me grabbing dinner with friends, attending club meetings, talking about politics, or drawing for fun. I hope that you choose Syracuse so that you can begin to build lasting connections and become a part of the SyrArch community!



Sophia Villarreal-Levy | Second Year

Howdy! My name is Sophia Villarreal-Levy and I'm from Austin, Texas. I am a rising second-year in the Syracuse School of Architecture and cannot wait to welcome y'all to our school. For me, college was a big transition but in the best of ways. Here at Syracuse I have tried so many new things, met incredible people from all over the world, and found my passion for architecture. Beginning architecture school can be overwhelming, uncertain, but exciting, so my best advice is: 1) be patient with yourself -- architecture school really is trial and error. 2) be there for each other -- your peers are your biggest supporters; they just get it. 3) find what works best for you -- time is precious so work when you're most productive, choose how you want to have fun, and make time for the people that make you happy. Having time outside of architecture is very important to me; some of my favorite activities are going out to eat, concerts, dance workshops, going to the apple orchard, game days, and hanging out with my sisters at Kappa Alpha Theta. This school has so much to offer and I can't wait to share it all with you!



Tyler Bernier | Second Year

Hey everyone! My name is Tyler Bernier and I'm from the small town of Bowdoin, Maine (about an hour north of Portland). Congratulations on getting accepted into Syracuse University School of Architecture! Personally, I chose SUSOA because of the incredible program (one of the best in the world) and the amazing opportunities that come with it. From study abroad to the various clubs and organizations on campus, you'll find that SU has a lot to offer. I, myself, am involved in AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students), ASO (Architecture Student Organization), APX (the national professional fraternity for architecture and the allied arts), and the Ski Club. On top of all of these opportunities, the School of Architecture also boasts an incredible, tight-knit community full of people who want to help you succeed. You'll form many friendships that will last a lifetime within your first few weeks on campus! Please feel free to stop by my desk at any time if you need anything at all; I'm always happy to help, or even just to chat. Congratulations once again, and I hope to see you all on campus this fall!



Yajie Lan | Second Year

Ayo! What's up! Welcome to Syracuse School of Architecture (SOA)! My name is Yajie Lan and you can call me Lannie. I am a rising second-year student from Chengdu (where there are a lot of pandas), China. Studying abroad, transitioning from high school to university was not easy for me, I was faced with great cultural shock. Luckily, I am in Syracuse and especially in the Syracuse School of Architecture. It's like a big family, students from different countries respect each other's cultures, and you'll often find that when you work in groups, almost every member is from a different country, with different religious beliefs, different skin colors. Here you can not only receive the world's top architecture education. But also, more importantly, teaches you to become a better learner. OK, enough good words for SOA. Now let me share

some tips with you which hopefully can better help you to prepare for your university life.
 Study: Go to class; know the academic rules; accept constructive criticism; get to know your professors before you graduate; ask for help when you need it to manage your time
 Social life: Embrace opportunities to try new things (don't be too off); if you are tired of eating in the dining hall, you have many other options; get ready for the winter; go to parties after you finish your assignment; become part of university life

To sum up, the most important tip is to balance your study and social life. I have a lot of tags beyond an architecture student label. For example, I'm a b-boxer, rapper, Chinese Calligraphy teacher, basketball lover, photographer, classical guitar player.....I am still cultivating my potential. Good luck, my friend, university life will be a very interesting, challenging, and valuable adventure for you! Your university life is so much more than your courses. Don't limit yourself, get to know the world! Please feel free to contact me, looking for your feedback!



Yixing Liu | Second Year

Hello everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Yixing Liu and you can call me Cindy, currently a rising second-year student. I was born in Harbin China (nicknamed “Ice city”, which has a very similar climate to Syracuse) and now I live in Beijing. I speak English and Mandarin (if you could teach me other languages, I’d love to learn!) The architecture program here is truly incredible. You will make friends with amazingly talented peers from diverse cultural backgrounds, you will gain a sense of family in the studio, and you will constantly be surprised and be proud of your creations. Transitioning into university life takes time. You might also encounter some overwhelming moments. My little piece of advice is be relaxed, be confident, and be patient to yourself. Soon you will find your best way out as well as discover a variety of wonderful things on this campus. Out of the architecture school, I am passionate about drama playing, hosting, cooking, hiking, swimming and weaving. Remember, work hard, and also play hard! Whenever you need help or want to chat, feel free to stop by my desk. I’m looking forward to meeting you at Slocum Hall and congrats on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture again!



Meet The Creative Team

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

Aaron Cass | Fifth Year

Howdy Ho Neighborino. My name is Aaron Cass and I'm the chair of the Creative Team for the peer advisors. I will be entering my 5th year this spring and I'm excited to finally start working on my thesis. I am the third 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 one of two veterans, but I'm the only student with super sweet Star Wars tattoos BJ. 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 am working for the School of Architecture and the University as a photographer. My interests in architecture lie in Activist and Humanitarian work, specifically Mass Design Group who I highly recommend looking up. 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.



