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Welcome to the Syracuse University School of Architecture family! We are Maddy Alves and Lauren Reichelt and we're your Peer Advising Program Coordinators for the upcoming year.

A bit about us: Lauren is from Westchester, New York and Maddy is from Alexandria, Virginia, right outside of Washington, D.C. We met here at Syracuse back in 2016 in the Summer College Architecture Program and instantly reconnected upon arriving to campus for our first year. This upcoming fall, we will both be fifth-year students. In addition to Architecture, Lauren is minoring in Project Management, and Maddy is a double minor in Real Estate and Sociology. Outside of our academics, Lauren can often be found reading, enjoying a cup of coffee outside, or running. Maddy enjoys dancing with the Ballet Club of Syracuse that she co-founded, and when she isn't dancing, she is often watching Netflix or giggling somewhere in Slocum.

We are so honored to present you with this Welcome Packet and look forward to getting to know you all very soon. This packet will introduce you to the Peer Advisors, who you'll be meeting throughout the coming months. They have a lot of advice and are eager to talk to you about anything that you need as you transition from high school to college. Within the packet, each advisor talks a little bit about themselves, where they are from, their interests, and what they're involved in on campus and outside of school.

Architecture school and the transition to college can sometimes be overwhelming. We're not going to lie, we all have been homesick and have had bad days, but our friends, connections within the School, and the Peer Advising Program get us through. The studio and School of Architecture culture is so inspiring and there are lots of cool people. You will not only find yourself, but you'll make lifelong friends along the way.

Maddy and Lauren



WORD

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TRADITIONAL ADVISORS

Most members of the Peer Advisor Program hold the role of “Traditional Advisor”. Each of these Advisors serve as a mentor to a select group of incoming students. They are responsible for contacting their group of students over the summer, hosting them during the School of Architecture orientation, and keeping in touch throughout the school year. Think of them as your big brothers and big sisters as you transition from high school to college!



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ANDERSON



Hey, guys! My name is Oji Anderson (pronounced like O.G., haha.) and I'm a rising second-year student from Massachusetts. I'm so excited to meet you all and welcome you to the Syracuse Architecture family! Some facts about me are that I love music (I play 5 instruments!), snowboarding, lifting, thrifting, coffee, and spending time outside. My favorite thing to do in my free time is going to concerts. I've seen Tyler, Vundabar, Rex Orange County, and Tame Impala live. Outside of classes, I am involved on campus through the Student Association, Architecture Ambassadors, Architecture Student Organization (ASO), figure skating, and work at Starbucks on Marshall Street! I love to stay busy and do so much on/off campus, and architecture in no way prevents a college experience from being reached to its full potential! This school has become a home for me instantly, and I've gotten to meet so many new people, made wonderful friends, and learned so much from my peers. Reach out if you need anything or just want to talk, my Instagram is @ojiandersn. I look forward to meeting you guys!



SIA BAGGA



Hi! Welcome to the Class of 2027 and congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture. I'm Sia Bagga, a rising second-year student from Delhi, India. I love to dance, listen to music and paint. I am an Architecture Ambassador, a member of the School of Architecture's International Mentor Squad, and part of the University's Orange Pulse Dance Troupe. I have been dancing since I was five years old. Though architecture is immersive, I have been able to focus on both my passions with ease. Opportunities as such have helped me transition better into the new environment and mingle well with people. I like to spend my free time hanging out with friends. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions on Instagram (@siaaa_.04). Congratulations on your acceptance once again and a very huge welcome to the Orange Family!



JAMES BARBIER



Hey, all! My name is James Barbier, and I am a rising third-year student in the Class of 2025. I am from Fort Collins, Colorado, though I was born and raised in Wyoming. Congratulations on being accepted into Syracuse University's School of Architecture! You all have worked hard, and it has certainly paid off! While the transition into the college life can be hard at times, my fellow peer advisors and I are here to make certain you have an easy and fun introduction into the student architecture community. I am a hardcore skier and fan of Liverpool Football Club. When I am not busy with schoolwork, you can find me listening to music, playing piano, hanging out with friends, enjoying a tennis match, watching premier league footie on the tellie, or enjoying the sunshine on the Quad! My favorite place to get a break from the challenging life of architecture is sitting at SUNY ESF's quad, often the quietest outside, on-campus location at Syracuse University. Some useful advice: just be yourself. It served me well enough throughout my time at SU. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. Once again congratulations and welcome to Syracuse University's School of Architecture!





