



# Peer Advisors

*Syracuse School of Architecture*

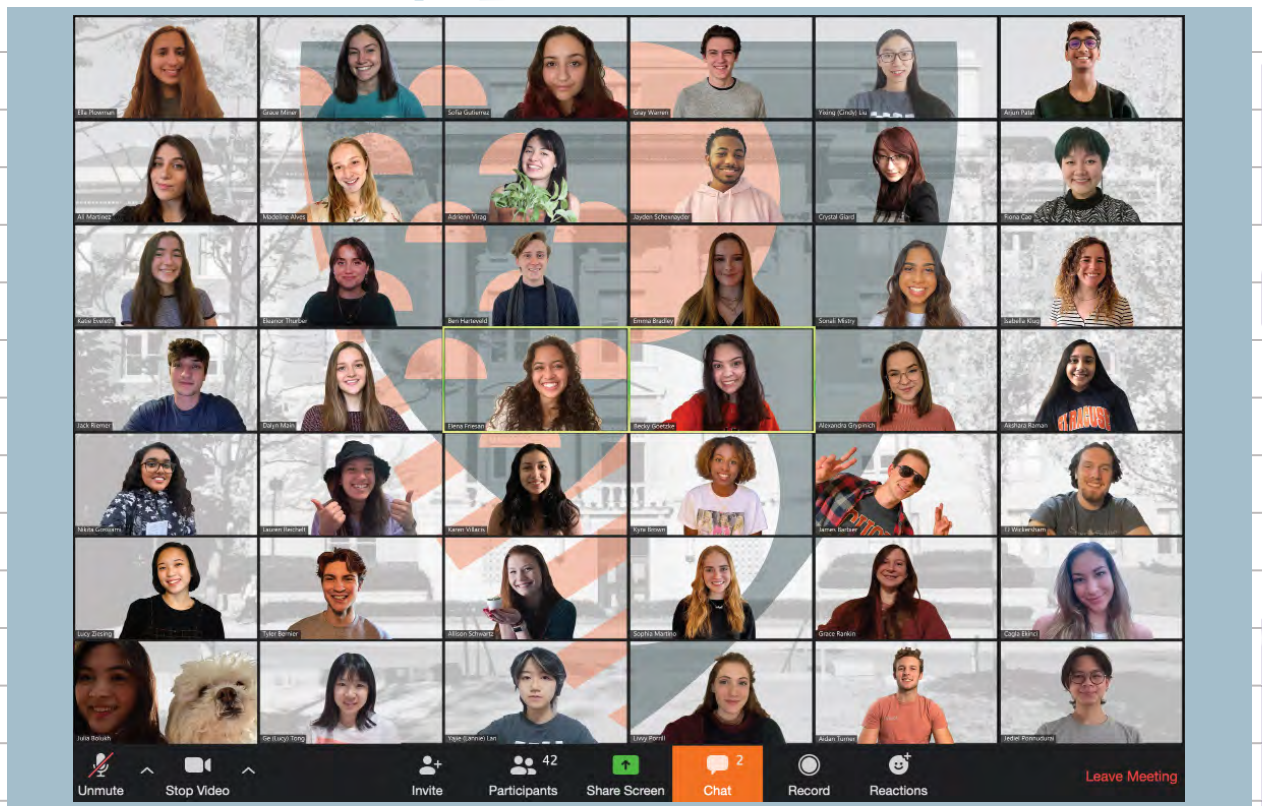
**2021**  
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## The Peer Advisors



**Becky Goetzke and Elena Friesen**  
Peer Coordinators | Second Year

Hello everyone! Our names are Elena Friesen and Becky Goetzke and we are your Peer Advising Co-ordinators for the 2021/2022 academic year. We are extremely excited to be helping you navigate your first year of college! As peer advisors, we will be helping you transition into both architecture school and life here at Syracuse by introducing you to the University, the School of Architecture, and the Syracuse community.

You'll each be put into a group with an upperclassman peer advisor who will both guide you through orientation at the beginning of the semester and mentor you throughout your entire career at Syracuse. Each advisor wants to help guide you during your first year, so don't be afraid to reach out to us!

The Syracuse University School of Architecture is well connected, friendly, and all of the peer advisors have been in your position before. While our first year was altered by the pandemic, we were still able to find a place within the first year and Syracuse Architecture communities. Entering this new phase in your life may seem daunting (it definitely was for the two of us), but the friendships that you will make with your classmates and peer advisors will help make the transition easier. We can't wait to meet each of you this summer and to support you throughout our time together. Be proud of the achievements that got you here, and welcome to Syracuse University's School of Architecture!

Peer Advisors



Toronto,  
Canada

APX!!



Adrienn Virag  
Second Year

Speaks:  
→ French  
→ Hungarian  
→ English

Adri!  
(like  
Audrey)

Hi everyone, my name is Adri (pronounced Audrey) and I'm a rising second-year student from Toronto! Welcome to Syracuse Architecture! Some fun facts about me: I speak French and Hungarian, I am 6 ft. and wear size 10.5 men's shoe. I also play basketball and love distance running. This year has been a crazy one for all of us, with Zoom calls and too much distance but still one of the best of my life. It was super intimidating moving to Syracuse, especially from a big city and without having seen the campus, but it became home so quickly. Also know that although the SOA is an exciting and close-knit environment, there are amazing things to do outside of the school. It's really easy to get involved, and the tricky part is figuring out what you enjoy the most. Outside of class, I work at Graham dining hall (my first job!) which has been amazing. I got to know the staff there really well and we spend whole evenings joking around as we work. Recently, I connected the dining hall with the Food Recovery Network that donates the unserved leftovers to shelters in the neighborhood. Organizing volunteering has been a really amazing way to meet people, not only outside of design but in the Syracuse community as well! I am also a member of APX, the professional design fraternity on campus. Coming from Canada, the idea of Greek life was super strange to me, but so far the community has been so warm and easygoing. Through it I met a lot of people in the upper years, and it's really made me feel at home here.

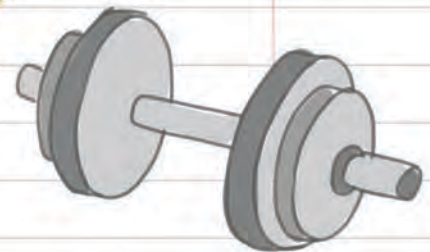


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AXA!



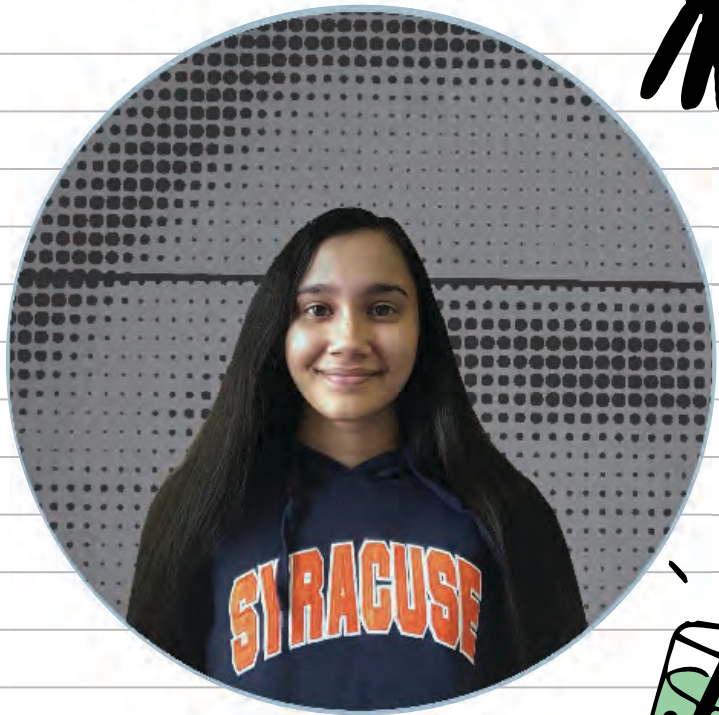
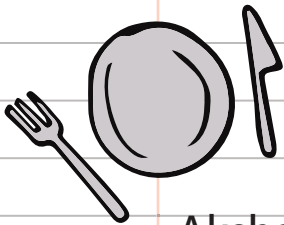
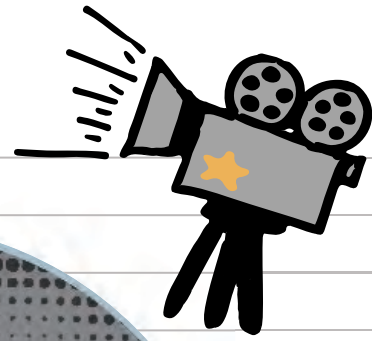
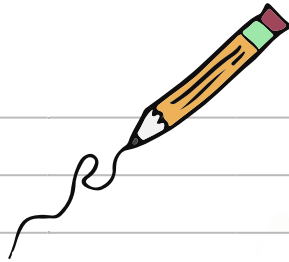
- SWEATSHIRT BUSINESS
- WEIGHTLIFTING



Aidan Turner  
Second Year

Hey everyone! My name is Aidan Turner and I am a rising second-year student here in the School of Architecture. I chose Syracuse because of its outstanding academic programs and lively social scene. The School of Architecture allows me to use my creativity to succeed not only in my studies, but in my aspirations outside of school as well. I've used my skills to create and operate my own sweatshirt business "Grater Things." In addition to the business, I have come to enjoy photography and graphic design. I also love weightlifting and am a member of the Orange Barbell Club which is a dedicated group of people who love going to the gym. To broaden my social circle I became a brother of the fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha whose philanthropy events support Feeding America. All in all, the best advice I can give you is to explore things outside of your comfort zone in college. Congratulations on your acceptance into such a prestigious program! I look forward to meeting everybody soon!

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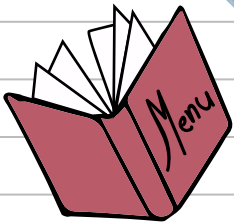
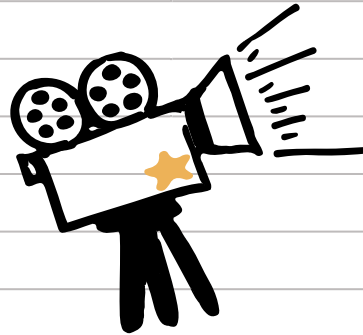
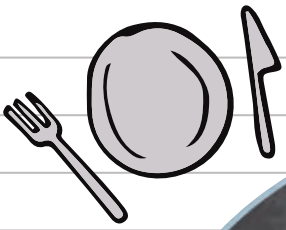


Akshara Raman

Second Year

Hey! My name is Akshara Raman and I am a rising second-year student in the class of 2025. I'm from South New Jersey, about half an hour from Philadelphia. I want to congratulate all of you on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture! I'm not going to lie, it can be a hard transition into college, but it is definitely a fun experience you will remember forever! Especially with the support of the peer advisors, you can make the right steps as you head into architecture school. Something I learned this past year was to manage my time well. It really helped me get my work done and still have time to relax and do other fun things. When I'm not doing my schoolwork, you can always find me creating art, getting some good food (from both on and off campus!), watching movies, listening to music, or just hanging out! My favorite spots on campus are the Einhorn Family Walk, the teahouse on Marshall Street, and of course Slocum Hall. I can't wait to meet you all. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, just to talk, or hang out! Again, congratulations on joining the class of 2026! See you soon!





Ali Martinez

Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Ali Martinez and I'm currently a rising second-year student from Long Island, New York. Congratulations on your acceptance into the Syracuse University School of Architecture! You should be so proud of yourself! After taking part in Syracuse's Summer College Architecture program, I knew that SOA was the place for me and I can't imagine being anywhere else. I've already tried so many new things and made so many amazing memories. College is a big transition for everyone, so don't be afraid to put yourself out there and make new friends! Just remember to be patient, and that good things come to those who wait. Architecture can take up a lot of your time, so remember to take some time for yourself! Some of my favorite things to do are movie nights with my friends, going out to eat, exploring Syracuse, and hanging out with my sisters at Kappa Alpha Theta. Syracuse has so much to offer, so make the most of it... I promise it'll be worth it. Congratulations again and I can't wait to meet all of you next year!