Madeline Alves | Third 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, and I am now a third-year (junior). 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 farmland). 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 to 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 tightknit community that Syracuse fosters. I also chose Syracuse for its incredible school spirit, and during my freshman year, I got to perform at all the football and basketball games with the Syracuse Dance Team. 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. I can't wait to meet you!



Taylor Hoople | Third Year

Hello everyone! (: My name is Taylor Hoople and I'm an incoming third-year (oh my god it hurts to say that). I will be on the creative team this year, so unfortunately I will not be a Peer Advisor. But I still would love to get to know all of you!! I'm from a small-ish town in New Hampshire, but I'll be moving to Colorado this summer. You all made the right choice coming to Syracuse! You'll form the strongest and most rewarding support system that will get you through many hurdles you encounter.

Outside of school, I love to paint, draw, play music with friends and work out. I'm also a member of ASO and AIAS within the SOA, and was a Peer Coordinator for the 2024 class. I know how challenging first-year can be, so if you have any questions at all or just want to chat, feel free to say hello! I'm always there to give advice or listen. Hope you are all safe, happy, & healthy! See you in the fall.



Lia Margolis | Third Year

Hi everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance into Syracuse Architecture Class of 2025, we can't wait to meet you and are so proud of you. My name is Lia, and I am a rising third-year/junior. I'm from the Philly Suburbs so I am a 45-minute drive from the city - Go Birds! I chose Syracuse after I toured the university as a whole along with the architecture building, and it's so cliché, but I fell in love immediately. There is an infectious atmosphere of friendliness and community within the school, as well as amazing extracurricular opportunities that I could pursue along with an amazing architecture program. Since freshman year I have learned so much and loved every minute of it. Learning how to make models, draw plans and sections by hand, and using digital software was all really fun but it was the people that made my time here worth it. Everyone is really driven and passionate about what they do. I've also met amazing people outside of my architecture classes, including from the National Organization of Minority Architects, Syracuse Chapter (NOMAS), the Peer Advising Team (that's us!), and Orange Pulse Dance Troupe (show up for our auditions!). I was the secretary for NOMAS, a peer advisor my sophomore year, and the PR/Social chair for Orange Pulse as well as a choreographer last year! There is a lot to do at the university, and so many clubs and activities to be part of. Me and my friends in particular like going to the Orange After Dark events like Glow Skate and Movie Night where they show movies. Outside of Syracuse things, I love to sketch cartoons, sing, dance, and watch YouTube videos (shoutout to Cody Ko). I love Syracuse if you can't already tell, and I am so excited to get to know you all. Reach out to me anytime, for anything at all - even if it's just to introduce yourself or send funny videos!



Marco Pagliara | Third Year

Hi! Congratulations on your acceptance into Syracuse University School of Architecture- it's an incredible feat! My name is Marco Pagliara and I am a rising third-year student from Oyster Bay, New York. Going into Architecture school I had no idea what to expect, and like many of you I was both anxious and excited for what was in store for me. I quickly saw that this school is an incredible place filled with amazing people and perspectives, and I am grateful everyday for being able to pursue what I love here. Within the school I'm the Graphic Design Coordinator of AIAS, (future) President of ASO, a member of APX, and a Commodore for the Sailing Team. Outside of studio I love rowing, sailing, drawing, reading, I'm a huge fan of Billy Joel, and will find any excuse to get coffee. Architecture is an incredible discipline to study and be a part of, and this school provides you with the best environment for you to thrive and find your passions. My piece of advice: give your all and be committed to what you love, because as tough as it gets there is nothing better than seeing your hard work pay off in the end. This is a super exciting place to be and I know you'll love it every bit of the way. If you ever need to talk or just find a friendly face stop by my desk. Can't wait to see you all on campus in the fall, Go Orange!



Katherine Sincebaugh | Third Year

Hello! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse University! This is something worth celebrating and you should be proud. My name is Katherine Sincebaugh but I go by Katie and I am a third-year architecture student. I am from Auburn, New York, a small town about 30 minutes from campus. I chose Syracuse after attending the summer architecture program here in 2017 and instantly fell in love with this school. The faculty and program as a whole were so inviting and inspiring. It is also where I met some of my closest friends today. We all came to Syracuse for the same reasons and equally loved every part of it. I was skeptical of coming here because of how close to home it is, but I found the distance is not a problem, no matter where you're from. When you're on campus it feels different. There is such a fun and welcoming vibe and when you find your people it quickly starts to feel like home. After being here for two years now, every time break comes around the only emotion I feel is sad that I have to leave my friends and the place where I really found myself. I know this all sounds really cheesy but it's real. When I'm not in studio, and yes there are many nights I am not there, I like to hang out with my friends, listen to music too loud in our apartment, order a lot of food, watch Disney Plus, and make a lot of inside jokes. These are the years you are going to have the most fun and meet some of the best people imaginable, so get ready. We are so excited to see you!