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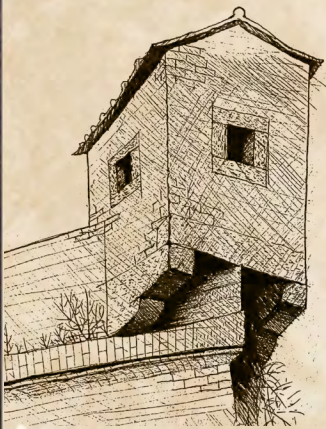
BARNEY



Hey there! My name is Alex Barney, and I am a rising second-year student from Lancaster, Pennsylvania (about an hour and a half west of Philadelphia) and yes, I see the Amish daily so you can ask me all the questions you have about them. I can't wait to welcome you all in the fall. The School of Architecture is a fantastic place and if you take the time to get to know some upperclassmen it can really pay off. Within the school, I am involved with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and serve as one of my class representatives. Through the committee, we address issues of inequity within the school. Outside of the walls of Slocum, I love backpacking and being outdoors. I've gone on a 7,500-mile, two-week (lots of driving every day if you do the math) road trip across the entire U.S., traveling through over half the states. I also spent 11 days backpacking a 115-mile trail in New Mexico. Because of my love of the outdoors, I'm involved with the Syracuse University Outdoors Club (SUOC) and I'd highly recommend it to anyone who likes to get some fresh air. The club is still fully student organized and is one of the oldest student-run college organizations in the country! Back home, I have a job as a tour guide at a historical pretzel bakery, so I can give you the full tour if you ever have 30 minutes to spare. I also love thrifting because of its sustainability. Feel free to reach out over the summer, I'm very outgoing and would love to meet you. You're going to love it here! See you soon!



MADDIE BEST



Hello, and congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture! My name is Maddie Best, and I am a rising second-year student from Providence, Rhode Island. At Syracuse, I am involved in the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and the Peer Advising program, and I hope to join more clubs next year. Outside of organized clubs and academics, I love to read, watch movies with my friends, and listen to music (I am a HUGE Harry Styles and Taylor Swift fan). The transition into architecture school can seem scary, but it is so rewarding in the end! The School of Architecture is like a family, and you will have support in every step of this process. If you have any questions, feel free to send me a message on my Instagram (@maddie.best) and I would be happy to answer! I can't wait to meet you!



EDDIE BROWN



Hey, everyone! My name is Eddie Brown. I am a rising third-year student from Rockville, Maryland. I chose Syracuse's School of Architecture because of the great academic opportunities, but I also did an in-person visit and fell in love with the campus. SU is definitely the prettiest in winter and spring. I am going abroad to NYC in the 2023 spring semester, so I am excited about that. The workload can be overwhelming at times, so it's important to find something to take your mind off architecture entirely. Other than architecture, I'm on the club soccer team and wrestling club team. I try to go to the gym as much as possible to lift. I am also an ambassador for Mentor Collective, a mentor organization run through the University. There is so much beyond the walls of Slocum. Make sure to go out and explore and congratulations on your acceptance. Go Orange!

KYRA BROWN



Hello, everyone! My name is Kyra Brown and I am rising third-year student in the School of Architecture. I'm from Queens, New York and I will be a traditional Peer Advisor this year! I want to congratulate you all on your hard work and your dedication. Being accepted into this program is a HUGE accomplishment and you all should be extremely proud of yourselves. Outside of Peer Advising, I am the vice president of Future Designers for Syracuse where we provide an afterschool design program to the local high schools in Syracuse. We teach high schoolers about the various design fields by bringing in guest lecturers while also helping them build a portfolio that can be used to apply to design schools if they wish. Additionally, I am also the treasurer of NOMAS which is the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students. We host a lot of events within the School of Architecture and partner with the outside Syracuse community to educate everyone through each cultural appreciation month and celebrate the achievements of those that are making large contributions to the community. Outside of school, I love to work out and am a part of the gymnastics club team on campus. When I am unable to work out with them, I love going to the Barnes Center which has a multitude of activities to engage in on and off campus. When I am not doing schoolwork, I also have work study jobs on campus. I currently work at Bird Library and as a cashier at FoodWorks on campus, which is a supermarket for students. Although I do a lot on campus, I have found ways to balance it all so that I can still have an amazing college experience and have free time to spend with friends or even to just sleep in. I can't wait to see you all! If you have any questions feel free to message me on Instagram (@kyra.madison_) or email me at kbrown10@syr.edu.