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Allie Galis

Third Year

ENGLISH + ROMANIAN

Hello and congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Allie Galis and I am a rising third-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!



Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania

Peer Advisors

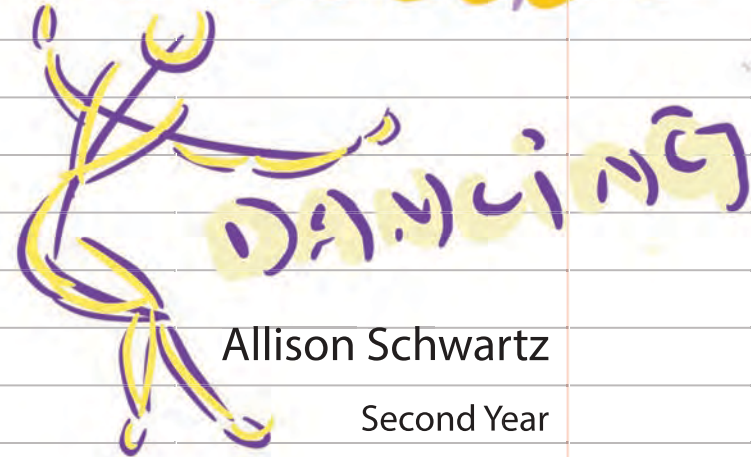


Syracuse

-Future Designer  
of Syracuse Organization

-Graham Dining Hall

-SYR's Food Recovery Network



Allison Schwartz

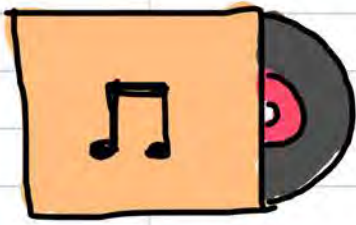
Second Year

Hello! My name is Allison Schwartz, and I am a rising second-year student from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Aside from architecture, I am a game day dancer on Syracuse University's Dance Team. I am also a member of the Future Designers of Syracuse organization, work at Graham dining hall, and assist with Syracuse's Food Recovery Network. As you can tell, there are a variety of opportunities to engage in on campus. Dance has always been my primary creative outlet, and I come from a studio heavily oriented towards high-intensity training and competitions. It was repeated that architecture school can be an extremely taxing commitment, and I debated not sending in my audition video prior to coming on campus because of this. However, I am so entirely happy that I made the decision to do so. Covid has made, among other things, the game day experience drastically different, but our practice schedule is the same daily commitment, besides currently having Saturdays off, as previous years. If you're interested in joining any activity, I say go for it! It is just as important to designate time for your other interests as well as your academics. If being on a D1 team is not for you, there are so many club sports and an amazing gym that can also serve as a healthy break from your studio work. Please feel free to reach out to me to ask any questions, request specific information, or just to chat! Lastly, congratulations on your

Peer Advisors

Bartlett, Illinois

I ♥  
MICRON  
PENS



I like to  
collect fun  
socks!



Becky Goetzke  
Second Year

-ballet  
-modern

-Latin  
Jazz  
dance

My name is Becky Goetzke, and I am a rising second-year student. I'm from Bartlett, Illinois, which is a suburb of Chicago (about 35-40 minutes outside of the city). My hometown prepared me for the harsh Syracuse winter, but also left me with a bit of a Chicago accent. I've been a dancer all my life; I love ballet and modern, but one of my favorite pieces I've ever performed was a Latin jazz dance. I love making art and drawing, micron and ballpoint pens are two of my favorite mediums. Before the pandemic, one of my favorite things to do was go to concerts. I went to a small Catholic high school (there were only 167 students in my graduating class), which had a very close knit, community environment. The transition to a much larger school was definitely daunting, but I was able to find that same feeling of community within the walls of Slocum Hall; we really are like a family here in the School of Architecture. At Syracuse, I'm a peer advisor, and outside of my architecture work, I love going into downtown Syracuse and exploring what the city has to offer. I love going to the record store in Armory Square; they have the best fun socks and t-shirts, which is dangerous for me because I am an avid collector of both. Please reach out to me or any of the other peer advisors if you have any questions, we all have been in your position before and we're here to make your transition into architecture school easier. I can't wait to meet and get to know all of you later this year; welcome to Syracuse!



CLEVELAND,  
OHIO



Peer Advisors

SWIMMING



CHAARG

Delta Phi Epsilon



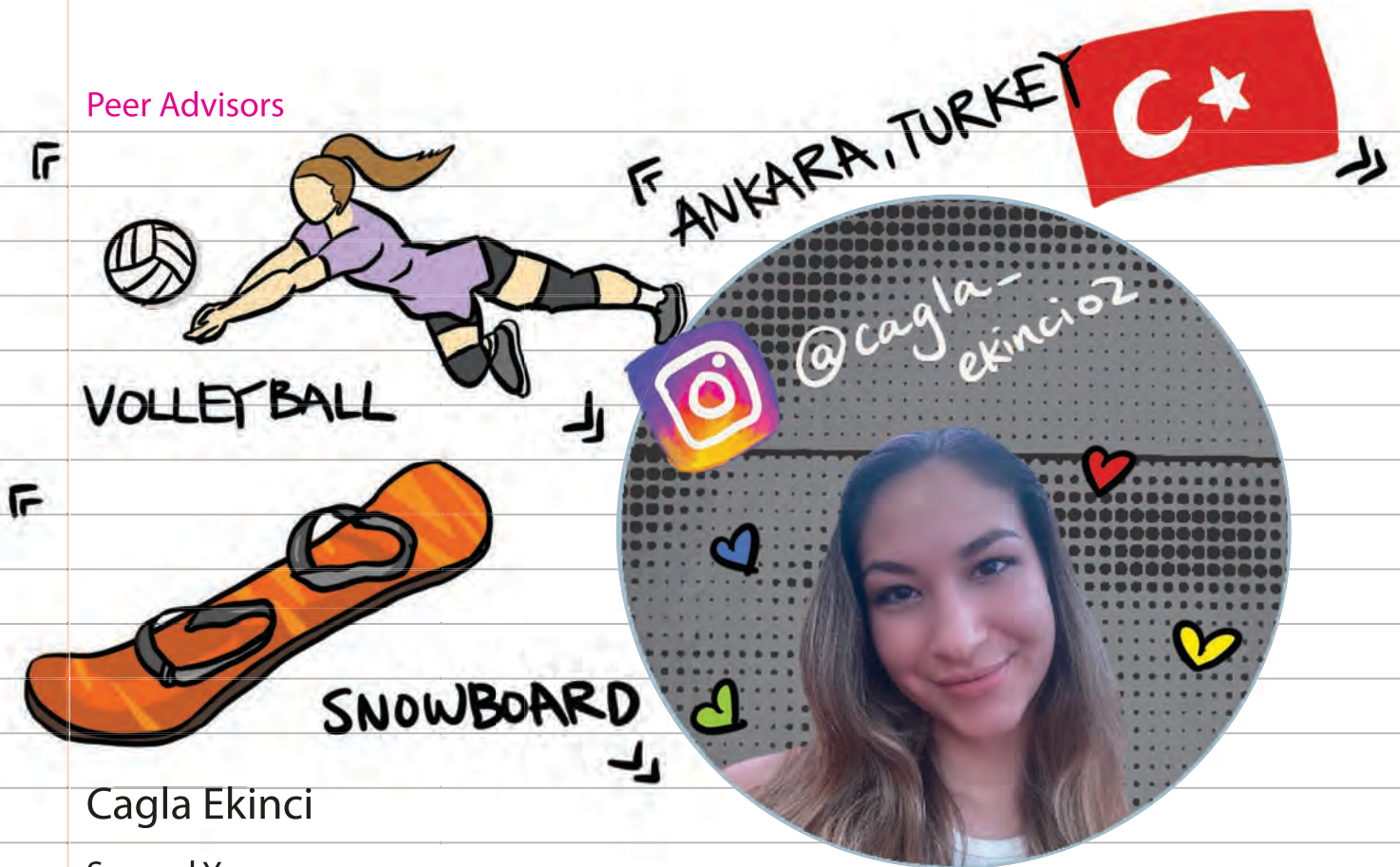
BAKING  
COOKING

Bella Klug

Second Year

My name is Bella Klug and I am a rising second-year student here at the Syracuse University School of Architecture. A little bit about me, I am from a small town outside of Cleveland, Ohio and love everything about Cleveland, especially our sports teams! Besides supporting my home teams, I love hiking, baking/cooking, swimming, and spending time with my family. On campus I am involved in several organizations such as the club swim team, CHAARG (a fitness and wellness community), Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, and I just recently started working for a magazine on campus. Some of my favorite things to do are grabbing coffee with friends; logging into class at People's Place, the cutest cafe on campus; saying hello to friends and familiar faces as I walk to class; and, most of all, watching the sunsets because they are seriously breathtaking! As you can see I keep myself pretty busy so there's proof that architecture school doesn't have to completely take over your college experience. One of the most important things I have learned so far is time management because it truly is your best friend! I was fortunate enough to tour campus and the architecture school before making my decision to attend Syracuse, and I ultimately decided to come here because of the wonderful people I met through those experiences, specifically the peer advising program. Being a virtual prospective student is difficult, but all of the people here are beyond excited to welcome you into our community with open arms.

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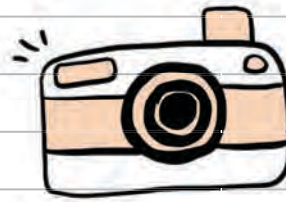
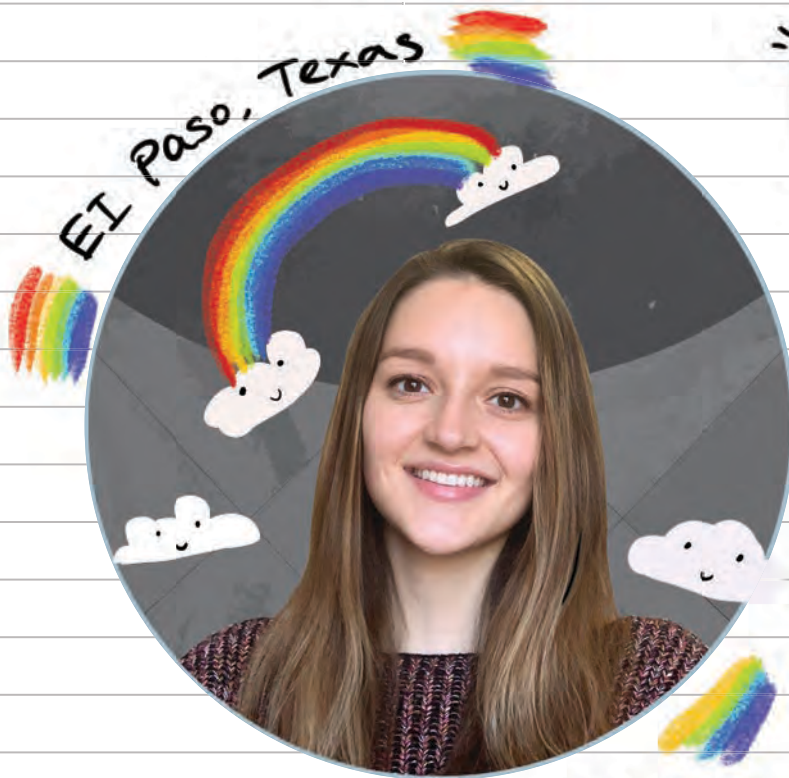


Cagla Ekinci

Second Year

Hi guys! Welcome to Syracuse Architecture class of 2026. First of all I want to congratulate all of you in getting into Syracuse! yay!!! \*happy dance\* I am Cagla Ekinci, pronounced as Chala like T'Challa (if you have watched Marvel) haha. I know it's an odd name but I'm actually an international student from Ankara, Turkey and am a rising second-year student. I am a huge food lover, I really can't say I've eaten anything better than Turkish food but there is a place called Original Grain close to Armory Square highly recommended if you would want to try something healthier than the dining hall options. I love to be active, and explore new places. Each week I try a new in-person group activity in the Barnes Center as well as exploring the city with a couple of friends. I have been playing volleyball for years and also love to snowboard. Coming to Cuse was definitely a challenge plus everything going on with COVID made the transition process a lot harder, but as a foreigner to the country and to Syracuse I feel like I made it through so you can too. I can imagine you all being excited on coming here to campus and are also a little bit afraid to not live the real college experience as a freshman in COVID times but trust me coming to campus will be the best decision you can ever make. :) You can reach me from my insta: @cagla\_ekinci02. And a very huge WELCOME TO THE ORANGE FAMILY!!!