Zarah Durst | Third Year

Hello class of 2025!! My name is Zarah! I will be a third year on the creative team this coming fall, and I was a traditional peer advisor last year. Although I will not be anyone's peer advisor this year, I know that you'll be in very good hands with this year's advisors. Our architecture program at Syracuse is very special because of the support that you receive from your peers. I'm proud to say that we have fostered a very close-knit, positive community.

I'm from a small town in Massachusetts right outside Boston called Dunstable. If any of you recognize where that is let me know because in that case I probably know you and that'd be wild.

Outside of studio I am on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Counsel for the Architecture School, I'm involved in ASO and AIAS, and I was one of the Peer Coordinators for the class of 2024. I also sing and play the piano, embroider clothes, impulsively dye my hair, and play the Sims. First year can be a little intense, but I can't even explain to you how much you're going to learn! If you have any problems, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact any of us. Congrats and see you in the fall :)



Allie Galis | Second Year

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



Crystal Giard | Second Year

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



Grace Rankin | Second Year

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



Nikita Goswami | Second Year

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



Olivia Porrill | Second Year

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



Romi Moller | Second Year

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



Yixing Liu | Second Year

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

Meet The Social Media Team

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 2025" 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.



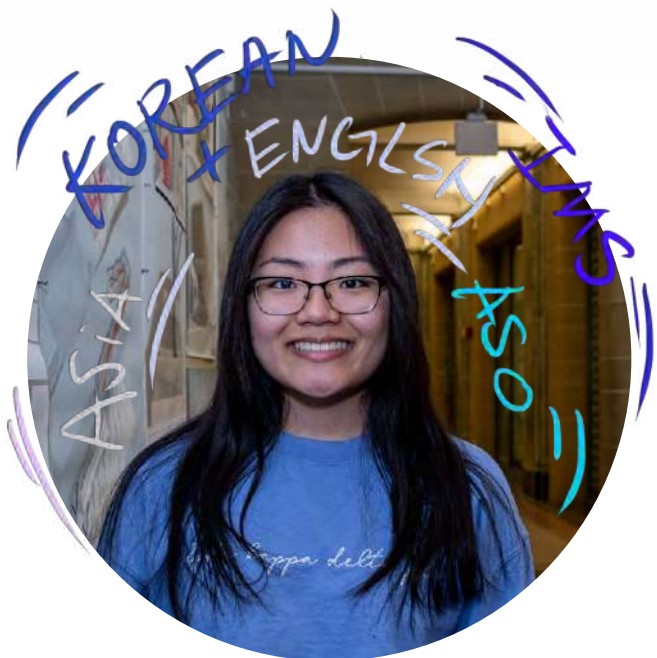
CHAIR

Lauren Reichelt | Third Year

Hey Hey Hey!! My name is Lauren Reichelt, and I am a rising third-year here and will be a part of the Social Media Committee! Gosh has my first TWO years 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 met 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 at the University. Being in this program for the past 2 years 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 in your entire college career. Congratulations Class of 2025, you made it!! Welcome to your next chapter in life, I cannot wait until I get to meet all of you soon!!

Ina Jang | Third Year

Hello!! My name is Ina Jang and I am currently a rising third-year architecture student at Syracuse University! A little bit about me: I am originally from Secaucus, New Jersey but have recently moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. I can also speak two languages (Korean and English). In my free time, I enjoy going out to eat with my friends, watching movies, discovering new music, shopping, and sleeping. I am also a member of ASiA (Asian Students in America), IMS (International Mentor Squad), ASO (Architecture Student Organization), and am involved in Greek life here on campus. Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture and I can't wait to meet all of you soon!!





Kalani Mah | Fifth Year

Hi everyone! My name is Kalani Mah and I am a rising fifth-year student from Los Angeles, California. I am currently on the social media team and also run the School of Architecture's official instagram page (@syr_arch). Since enrolling in Syracuse Architecture, I have been the peer advisor coordinator, a member of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), and studied in both London and Florence. However, the best thing I have gained so far in my college career is the people that I have met along the way. Especially in the School of Architecture, you get to meet such a diverse group of people that will support you throughout the years. While it may seem light years away for you right now, I would love to answer any of your questions regarding studying abroad, working in a firm, or anything in general! In my free time, I love to cook, bake, and participate in theatre. Outside of the School of Architecture I am a part of First Year Players, an all student run theatre organization in which I have been the Lighting Designer, Set Designer, and Art Director for. As my time at Syracuse is coming to an end, I am so excited for yours to just begin!



Valeria Otero Lopez | Third Year

Hi!! My name is Valeria, I am originally from Caracas, Venezuela, but I moved to Miami, Florida about 5 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 new friendships 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 skiing and snowboarding (I signed up for a program here in Cuse to go snowboarding on the weekends!!), spending time with my friends, eating sushi (actually eating everything in general), watching TikToks lol, and I loooove 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!!!



Alexandra Grypinich | Second Year

Part-Time Social Media Team Member - Full-Time Peer Advisor



Jeanelle Cho | Second Year

Part-Time Social Media Team Member - Full-Time Peer Advisor



Katie Eveleth | Second Year

Part-Time Social Media Team Member - Full-Time Peer Advisor