KYLE CHIANG



Hi, everyone! My name is Kyle, and I'm a rising second-year architecture student from Centennial, Colorado (about 15 minutes outside of Denver)! Congratulations on your admission to Syracuse Architecture! I chose Syracuse because of its academic rigor and the community that exists in the School of Architecture. Aside from Architecture Ambassadors and Peer Advising, I am involved in the Honors Program and Alpha Rho Chi, the co-ed professional fraternity for architecture and design. In my free time here, I enjoy exploring the city of Syracuse and trying new coffee shops and restaurants (I'm a huge foodie). I also love traveling, cooking, and visiting art museums. There are plenty of opportunities here to get involved in the activities you enjoy; you just have to put yourself out there and be open to trying new things! Everyone handles the transition into college differently, but we are here to help. Syracuse Architecture is a great place for students to challenge themselves, learn, and grow. I can't wait to welcome you all in the fall!



AUDREY
DELIA



Hey, everyone! My name is Audrey Delia and I am a rising second-year student from Ocean, New Jersey. First, congratulations on your acceptance into the program! It's no easy feat, and you all should be so proud of this incredible accomplishment. Here at Syracuse, besides my involvement in Peer Advising and Architecture Ambassadors, I also am a member of The Ballet Club. I have been dancing since I was three years old and being able to continue to take classes here has definitely helped the transition into college life. Also, getting involved helped me manage the heavy workload of my classes and prioritize time for myself. Outside of school, I love being outside and I absolutely love the ocean, especially since I live so close to the beach. I can't wait to meet you all on campus and I'm looking forward to chatting with you soon! If you have any questions, you can reach me through my email (abdelia@syr.edu) or my Instagram ([@audrey_delia](https://www.instagram.com/audrey_delia)).



SILVIA DIAZ

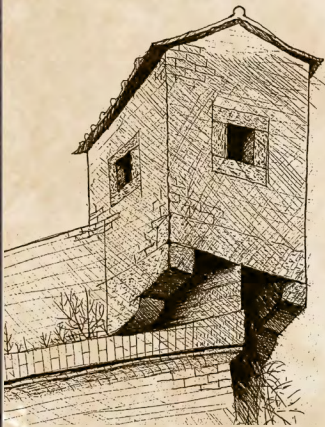


Hi! Welcome to the School of Architecture, my name is Silvia Diaz and I am a third-year student from Mexico and I spent middle and high school in Los Angeles, California. When I first arrived at Syracuse, I had never visited, nor did I know anyone also starting their freshman year, but from the first day, I felt welcomed by a great community, which quickly eased my nerves about starting college. It was always great reminding myself in the beginning that everyone is in the same position arriving at a new school and for most, a new city. So, everyone is looking to make friends! Despite my freshman year studio being partly online, it became the place where I met some of my closest friends and has given me unforgettable memories. When I am in Syracuse, I really enjoy paint nights with my friends, visiting nearby lakes, the gym after studio, as well as the many options in Downtown Syracuse. Syracuse really is a great city and has so many different things to offer for each type of person. The School of Architecture also has a great study abroad program, which I will be partaking in, studying in NYC in the spring and Florence in fall 2023. I can't wait to meet you guys in the fall and congratulations on your acceptance! Feel free to message me with any questions you might have. Email: Secarril@syr.edu Instagram: @Silvia15_




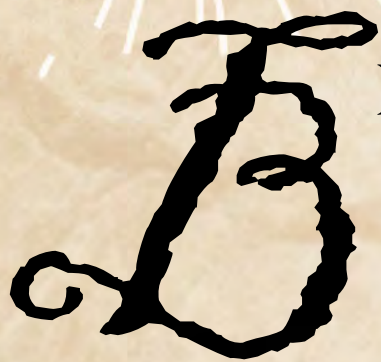
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GLAGOLA



Hey, everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! I can guarantee you will love it here. My name is Jake Glagola and I am a rising second-year student. I am from Ellicott City, Maryland, which is between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. In high school, I played baseball and was the head manager for our football team. I have a lot of history playing several other sports. Currently, I am a very active golfer and skier. Here on campus, I do a little of everything. There are so many opportunities and fun things you can do that I love to try out with my friends. A big thing you will have to learn is time management, and I am here to help. My rule of thumb is to get everything done as soon as possible. This will give you the free time to explore the other great parts of Syracuse and not be stuck in your dorm room or studio. I am looking forward to meeting you all. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, I love talking with people. My Instagram and Snapchat are @jakeglagola; email is jwglagol@syr.edu. Bleed Orange!