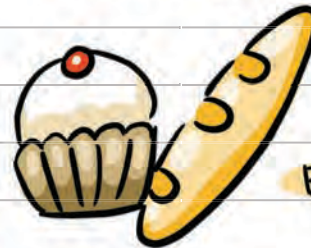




PHOTOGRAPHY



VOLLEYBALL



BAKING



EMBROIDERY

Dalyn Main

Second Year

Hey everyone! I would like to congratulate all of you on your acceptance to Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Dalyn Main and I am a rising second-year student from El Paso, Texas. I understand that the transition into college is an exciting but overwhelming process. It definitely takes time learning to manage your school and social life. It is very important to be patient with yourself and try to get involved in some of the clubs Syracuse has to offer. I am here to support you and hopefully make this transition a little easier for you. I chose Syracuse because I loved the variety of opportunities part of the School of Architecture and their sense of community. Due to COVID, I was unfortunately unable to tour the school but upon arriving at campus I felt at home quickly. I have met so many new people, made some great friends, and I have learned so much from my peers. Outside of architecture, I like going downtown with friends (specifically going to eat at Pastabilities), roaming around campus, and having movie nights. My hobbies include photography, playing volleyball, baking, and embroidery. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions (insta: dalyn\_m) or just want to talk! Congratulations on joining Class of 2026 and I can't wait to meet everyone!

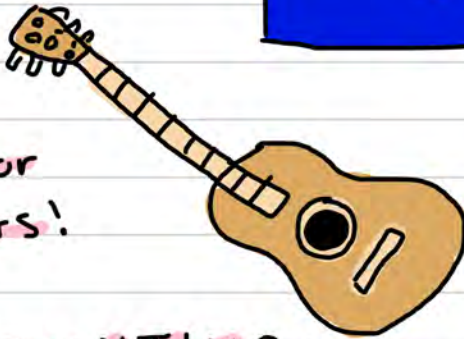
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Denver,  
CO

NOMAS!

Playing  
guitar for  
15 years!



PAINTING!



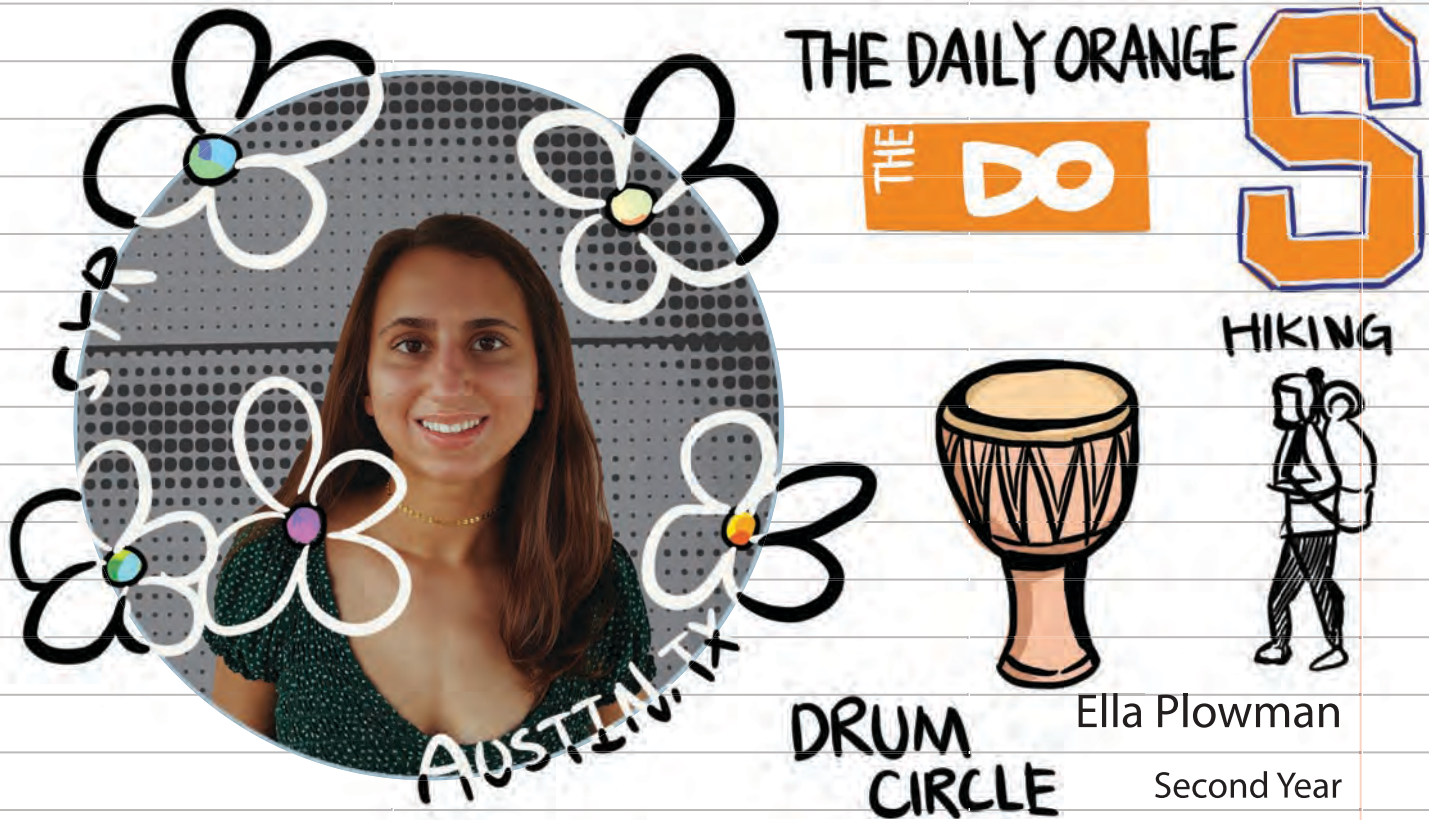
Elena Friesen

Second Year



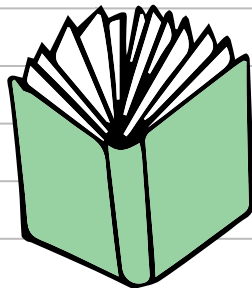
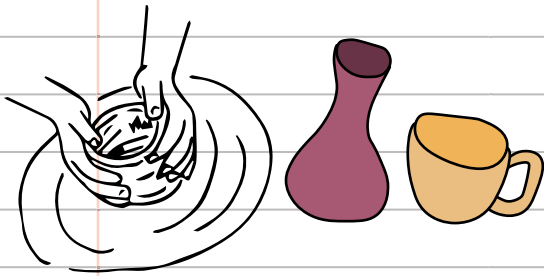
Hello everybody! My name is Elena Friesen and I am a rising second-year student. I'm from the Denver metro area in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Some things about me is that I love to make art, especially painting, and I've been playing guitar for around 15 years. Here at Syracuse I am a part of NOMAS and Syracuse Cru and (of course) the School of Architecture's peer advising program. I love exploring campus and the city of Syracuse, seeing friends, and satisfying my addiction to bubble tea on Marshall Street! Up until the start of college, I had lived in the same house for my entire life, so I understand that transitioning into college can be a big change! As peer advisors, we hope that we can make that change a little bit easier for you. There are so many exciting things to get involved with on campus to help make your college experience as fulfilling as possible and I encourage you to take advantage of it. Between the close knit family that the architecture school is and the clubs and events planned by the university, I am sure that you will find your place here! I am so excited to meet you and help you transition into becoming a college student!





I'm Ella and I'm from Austin, TX. I'm a rising second-year student in the architecture school. Upstate NY was a little bit of a transition since I'm used to 70 degree winters but hats and fuzzy socks go a long way! Outside the best place on campus (Slocum), I work in-house at The Daily Orange writing for the sports section, pitching and making graphics, and running the website and social media accounts. I'm usually power walking between the DO house and Slocum, but when I have the time, I love going to the gym, exploring downtown, and finding random new things to do on and around campus (yesterday, my friend convinced me to go to a (free!) beginners drum circle, and tomorrow morning we're catching a (free again, we're big on free and fun) bus to hike at a nearby state park by the lake. My point being that architecture school is busy and it may seem impossible to strike a balance between studio and everything else, but you'll figure out how to make it work. To relieve all your stress, I recommend following @phoenixthesyracutie on Instagram. See y'all in the fall!

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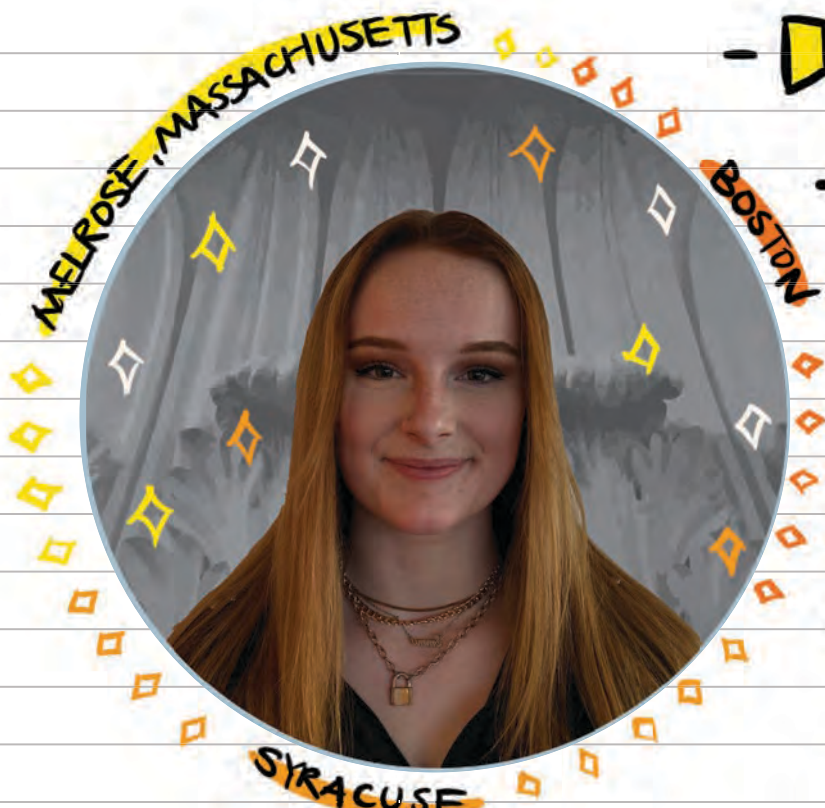
Ella Thurber

Second Year



Hi! My name is Eleanor Thurber, but everyone calls me Ella and I'm a rising second-year student. First of all congratulations and welcome to Syracuse Architecture! I am so excited to meet everyone from the class of 2026 and I hope you are just as excited to join this incredible community. Some quick info about me, I'm from Newton, Massachusetts, which is sort of close to Boston. I work in all forms of art like painting and drawing, but my real love is for ceramics, which is how I got into art and architecture. I have also been listening to a new album everyday, so if you have any suggestions I would love to hear them! I have also been sort of successful in trying to read in my free time, but as you have probably heard, free time does not come that easily to architecture students. That being said, I cannot understate how many incredible people I've met and how many amazing experiences I've had through the architecture program in my short time here. There is always something to do and if you are ever struggling to reach out or make those connections, please reach out to me or any of the other peer advisors! We are all so excited to see you on campus next semester, in person or virtually, and to get to welcome you to Syracuse Architecture. You can reach out to me at @ella.thurber if you just want to talk or want to know anything about the program.