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Hi, everyone! My name is Becky Goetzke, and I am a rising third-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. In high school, I was the captain of the math team during my senior year; that's right, I was the crazy kid who thought calculus was fun! I love making art and drawing; micron and ballpoint pens are two of my favorite mediums. I also love going to concerts; I've been to four in the last six months and I have more coming up this summer! 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 (I was a co-coordinator last year), 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!

KAILYNNE GOMEZ



Hi! Firstly, I want to say congratulations and welcome to the Syracuse Architecture family! My name is Kailynne Gomez and I'm a rising second-year student from Marietta, NY. While I initially never imagined staying in New York for college, I couldn't be happier with my choice to attend Syracuse. I'm an Architecture Ambassador and Peer Advisor within the School of Architecture, and am a co-captain of the Syracuse English Equestrian Club. I definitely recommend getting involved within the school and the vast variety of clubs to give yourself the opportunity to try new things and meet new people! Personally, I've made some really close friendships through the clubs I'm involved in. Outside of school, I also work off campus for a wedding venue and an equestrian facility. For me, it has been really important to find a balance between school and life, having other activities and commitments outside of architecture has really helped me prioritize my time. I can't wait to meet you all in the fall. Feel free to reach out (email: krgomez@syr.edu IG kailynnerg).

SHANNON GRECH



Hey everyone, my name is Shannon Grech, and I am a rising third-year student. Congratulations on your acceptance and commitment to Syracuse University. I am from Astoria, Queens and New York City so Syracuse wasn't too far for me, but I still remember the excitement and fear I felt knowing I was leaving home. But as soon as I got to Syracuse, I knew that it would quickly become a second home to me. I really enjoy working out and specifically lifting. So as soon as I got here, I got into a good routine when I found the perfect time for me to go to the gym—in case you were wondering it was around 8 a.m. before our classes start at 9:30 a.m. It may sound kind of early, but when I got to Syracuse I discovered how much of an early bird I am, which is another reason I fell for this campus, the mornings here can be very peaceful. One of my favorite things about college is that we are really given the freedom to build our own routines and schedules that make us as happy as possible. So, when times got really stressful, my friend and I would run outside Slocum and take a quick half hour nap on the Quad under the sun to get refreshed and I can't imagine doing that anywhere else. I am also a member of the Professional and Academic Committee of Alpha Rho Chi, the architecture and design fraternity on campus, which I truly encourage you to explore. There are so many opportunities on campus to engage with other design students and get inspired by their different mediums of design. I have my first internship this summer abroad in Malta, which I am extremely excited for, and am taking a really cool Analog Photography course next semester so please reach out if any of these things also interest you. Can't wait to meet you all. My email is stgrech@syredu and my Instagram is [@shannontgrech](https://www.instagram.com/shannontgrech).



SOFIA GUTIERREZ



Hi freshmen, congratulations on choosing Syracuse! We are so excited to have you joining us this fall at the School of Architecture. My name is Sofia Gutierrez, and I am a fourth-year architecture major and political science minor. As a freshman, I know it felt hard to engage with clubs and student groups on campus. I joined the Orange Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) as a sophomore and loved it. I've held three different positions in NOMAS, including my current position as president! I love to reach out to underclassmen to give them a warm welcome to the School. During the semester, we hold BIPOC-centered networking events, lectures given by architects, alumni panels and more! We're always looking to recruit, so feel free to reach out! My role as a Peer Advisor has also been an awesome way to connect with freshmen. I've loved creating a small community of kids, grand-kids, and now great-grand-kids! I can't wait to meet my next group of advisees. Outside of NOMAS and Peer Advising, I am looking forward to starting research with the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program! I'll be working on a project about Indigenous Latin American architecture, specifically as it relates to the Latin American diaspora in the United States. I hope to travel, create a comprehensive archive of Latin building typologies, and generate original designs from it! You can reach me at sogutier@syr.edu or on Instagram at [@sofiaarianne](https://www.instagram.com/sofiaarianne).





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Hi! My name is Donovan and I am a third-year student here at 'Cuse. I'm from just outside of Baltimore, Maryland (yes, I like crabs) and I also frequently spend time with family in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Some of my hobbies include skiing/snowboarding, painting (or any art really), listening to music, and exercising. My first piece of college advice for you is to get involved. Syracuse has an unbelievable amount of options and it is one of the best ways to meet new people. Myself, I am a graphic designer and photographer for 'Cuse Athletics in addition to running my own freelance design business. I am in the Honors Program, work on South Campus, am a general body member of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), and also previously served as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee class representative for my first two years, among other things. I am taking advantage of our amazing study abroad programs and going to NYC next spring and then Florence the following fall. I am so excited to work with all of you and am already wildly proud of you for making it here. Congrats on becoming a part of our family; we can't wait to see what you all bring to the program! If you have any questions or just want to say hi, feel free to reach out! dherna04@syrc.edu ig: the.don.h

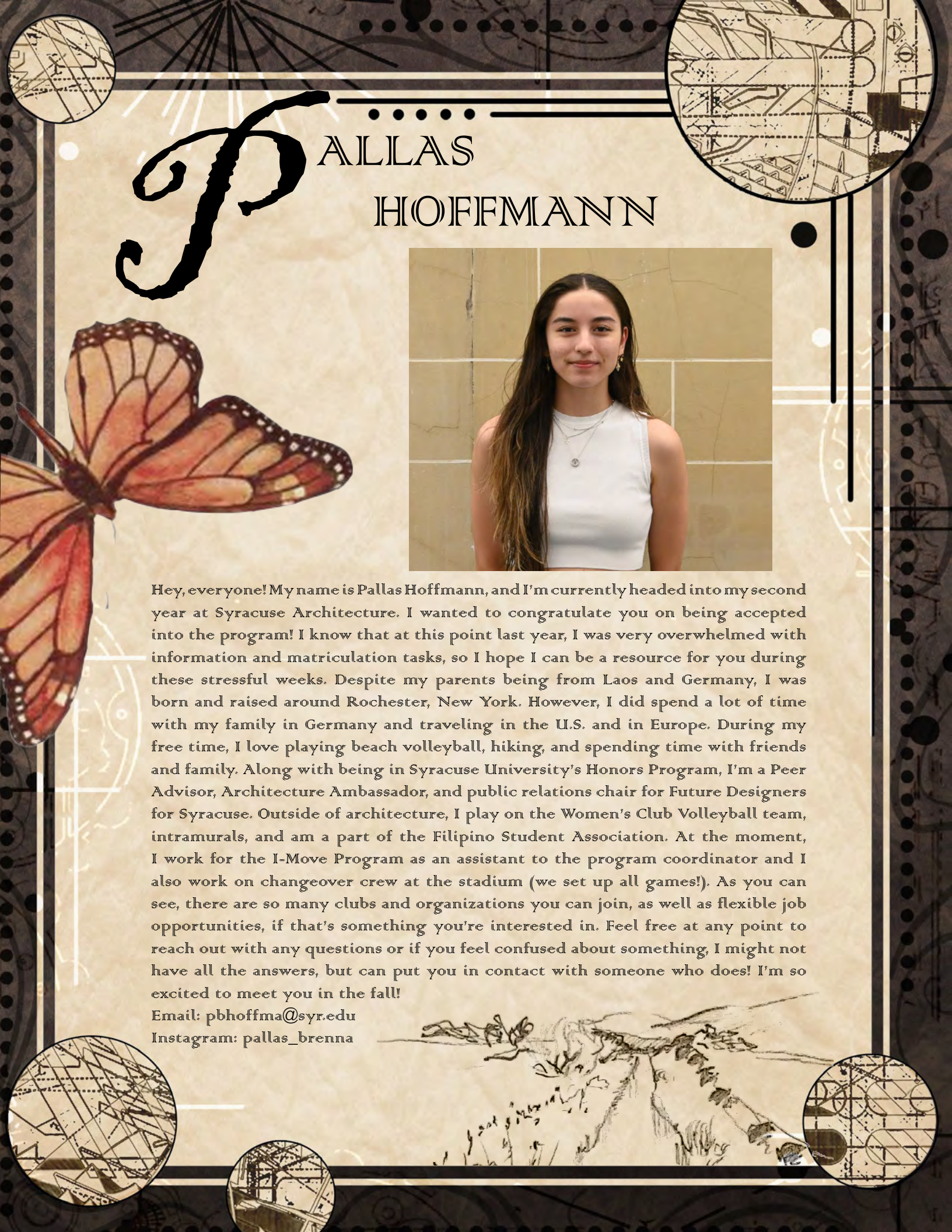
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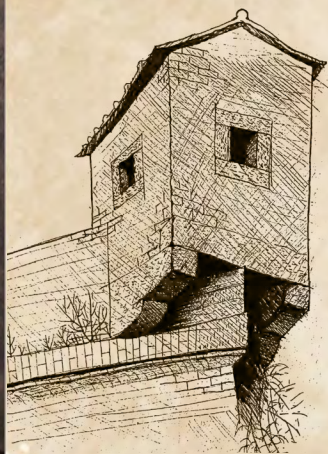
Hey, everyone! My name is Pallas Hoffmann, and I'm currently headed into my second year at Syracuse Architecture. I wanted to congratulate you on being accepted into the program! I know that at this point last year, I was very overwhelmed with information and matriculation tasks, so I hope I can be a resource for you during these stressful weeks. Despite my parents being from Laos and Germany, I was born and raised around Rochester, New York. However, I did spend a lot of time with my family in Germany and traveling in the U.S. and in Europe. During my free time, I love playing beach volleyball, hiking, and spending time with friends and family. Along with being in Syracuse University's Honors Program, I'm a Peer Advisor, Architecture Ambassador, and public relations chair for Future Designers for Syracuse. Outside of architecture, I play on the Women's Club Volleyball team, intramurals, and am a part of the Filipino Student Association. At the moment, I work for the I-Move Program as an assistant to the program coordinator and I also work on changeover crew at the stadium (we set up all games!). As you can see, there are so many clubs and organizations you can join, as well as flexible job opportunities, if that's something you're interested in. Feel free at any point to reach out with any questions or if you feel confused about something, I might not have all the answers, but can put you in contact with someone who does! I'm so excited to meet you in the fall!