**- DEI REPRESENTATIVE**

**- LIFT WEIGHTS**

**- SKATE BOARD**

**- ASTROLOGY**

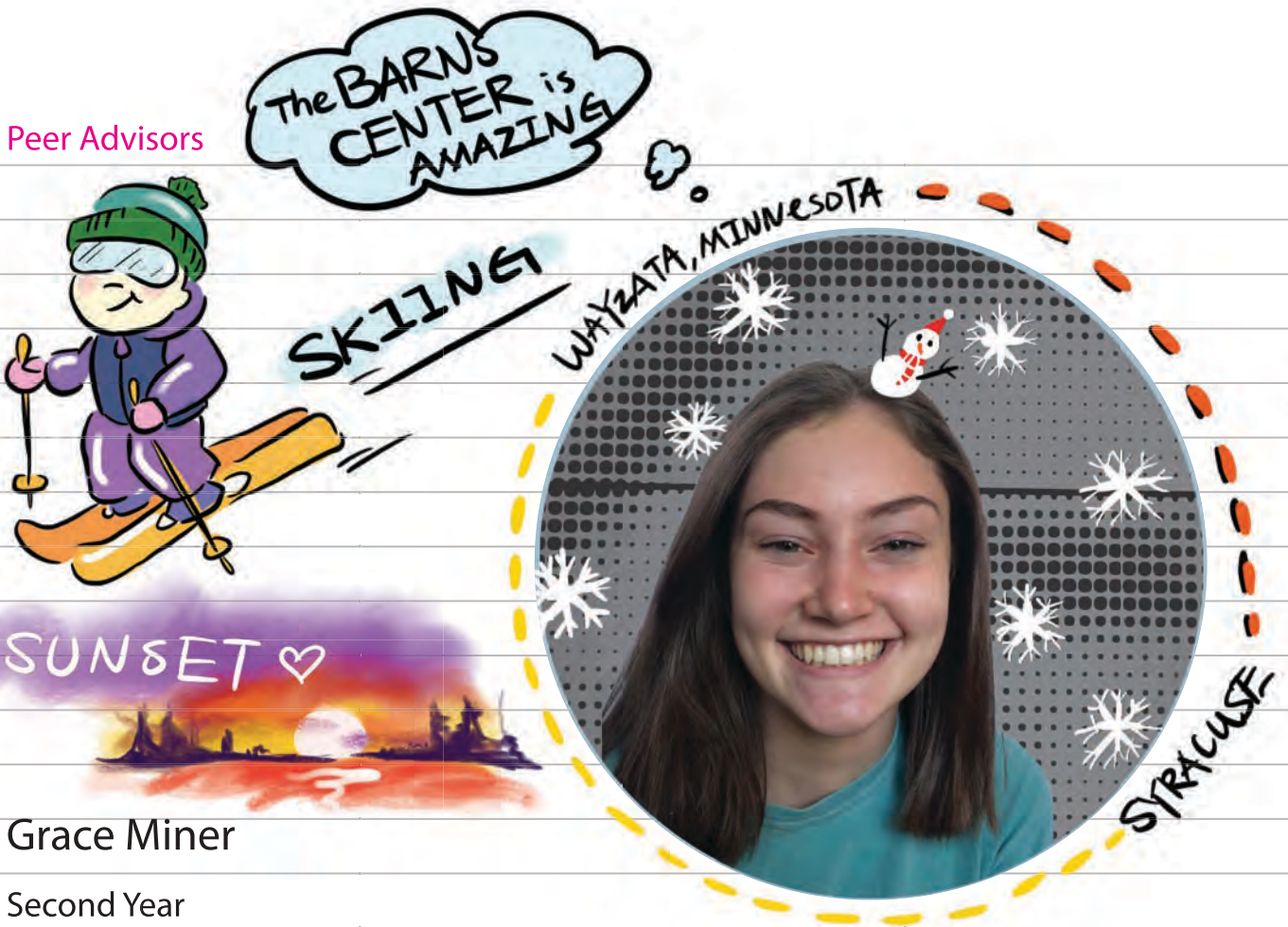
**- DANCE**



Emma Bradley  
Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Emma Bradley, and I am a rising second-year student here at Syracuse University. I'm from Melrose, Massachusetts (about 20 minutes away from the city of Boston). You can usually find me among Slocum Hall wearing a beanie (I have an extensive collection) while probably listening to Frank Ocean, Don Toilver, or SZA. Aside from peer advising, I am also a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee representative for the class of 2025. Outside of architecture, I love to lift weights at the gym, skateboard, and learn new things about astrology (I'm a cancer btw). In high school, I was very involved with competitive dance and competed regionally and nationally across the country so I love to meet people from all different backgrounds. The School of Architecture is like my second family and I can't wait for you to be a part of it as well! Congrats class of 2026!

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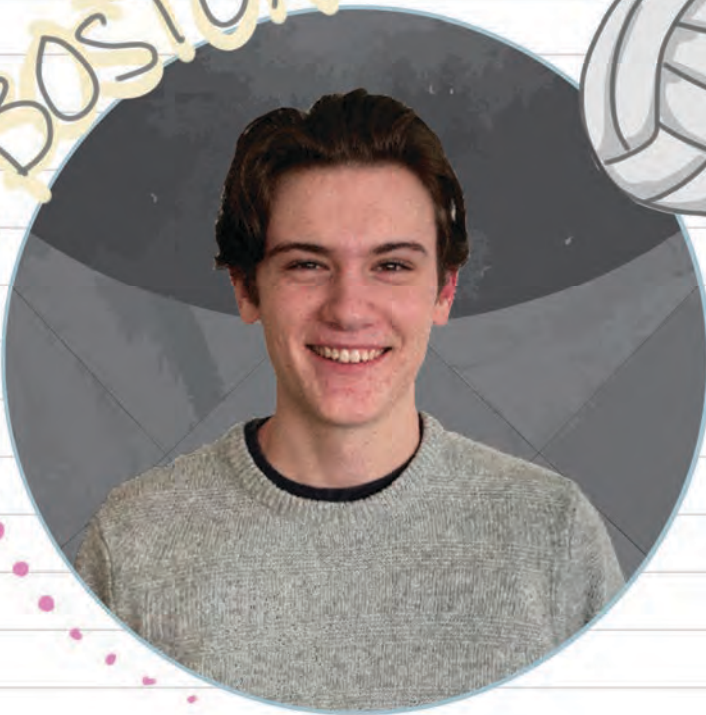
Grace Miner

Second Year

Hey everyone! I'm Grace Miner, and I am a rising second-year student in the class of 2025! First of all, congratulations on your acceptance! I personally never had the opportunity to visit campus before deciding to come here, which was definitely nerve-wracking, but I loved it here immediately when I stepped onto campus. In just a few short months I have met some incredible life-long friends, both in and out of studio, gotten to go on some fun trips through the Barnes Center, and really found my home. A little more about me, I'm from Wayzata, Minnesota, which is a small town in the suburbs of the twin cities. Having grown up in the North, I have always loved cross country skiing or just being outside in the snow, which is why I immediately fell in love with Syracuse as it's one of the snowiest cities in the U.S.! In the winter you can always find me sledding on the hill outside of Crouse or Thornden Park right next to campus. When it's not snowing, you can catch me out roaming around campus with friends, on Marshall Street in the thrift store, or in Thorden watching the sunset above the city. In my free time (which I promise you you'll have - even as an architecture major!), I love to workout (the Barnes Center is AMAZING!), mess around with my camera, or DIY thrift finds. If you have any questions or just want someone to talk to, reach out (ig: graceminer\_) and i'd be happy to answer! Once again, Congratulations! I hope I meet you guys soon!



BOSTON



- VOLLEYBALL
- SKIING
- HIKING



Gray Warren

Second Year

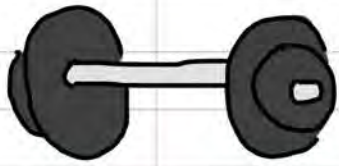
Hello everyone! My name is Gray Warren, I am a rising second-year student! First of all congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture, take a breath, soak in your accomplishment, and get excited! Nobody in this school is going to tell you it isn't challenging, it is, you will almost definitely work harder than your peers in other schools, but it is not suffocating, it is awesome, you are learning, and growing. There is an amazing faculty who listen to your feedback, and don't let you pull the infamous all-nighters. They want you to get involved on campus and see the city, and they will listen if you ask for help. At any stage from here on out all you have to do for help is ask someone, that can absolutely be me, Dana, Vittoria, your professors, or anyone in the school. One piece of advice I have for when you get here, is talk to architecture students above you and ask them questions. I know the bridge between first and second year seems big but it really isn't. Here is a bit about me. I am from right outside of Boston, I love design and of course architecture, I am an avid volleyball player and I love skiing, snowboarding, and hiking. I am a part of the men's club volleyball team, and next year I want to join the spikeball club, and ski club as well. Please reach out to me with any questions you could possibly think of, I was in your shoes very recently and I know you must have a ton, so please reach out!



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♥ snow-boarding! ♥



weight lifting + boxing!



SUL SUL!  
HOOBA  
NOOBIE!

Jack Riemer

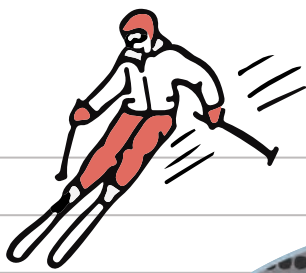
Second Year

MINECRAFT  
+ SIMS 😎



Hey everyone, welcome home! I'm Jack, and I'm a rising second-year student originally from Chicago, Illinois, but my family just moved to Colorado in 2020. With moving to Colorado comes the inevitable of getting involved in skiing/snowboarding, and I chose snowboarding. It's probably my favorite thing to do in the whole world (besides architecture, of course). Aside from snowboarding, I am big into weightlifting, painting, and wrestling/boxing. I also run the first year Bedrock edition Minecraft server (yeah, we all play Sims/Minecraft), but there is a Java edition server too if you are into that sort of thing. Regardless, if you like Minecraft, we would love to have you join either realm as long as it's ours, the good one. I know you probably think college is going to be super stressful, especially as an architecture student. I promise that the stories you have heard are not all true! I won't lie and say you won't have to stay up later than your friends some nights, because you will, but you definitely don't have to spend every waking minute doing architecture. Make sure you get out there and get involved, and set aside time to do what you love. You will find that the community in the School of Architecture is unlike anywhere else. Everyone knows everyone, and you will make some lifelong friends here. If you want to reach out to me and ask any questions or just talk, please do, and I can't wait to meet you!

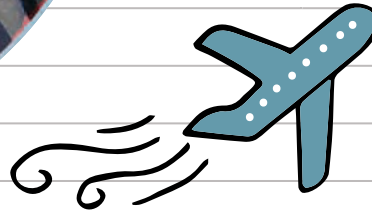
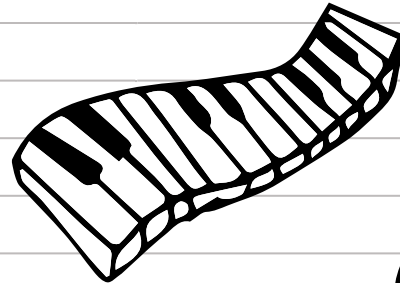




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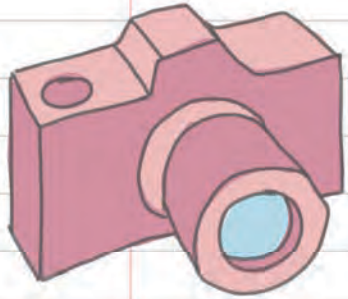
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James Barbier  
Second Year

Hello everyone! My name is James Barbier and I am a rising second-year student. I want to take the time to congratulate you on being accepted into the School of Architecture! A little bit about me: I am from Fort Collins, Colorado, although I was born and raised in Wyoming for most of my life. As such I have quite the experience of change, from living in the rural, isolated but beautiful areas of Wyoming to living in suburban Colorado! In the summer time I enjoy playing tennis, going mountain biking and travelling to all different countries. In the winter I am always hitting up the mountains and going on skiing adventures, and have been doing so since I can remember. I am also an avid listener of music and you will often find me in Slocum Hall walking around with earbuds in, jamming to good tunes. I also play piano, and have been playing for the last 12 years. I am a part of Architecture Ambassadors and AIAS. I spend my free time listening to music, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and enjoying the life of a Syracuse Architecture student. My favorite part of campus besides Slocum Hall has to be the SUNY-ESF courtyard across from the Carrier Dome as it is a lovely, quiet natural area to walk through and relax away from the bustle of the main campus. I have really enjoyed Syracuse University's architecture program. The student architecture community is very welcoming and supportive. Again congratulations!