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GRACE HONG



Hey, everyone! Welcome to the Syracuse Architecture Class of 2027! My name is Grace Hong and I am currently a rising second-year student. I'm from Old Greenwich, Connecticut, but grew up in Tokyo, Japan! Growing up abroad allowed me to experience so many different cultures and ultimately sparked my interest in architecture. My high school in Connecticut was pretty small (only 75 people in my graduating class!), but I found the transition to Syracuse to be not too difficult. With the tight-knit community of the School of Architecture, you get the feeling of a smaller school with all of the opportunities of a larger university. Architecture school is definitely challenging, and you will be working harder than a lot of your friends at other schools, but I've found it to be really enjoyable. You are pushing yourself, but learning so much along the way, and creating close friends that stay up working late with you! Personally, I love to explore new places and go on little adventures (and travel). I am also a big dog person! I have a three-year-old mini Goldendoodle named Teddy back home! He's the picture on the lock screen of my phone and I'd be more than happy to show you some pictures and bond over our pets (I also have a bunny named Indigo!). Feel free to reach out to me on Instagram @gracehongggg or over email gahong@syr.edu. I can't wait to see you all on campus!



POLINA ILYIN



Hello, my name is Polina and I am a rising second-year student! I'm really excited to meet all of you. A huge congratulations on becoming a part of the architecture community: it's hard work, but extremely rewarding. I originally chose Syracuse because of their travel-abroad opportunities and the prestigious school. Now that I have experienced a year here, I love how close everyone is: the school is an extremely close-knit community. Within the school, I am a Peer Advisor, Architecture Ambassador, a director in the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), and a member in the Architecture Student Organization (ASO). I came to Syracuse from Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, and I love to ski, do art, fence, and most of all, travel. When I'm not in school, I'm constantly trying to go somewhere and explore or hike. My favorite part of going to new places is definitely a tie between looking at the sights and trying local foods. When I'm not in studio, I like walking around campus and people watching, or grabbing a cup of coffee with friends. You guys are going to have an amazing time and learn so much. See you soon!








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Hi, everyone. I'm Dhruv Jadhav, and I'm a rising second-year architecture student at Syracuse University. I grew up in Arizona and now live in New Jersey. Congrats to everyone on your acceptance into the School of Architecture (SOA). My first introduction to the SOA was the Summer College Architecture Summer program, which I did in 2020. The program really showed me a lot about the school and its curriculum and culture. From then, I knew I really wanted to come to Syracuse. Going to school here has been a really fun time and I'm sure you will enjoy Syracuse. Outside of class, I'm a part of Future Designers for Syracuse (FDS) and the Peer Advising Program at the SOA. I also really enjoy sports, music, and spending time with friends. You'll always see me listening to music or watching sports (sometimes both!). Architecture school can be difficult at times but it's still really fun and I'm sure y'all are going to have an amazing time at Syracuse. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or anything—you can contact me through Instagram ([dhruv_jadhav1](#)) or email (djadhav@syr.edu).



PARKER KULIS



Hey, everyone! My name is Parker Kulis, and I'm a rising third-year student from Manchester, Vermont. Back home, I love to run, hike, and ski, and in the winter I'm a ski instructor, teaching little kids at my local mountain. I love painting as well and really like paint nights with friends. In Syracuse, I love going to the gym or on runs after studio and going downtown on the weekends! Last year, I participated in one of the more unique clubs on campus—Syrivor Syracuse, a semester-long competition show with weekly challenges and weekly vote-offs until only one person remains! Since my first year was semi-virtual, I've seen the different ways the transition to college can look, but just know that studio is going to bring you close to the people around you really quickly. Everyone says it, but it's really true to always remember that everyone is in the same boat as you. So many of my closest friendships started by just saying hi. You guys have all worked so hard to get here and I know you all will love it!




AJ LAUCKS



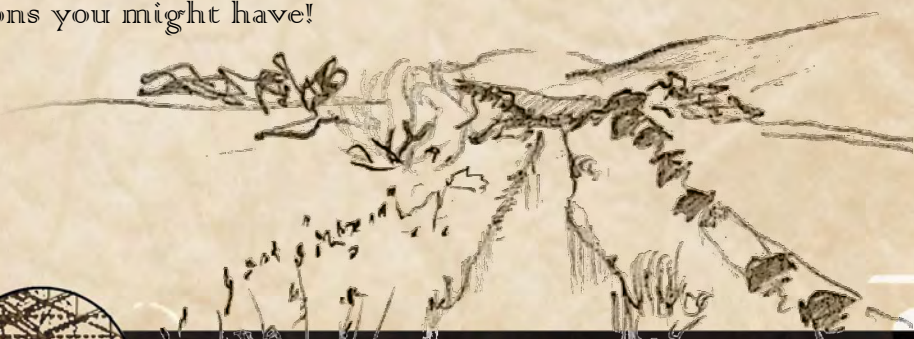
Hi, everyone! Congrats on your acceptance into Syracuse Architecture. My name is Ayrton (AJ) Laucks and I am a rising second-year student from Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, a small town about an hour east of Philadelphia. In high school, I was very active in sports and music, playing baseball, soccer, and basketball and participating in concert and jazz ensembles on the trumpet. I also have interests in all things psychology and philosophy, especially when it comes to semantic debates. Besides my classes, I am involved in American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Peer Advising, Architects Anonymous (volleyball intramural), soccer intramural, and chess club. In my free time, I love doing photography and taking walks in Oakwood Cemetery, a quiet place just south of main campus. From high school to college, I switched up a lot of the activities that I was involved in, and I'd recommend all new students try some of the myriad of fun things available at Syracuse. With careful time management, it is possible to spend some time outside Slocum enjoying the college experience and making the most of your time here. Welcome to Syracuse Architecture!



ADISON LEE



Hi! My name is Madison Lee, and I am a rising second-year student from Newtown, Pennsylvania. Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse University's School of Architecture! I'm in a couple architecture clubs, such as Architecture Ambassadors, Peer Advising, and American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). It's really important to balance your architecture life with your other interests. Besides architecture, I love fencing, dancing, and drawing. I also like reading, particularly fantasy and Greek mythology rewrites, as well as watching movies and tv shows (I'm kind of a Marvel and Harry Potter geek). On the weekends, I can usually be found having a movie night with my friends or participating in the latest University-organized weekend activity, such as snow tubing or ice skating. I'm looking forward to meeting you guys in the fall! Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have!



PRIS LEUNG



Hi! My name is Pris and I'm a second-year student from California. Congratulations on your admittance to Syracuse Architecture! I had so many firsts at Syracuse (like the first time seeing snow and the first time sledding) and I'm excited to meet you all and show you around. I came from a large public high school where my graduating class was around 600 kids. Compared to that, our School of Architecture is pretty small, and I enjoy how close everyone is to one another. In my free time, I like reading, drawing, making TikToks (haha), hanging out at the beach, and fashion. When I'm not in Syracuse I work as a boba barista. My passions include coffee, museums, Studio Ghibli, and Pinterest. In addition to being in Architecture, I am in the student organization, Fashion and Design Society (FADS) and I work at the Slocum store. I'm so excited to share all the amazing resources Syracuse has to offer and I cannot wait to see all of your work in the Fall. Feel free to reach out and contact me whenever you want!