## Peer Advisors



- MUSIC
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEO GAMES



Jayden Schexnayder

Second Year

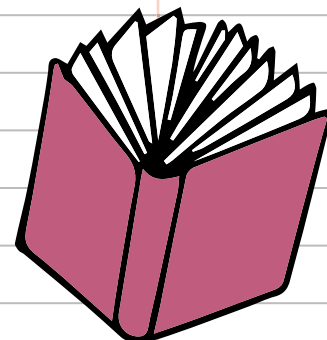
Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Jayden Schexnayder, a rising second-year student of Haitian descent from Bowie, Maryland (about 20 minutes outside of Washington, D.C.)! Besides spending my time studying architecture, I enjoy drawing, photography, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and playing video games! In addition to peer advising, I'm involved in various student organizations within the architecture community such as the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) and I also serve as one of four class of 2025 representatives on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the School of Architecture. I chose Syracuse University's architecture program not only for its academic prestige, but also because I fell in love with the campus and community when I attended the Syracuse Summer College program. College is a brand new environment with many opportunities and it can be easy to get overwhelmed with architecture, but remember that you have a community of peer advisors, staff, and professors that want you to enjoy the experience. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about Syracuse's campus, life in architecture, or anything else!





Welcome!

Peer Advisors



Jediel Ponnudurai

Third Year

Hello everybody! Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse Architecture class of 2026! My name is Jediel and I'm entering my junior 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. My hobbies include reading (more of a non-fiction person), sculpture (particularly clay and cardboard), and collecting currencies from around the world! Besides being a peer advisor, I am a Student Ambassador for the SOA as well as a member of the Renée Crown University Honors Program. 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!

CHINESE + CANTONESE

Peer Advisors

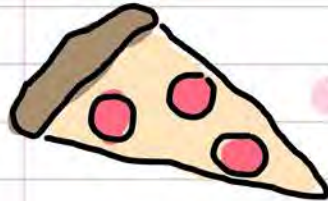
GUANGZHOU,  
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LET'S  
TALK ON  
WECHAT!



TRAVEL!

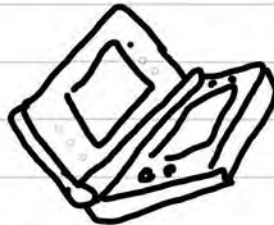
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FOOD!

Jimmy Liang

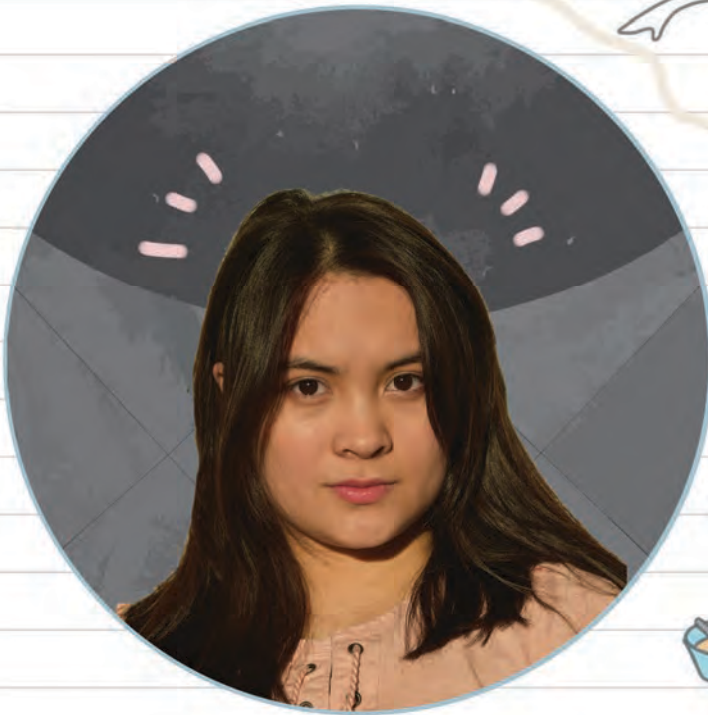
Second Year



Congratulations and welcome to the Syracuse B.Arch program! My name is Zelin Liang and you can call me Jimmy. I'm currently a first-year student and study in the Shanghai program. I come from Guangzhou, China and I stayed in Syracuse for high school for more than one year. I'm really good at Cantonese and Chinese so you can talk with me and ask me questions through WeChat anytime! It might take some time to fit in a brand new environment, but believe in yourself and you will find your best way. You will meet friends from all over the world and over the U.S. and get different cultural experiences. It will be an interesting time. A little tip, keep your own way. Outside of the studio, I love traveling and eating around. I would be very glad if anyone is willing to share some restaurants and exhibitions experiences with me. Also my suggestion, eating is one of the best ways to relax yourself. It is normal for you to feel both excited and nervous. But do not overly worry about it. Feel free to ask peer advisors or TAs anything because we all went through these like you. I watch TV, cook, and play games in my free time. Architecture is not a program that gives you no spare time. Trying to manage your time is very important! I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the studio! Feel free to ask me any questions! (Ins: jimmylzl, WeChat: JML020730, zeliang@syr.edu)



## Peer Advisors



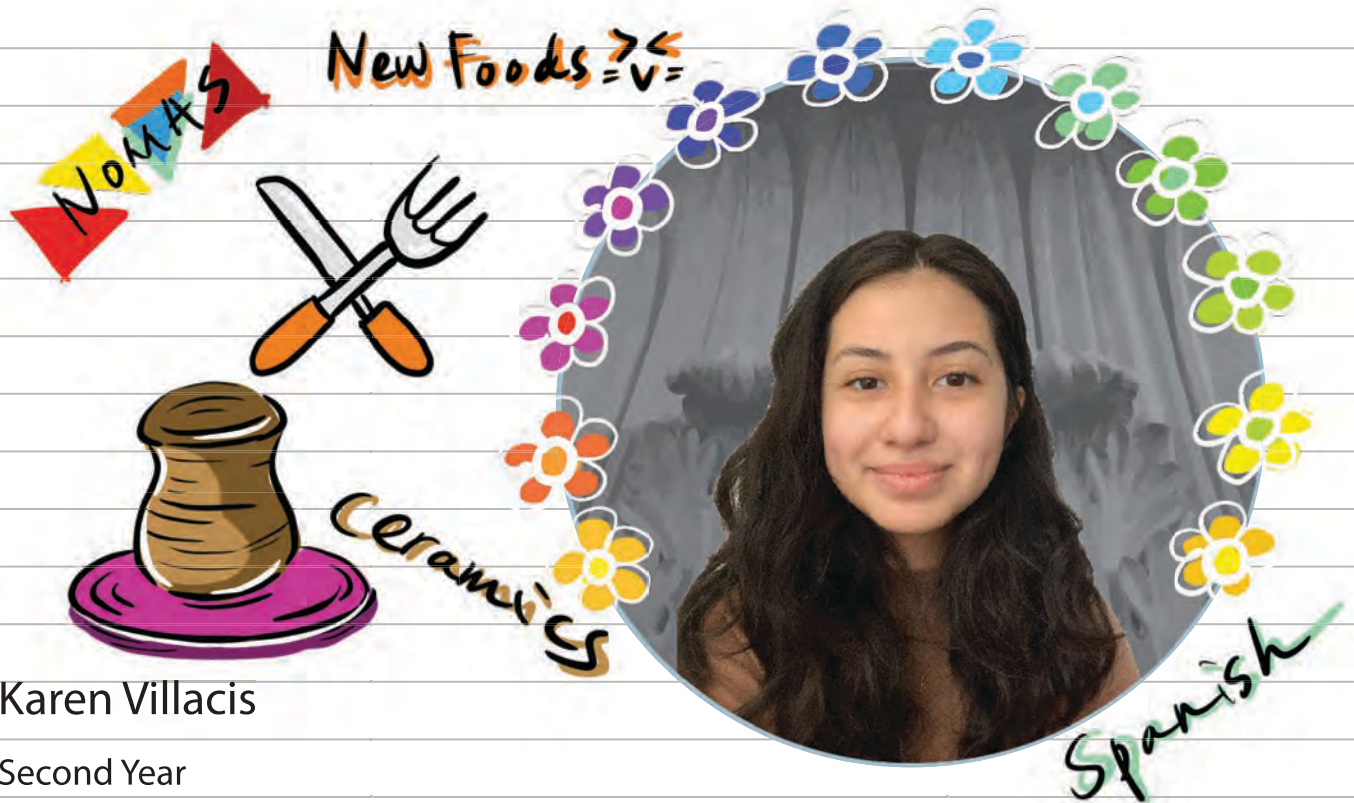
- DANCE
- SPOTIFY
- COOKING
- + MORE!



**Julia Bolukh**  
Second Year

Hi everyone! My name is Julia Bolukh and I'm a rising second-year hailing from Rochester Hills, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. I am ½ Filipino and ½ Ukrainian; I speak English fluently and can understand Ukrainian (my speaking abilities are shaky, and I need someone to teach me Tagalog)...I learned Spanish in school and am trying to learn Korean and Danish. Apart from language learning, I really enjoy cooking, movies, making (too many) Spotify playlists, aimless walks on campus, skating, and bouldering. I'm interested in fashion and did a lot of weaving in high school, but the hobby that takes up the most of my life by far is dance--I adore performing in and experimenting with all styles of movement and have an Instagram account dedicated to my dancing (@lialucasb). I'm in the Filipino Student Association and I'm also really into kpop, so you can also find me performing choreography for the Korean American Student Association here on campus! I didn't know much about Syracuse when I first moved in, but I really do think I've found my place here, and I'm sure you will as well. Always remember to get sleep, check in with your friends and yourself, and ask your professors questions--they are all very eager to help you! Let me know if you need a music recommendation or if you're not sure where a particular building is, or if you just need someone to talk to. Congratulations, Class of 2026; I look forward to seeing you in Slocum! :D

## Peer Advisors

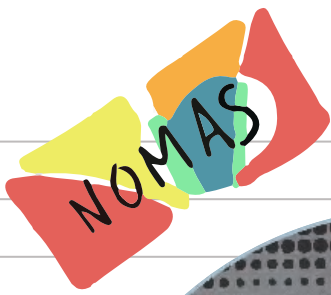


Karen Villacis

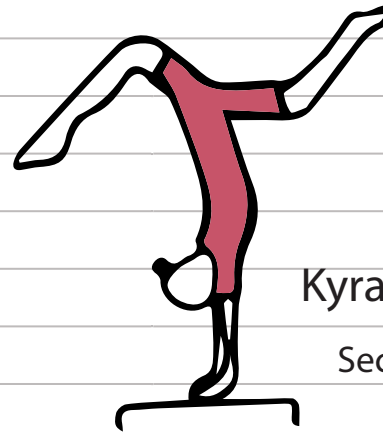
Second Year

Hi, everyone! Welcome and congrats on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Karen and I'm a rising second-year student from Greenwich, CT, which is about 45 minutes from NYC. Some things to know about me are that I am a first generation Ecuadorian-American, I speak Spanish, and I love trying new foods and hanging out with my friends. I also love ceramics, which is how I got interested in architecture! I am currently part of the Architecture Ambassador program, NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students) and, obviously, the peer advising program. I have absolutely loved my time at Syracuse so far because I've gotten to meet so many people from different parts of the world and I've learned so much from my amazing professors. I know architecture school can be very daunting, but you honestly just need to remind yourself that all of your peers are going through the same thing and that you have an amazing group of peer advisors (and faculty!) who have been in your position and are always willing to help. Once again, congrats on your acceptance and I hope to see you in the fall!





Peer Advisors



Kyra Brown

Second Year



Hello! I want to first congratulate you on your acceptance to the School of Architecture. I want to introduce myself, my name is Kyra and I am a second-year student with a plan of potentially double minoring in business and real estate. I'm from Queens, New York and little bit about me, I chose Syracuse University because of the environment and the program overall. Everyone instantly made me feel super welcome and it hasn't changed since coming here. The architecture school in particular is full of friendly faces that are always there to support you no matter what grade you are in and the studio culture is extremely friendly and positive like the rest of campus. Outside of classes I am in a few clubs. I am currently on the club gymnastics team, the membership co-chair for the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) that does a lot of events for the School of Architecture, and I am currently also in a rising organization called Future Designers for Syracuse that is working with a local high school district about educating the students with interests in the design fields through activities and guest speakers. I also have a few jobs on campus where I work as a group fitness assistant at the Barnes Center and I work as a floor monitor at Bird Library. If you have any questions about extracurriculars or jobs on campus, you can always contact me and I will be happy to help. I look forward to seeing you on campus!



Peer Advisors



Lannie Lan  
Third Year



Ayo! What's up? Welcome to the Syracuse University School of Architecture (SOA)! My name is Yajie Lan and you can call me Lannie. I am a rising third-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 faced the greatest cultural shock. Luckily, 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 and different skin colors. Here you can not only receive the world's top architecture education, but also, and more importantly, become a better learner. 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 (Ins: lan.lanni, email:ylan07@syr.edu).

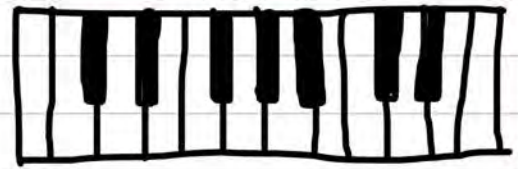


# TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING + UKIYO-E

Peer Advisors



PIANO!



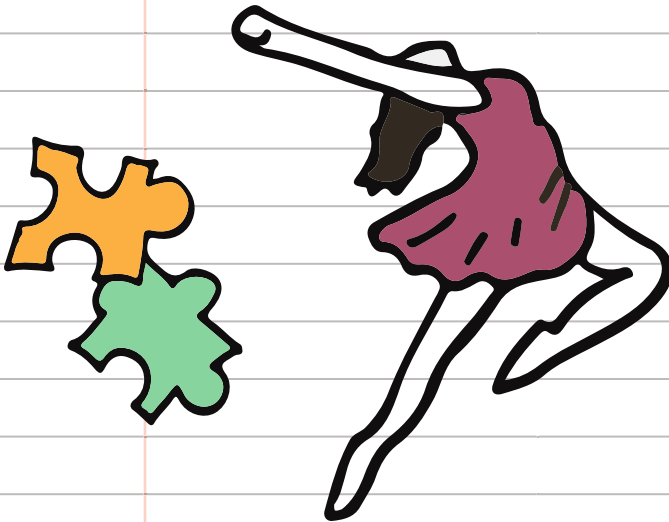
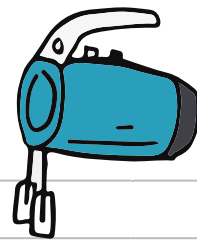
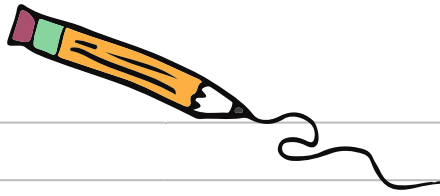
LISTENING TO MUSIC!



Lucy Tong  
Second Year

Hello Everyone! My name is Ge Tong, and you can just call me Lucy (I know my first name is so hard to pronounce lol). I am a rising second-year student from Beijing, China. I chose Syracuse University's School of Architecture because I had a fantastic experience in the Summer College Architecture program in 2019. SOA is a warm family, and I feel lucky to spend my undergraduate years here. Outside of the studio, I'm obsessed with illustration because I really enjoy creating a world with my pen. I especially like traditional Chinese painting and Ukiyo-e. At the same time, I also like playing the piano and listening to music. Music has always helped me be better with illustration. Maybe you're like me at this time: nervous and excited when you received the admission letter. You may worry that you won't do well in college. Don't worry! You should trust that your professors, TAs, peer advisors, and other SOA staff members will help you. Hope you enjoy this summer vacation! Looking forward to seeing you in the fall!

## Peer Advisors

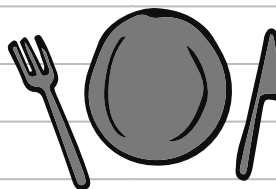


Lucy Ziesing

Second Year

Hi! :) Welcome to the class of 2026 and congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Lucy Ziesing, I am a rising second-year student from Montclair, New Jersey. I love to dance, bake, listen to music, paint and draw, and solve puzzles. I am an Architecture Ambassador, a member of Danceworks, one of the student-run dance organizations on campus, and I work at the Barnes Center at the Arch. I was first introduced to Syracuse and the School of Architecture when I participated in the Summer College Architecture program in 2019. That summer, I absolutely fell in love with the campus and the School of Architecture and I continued to over the course of my first year. When I'm not in class or working, I spend my free time hanging out with my friends and going on adventures. Feel free to reachout with any questions, or even just to chat, on Instagram (@lucyziesing) or through email (lziesing@syr.edu). Once again, congratulations and welcome to the ORANGE family! I can't wait to meet all of you!



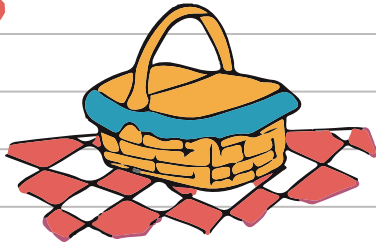
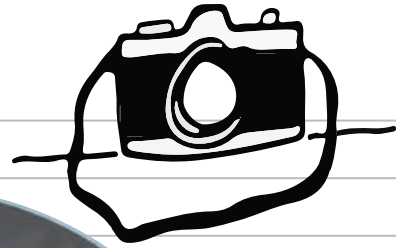
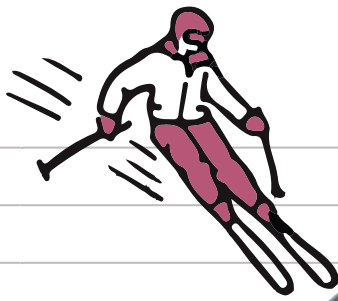


Sofia Gutierrez

Third Year

Welcome to SyrArch, I'm Sofia Gutierrez! I am a rising third-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 Dimensions OMA meetings, talking about politics, or planning for NOMAS. I hope that you choose Syracuse so that you can begin to build lasting connections and become a part of the SyrArch community!

## Peer Advisors



**Sonali Mistry**

Second Year

Hi! My name is Sonali Mistry and I'm a rising second-year student from Budd Lake, New Jersey. Congrats on your acceptance! I hope that you are all excited because Syracuse Architecture is a prestigious program with great faculty and a tight knit community among the students. One of my favorite things about Syracuse Architecture is that there are so many people from different cultures/backgrounds. When you get here, try to get to know everyone and form connections, it'll make your experience more enjoyable. It is also important to separate yourself from architecture because it can consume most of your time. In my time off from architecture, I love to go downtown and try different restaurants or participate in the numerous activities Syracuse provides for free! When you are here, get a feel for the campus - it is your new home, find places where you can study, I personally love Bird Library, explore different dining halls, my favorites are Ernie Davis and Schine, or even find places to picnic, my favorite is next to the Crouse building overlooking the city. A little bit about me: I am fluent in Gujarati, I love photography, art, spending time with family, skiing, and swimming, and I intend to minor in business. Aside from peer advisors, I'm also in NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students), and SASA (South Asian Student Association). I'm excited to see you guys next semester and please reach out if you have any questions!



I ♥ SOA!

Peer Advisors

Westfield,  
New Jersey!

**False** Arch. students  
statements:

- ✗ • no sleep
- ✗ • no social life
- ✗ • always doing work

Sophia Martino

Second Year

Hi! My name is Sophia Martino and I'm a rising second-year student from Westfield, New Jersey. Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! I am so excited to meet all of you and to welcome you to the Syracuse community! I understand that the transition from high school to college can be overwhelming, but I am here to help make that transition a little bit smoother. It's hard to ignore the stereotypes that go along with architecture students, such as no sleep, no social life, always doing work, etc. However, I can assure you that those are all false statements. As architecture students, we already know how to get our work done, manage our time, and still have time to have an amazing college experience. At first you may not believe it as you are adjusting to the work, but I promise you that you will quickly realize that it's possible to get all of your work done and still find plenty of time to hang out with friends. Outside of the School of Architecture, I love going out to dinner and just exploring new places in downtown Syracuse with my friends. Even on those nights when you're up late working on assignments stuck in the dorm, you're still able to get closer with those in your program. I've become best friends with other students in architecture just from working with them after class. It's the best/closest community on campus and I am so happy to welcome you all to it. Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture, I can't wait to meet you all!



## Peer Advisors

Westchester, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia

Syracuse



TJ Wickersham

Second Year

Hi! I'm TJ Wickersham, and I'm a rising second-year student at Syracuse University's School of Architecture. I'm from West Chester, Pennsylvania, which is about a 50-minute drive from Philadelphia. I chose Syracuse Architecture because it was the program that made me feel most at home, by far, thanks to the school's outreach, and particularly to the peer advising group. This is truly a one-of-a-kind community, and I'm very glad to be a part of it all. When I'm not architecture-ing on campus, I'm a member of the Jewelry and Metalsmithing Club and a fairly regular fan of Barnes Center hiking trips. At home, I mostly partake in some blacksmithing and woodworking for fun, with a good amount of my time going to playing video games, reading, or driving, all while listening to music of some variety. The first year experience is an amazing one, and I could never regret the time I've had here, and always look forward to whatever my future as an architecture student holds. While you're here, make sure you put your best effort into your work, but don't forget to be as well-rounded as possible! Explore your interests in other areas too, because balance is just as important here as in any situation in life. If you have any questions about the program, don't hesitate to ask! We're in this together, from the first day of first year to the last day of fifth, and beyond. Congratulations on your acceptance to the program, and Go Orange!





*Introducing...*

# Committees

Introducing...

## The Creative Team

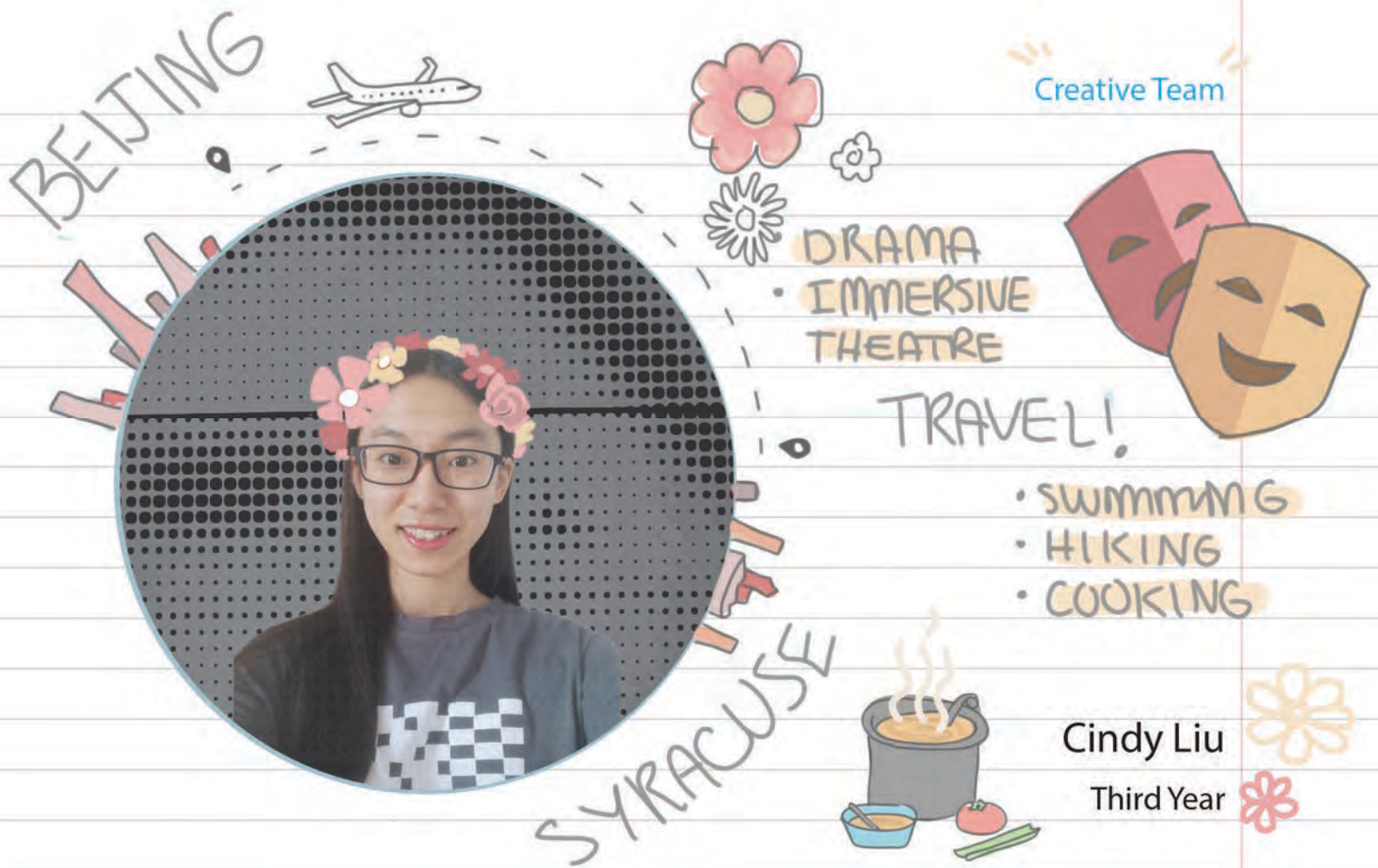


Maddy Alves

Chair | Fourth 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 fourth year with a double minor in real estate and sociology. I'm from Alexandria, Virginia, which is about 20 minutes south of D.C. 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. I also chose Syracuse for its incredible clubs and opportunities. I actually just started a club with another architecture major called The Ballet Club. 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 just got back from Syracuse Abroad in Florence, so if you have any questions I would be happy to share. I can't wait to see you and welcome you!





Hello everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Yixing Liu and you can call me Cindy, currently a rising third-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 to be relaxed, be confident, and be patient with yourself. Soon you will find your best way out as well as discover a variety of wonderful things on this campus. Outside of the architecture school, I am passionate about drama playing, hosting, cooking, hiking, swimming and traveling. Recently I'm extremely obsessed with immersive theater. Remember, work hard, and also play hard! Whenever you need help or want to chat, feel free to reach out to me (Ins: cindyyixingliu). I'm looking forward to meeting you at Slocum Hall and again congrats on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture!



## Creative Team



- Dungeons & Dragon
- PODCASTS
- DND PODCASTS ! =



### Crystal Giard

Third Year

Hi everyone! Congratulations on being accepted to the Syracuse Architecture program! My name is Crystal Giard and I'm a rising third-year architecture student on the creative team. I'm from New Hampshire and some of my favorite things to do when I find myself with some free time is 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!



# TAKE INSPIRATION FROM NATURE!

Creative Team



- CHINA  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR

PSYCHOLOGY!



ANIMAL  
DOCUMENTARIES!

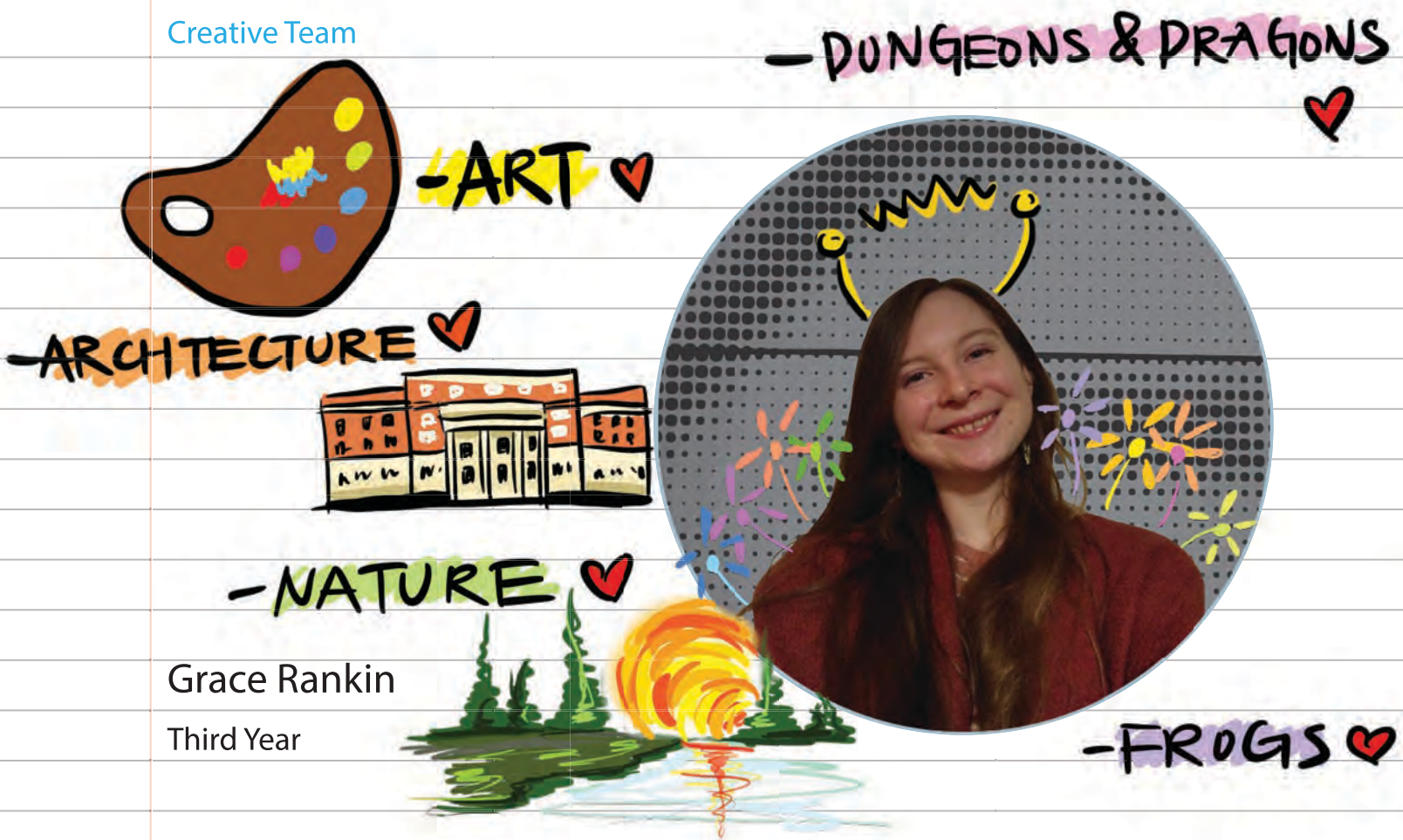
PAINTING!



Fiona Cao  
Third Year

Hey! My name is Fiona Cao. I am a rising third-year student from China. You can chat with me in English or Mandarin. Congratulations on joining our School of Architecture at Syracuse University! This is an excellent program with professional faculty and talented students. You are going to enjoy your first year. Please do not feel nervous for your upcoming semester. Just enjoy it and try your best. Different people have different ideas about 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 from than spending each second concentrating on your studio work every day. Besides architecture, I like animal documentaries, painting, and psychology. I started my psychology minor this semester. Feel free to ask me whatever you want through email (jcao19@syr.edu) or WeChat (ID: asfollows\_tongxia). Once again, welcome to the Orange family! I am so excited to meet you all!

## Creative Team



Grace Rankin

Third Year

Welcome to your new adventure at Syracuse University! My name is Grace Rankin, and I am a rising third-year student 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.



# APX + AIAS!

Creative Team



♪ ♪ SWEET  
HOME  
ALABAMA  
♪ ♪



SOCCER!!

Livvy Porrill

Third Year



SCUBA DIVING!

Hey! My name is Livvy Porrill and I am a rising third-year student from Birmingham, Alabama! Some things that I really like to do are play soccer, scuba dive, work in my sketchbook, and go on coffee runs with friends. 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 the Philanthropy Chair 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 you all!



Creative Team

NJ

NOMAS



BUBBLE TEA!



Nikita Goswami

Third Year

Hey everyone! My name is Nikita Goswami and I am a rising third-year student here at the Syracuse University School of Architecture! I'm from Skillman, NJ (basically right by Princeton) and my family is originally from India. 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 studio, I'm also a part of NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students). 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!



SKI-CLUB!

Creative Team



AIAS!  
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MARIO-KART

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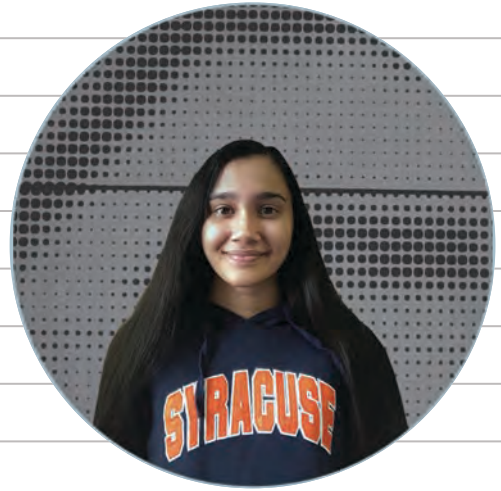


Tyler Bernier  
Third Year

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 your acceptance to Syracuse University School of Architecture! Personally, I chose Syracuse Architecture 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 Syracuse has a lot to offer. I am involved in AIAS (the American Institute of Architecture Students), ASO (Architecture Student Organization), APX (the national professional fraternity for architecture and the allied arts), FADS (Fashion and Design Society), and the Ski Club. All of these organizations have helped me further integrate myself into the amazing, tight-knit community that is the School of Architecture. Don't be surprised when you begin making life-long friends on the very first day of classes! Outside of architecture, I enjoy taking time to go on runs and exercise, as I find physical wellness to be a vital aspect of mental wellness. I also enjoy rock climbing and playing Mario Kart at the Barnes Center with my friends (when we can find the time)! 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. Can't wait to see you all on campus in the fall!

## Creative Team

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Part-Time Creative Team



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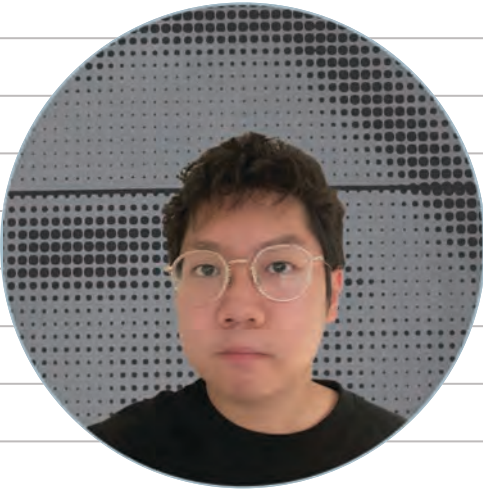


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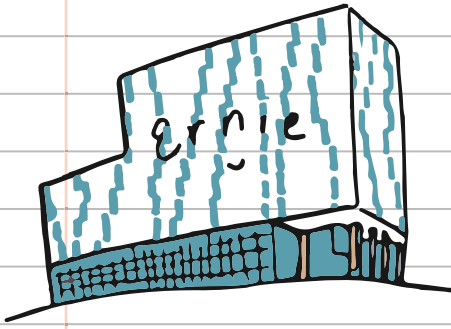
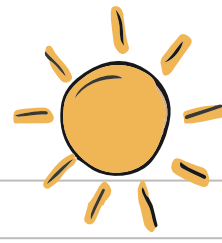


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Introducing...

## The Social Media Team

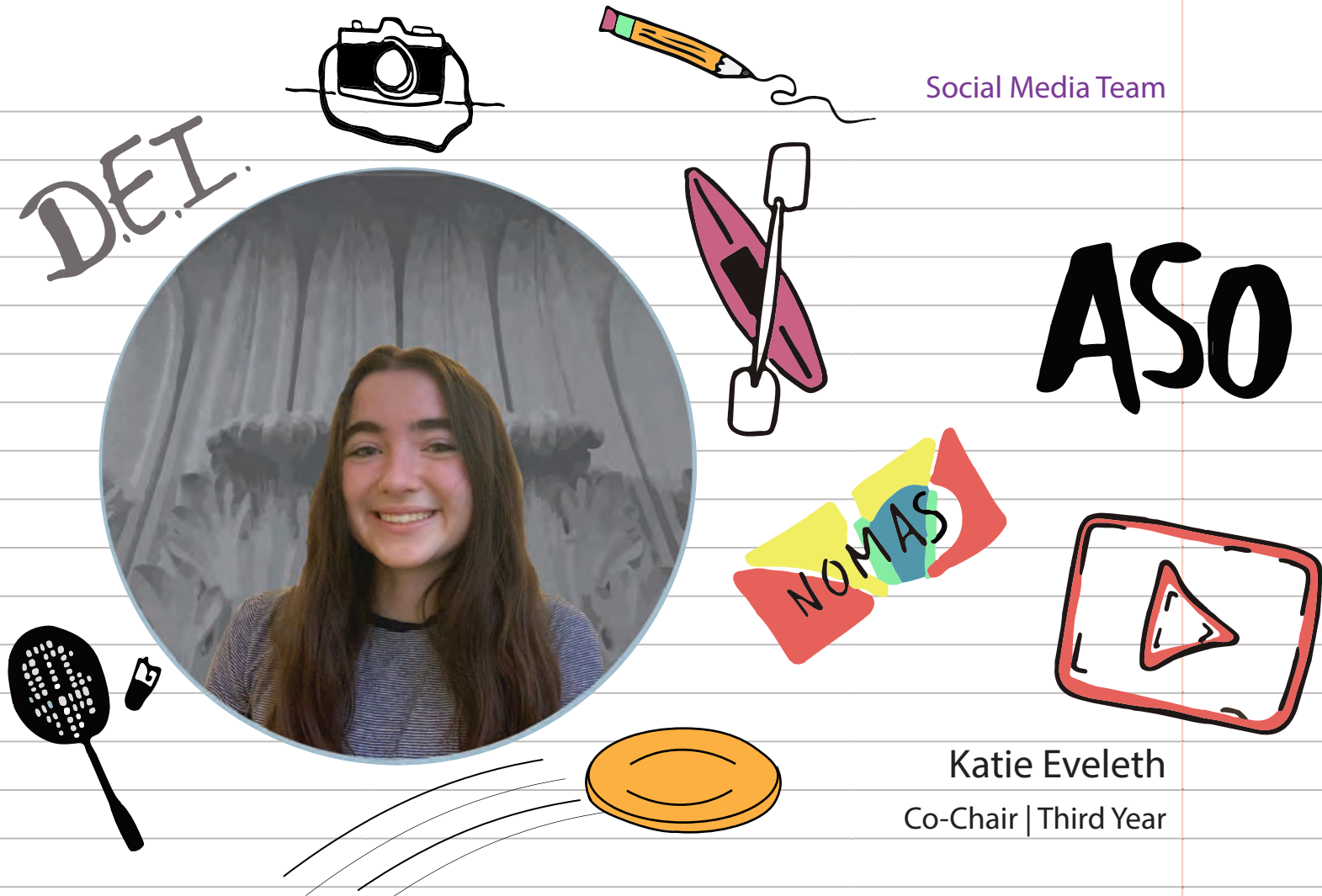


Lauren Reichelt

Co-Chair | Fourth Year

Hey Hey Hey!! My name is Lauren Reichelt, and I am a rising fourth-year student! Gosh has my first THREE years flown by. I'm from Westchester, NY which is about four hours away, or as I like to tell my mom only two hours if she lets me drive. 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. Being in this program for the past few 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 Thursdays 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 go outside 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 throughout your entire college career. Congratulations class of 2026, you made it! Welcome to your next chapter in life, I cannot wait until I get to meet all of you soon!!





Katie Eveleth  
Co-Chair | Third Year

Hi Everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! My name is Katie Eveleth and I am a rising third-year B.Arch student at Syracuse University! I am from Chatham, New Jersey which is about 45 minutes away from New York City! You can usually find me in the studio or on campus taking videos for my YouTube channel (I make architecture vlogs)! Aside from peer advisors and the social media committee, I am the class representative for Architecture Student Organization (ASO) and for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and I also like to participate in the NOMAS design competitions. Outside of architecture, I am on the Club Badminton team and I play tennis and frisbee with friends. In the summer I am a camp counselor and I teach kayaking classes in New Hampshire. In the winter, I like to ski and play paddle tennis (official name is platform tennis! It's an outdoor winter sport that's like a mix of squash, racquetball and tennis and you can hit off the screens). In my free time I've been practicing digital drawing but I also enjoy painting, drawing and photography. I'm excited to meet you all in the fall!

- Women in Design

- APX

- AIAS



Bucket hats



Earrings



Embroidering

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Alexandra Grypinich

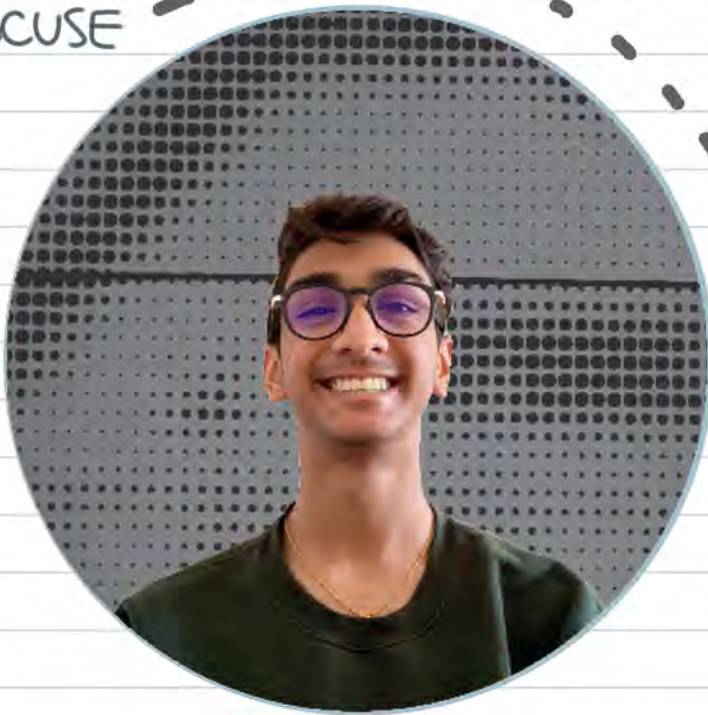
Third Year

Hi there! My name is Alexandra, and I'm a rising third-year student 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, and AIAS. I really enjoy going to the Barnes Center to work out, swim, go rock climbing, or even play Mario Kart with friends in the esports room! I also absolutely love crafting whether it's making earrings, crocheting bucket hats and sweaters, or embroidering. Staring 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 Syracuse has to offer. In stressful times lean on your peers, or your peer advisors because we are all in this together. Congrats on becoming part of the Orange family!





SYRACUSE



• APX

• NOMAS

• SAN FRANCISCO



Arjun Patel

Third Year

Hello! Congratulations on being accepted to Syracuse University's School of Architecture. My name is Arjun Patel and I am a second-year student here at the School of Architecture! I am part of the Social Media Committee within the peer advising program and was a traditional peer advisor last year. I am originally from San Francisco, California and absolutely love experiencing the lifestyle on the East Coast. It has been amazing being able to meet an array of people from different areas around the United States and even the world from this school. Within the School of Architecture, I am a part of different organizations, including being the Worthy Estimator, or Treasurer, for the Professional Architecture and Allied Arts Fraternity, Alpha Rho Chi, as well as Programs Co-Chair for the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students. Go check out all the cool things we have done on our social media, and feel free to reach out if you'd like to learn more about any of those organizations. I am also the Executive Associate for The deGraffenried Foundation, a non-profit organization that was founded by a School of Architecture alumnus, that strives to break down the financial barriers for aspiring designers that come with pursuing a career in design. Definitely check us out on Instagram and see how you can help other students in the design field. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have and I look forward to meeting you all soon!



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- barista  
- New Jersey  
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College  
Democrats  
Club! ☺



COFFEE  
+  
FOOD ♡



VEGAN  
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CAKE!



Ben Hartevelde  
Third Year

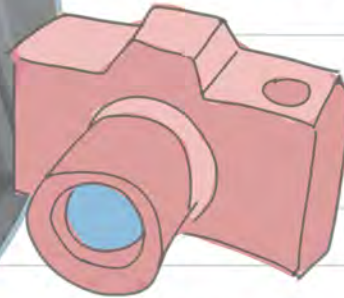
Hello everyone, My name is Ben Hartevelde and I am a rising third-year architecture student at Syracuse. I come from a town called Maplewood, in Northern New Jersey which is a short train ride outside of New York City. I want to start by saying congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse. It is an amazing program, and so far has been one of the best experiences of my life. Outside of architecture school, I am a part of the College Democrats Club and am the Professional Committee chair of Alpha Rho Chi, the architecture and design professional fraternity on campus. At home I am a barista at a local bakery, so coffee and food are big parts of my life. Food can be a daunting subject when one considers Syracuse, New York but there are a bunch of great restaurants and coffee shops around campus that I have found. I chose Syracuse because when I was looking at schools I talked to upperclassmen who had been through the program and they raved about their abroad experience and how it was life-changing. This and the balance I felt from Syracuse's architecture program were the dominant factors that helped in my decision. Since being at school I have realized there is more than just that which encompasses my love for the school: the Quad, Vegan Chocolate Cake from the Faculty Center, the Barnes Center, my inspiring classmates, and the easily accessible professional resources. I hope to see you guys around campus, please say hi and ask questions.:)



BRAZIL!

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- FASHION
- FILM
- PHOTOGRAPHY



Duda Costa Carvalho

Third Year

Hi! My name is Eduarda Carvalho (but please call me Duda!) and I am a rising third-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 spending 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!

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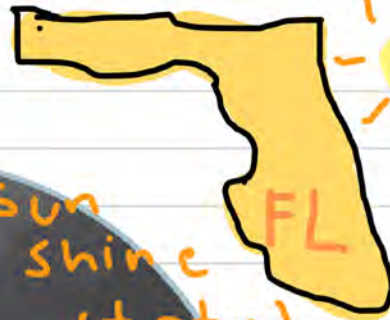
## Sophia Villarreal-Levy

Third Year

Howdy! My name is Sophia Villarreal-Levy and I'm from Austin, Texas. I am a rising third-year student in the Syracuse University 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; I take one class in the Renée Crown University Honors Program each semester and I am a member of Alpha Rho Chi, Future Designers of Syracuse, Ballet Club of Syracuse, AIAS, and Kappa Alpha Theta. This school has so much to offer and I can't wait to share it all with you!



# ASO!!



Social Media Team



Valeria Otero Lopez

Fourth Year

Hi!! My name is Valeria, I am originally from Caracas, Venezuela, but I moved to Miami, Florida about six 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 Syracuse 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 Architecture Ambassador and Peer Advisor, I'm a member of ASO, and was in Greek life! Syracuse 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!

## Social Media Team

Lucy Ziesing

Part-Time Social Media Team







See You  
Next Semester!