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CATHERINE LI



Hi! Welcome and congrats on your acceptance to Syracuse's School of Architecture! My name is Catherine Li and I am a rising second-year student from Princeton, New Jersey. I also spent the first half of my life in Weston, Florida (30 min away from Miami). My first year of college was challenging and rewarding at the same time. I learned about myself, became close with several of my TAs and professors, and made many precious memories with my friends. One tip I have for all of you is to take care of yourself—mentally and physically. Take breaks, eat, sleep, exercise, and get outside of Slocum! Aside from Architecture Ambassadors and Peer Advising, I'm involved in the Honors Program, Future Designers for Syracuse (FDS), and Nutrition Education and Promotion Association (NEPA). However, next year I'm interested in joining several other clubs/organizations such as ASIA and the badminton club. It's never too late to join! I enjoy playing tennis, reading, cooking, playing Tetris, drawing/painting, and hanging out with my dog Pepper (@pepper_the_pwd). I was also a part of the SummerStart Program last year! If you have any questions, feel free to DM me on Instagram @cate_spades or email me at cli39@syr.edu. I can't wait to meet y'all in the fall!





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Hello! My name is Qianzhen Li and I am a rising third-year student from Shanghai, China. You can call me Li. I love painting, movies, and chess! Before coming here, I went to Wisconsin for high school, so definitely do tell me about your favorite cheese and ice cream flavor. I am going to be the Architecture LLC RA for second-year students at Ernie Davis this year, which I am very excited about. On school days, I love to go weightlifting, rock climbing and ice skating after studio and go downtown on the weekends to grab a bite from Oh My Darling or Salt City Market. In my free time, I intern at the Marketing Department here on campus as a photography intern and I am also taking up a leadership position in the German Cultural Society, and that is to say that there are a lot of unique communities here on campus that you could be a part of! Syracuse really has a lot to offer besides the rigorous coursework that I am sure you are expecting. I cannot wait to meet you all, and congratulations on your acceptance! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me @ LeeWithani on Instagram or qli105@syr.edu!



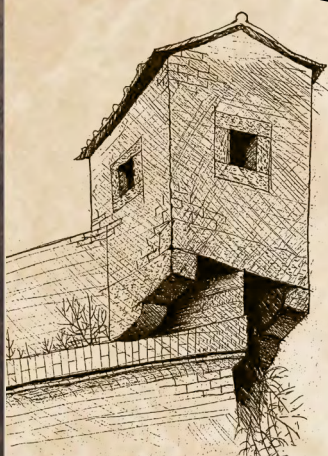
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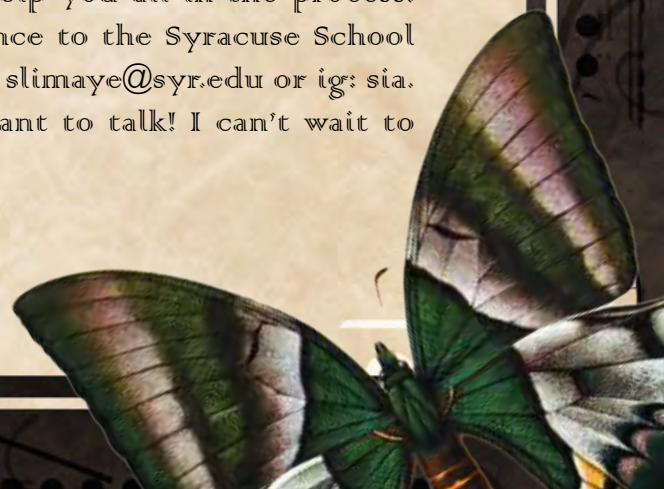
Hey, everyone! My name is Rick Li, and I'm a rising second-year student at the School of Architecture! I grew up in Beijing, China and Boston, Massachusetts, and am currently living on the north shore of Boston. Aside from being an Architecture Ambassador and a Peer Advisor, I am involved in the Honors Program and the Syracuse University club tennis team, which competes nationally. Besides tennis, I love all kinds of sports such as skiing and surfing. I am also a licensed private pilot! In my free time in Syracuse, I enjoy exploring the city with my friends, especially trying out new restaurants! Some of my favorite places include the many stands in Salt City Market, the Fish Friars, Guadalajara, etc. Coming in as an international student, I faced many challenges adapting to the academics and culture of an American university, which also made my journey so much more fulfilling. My best advice for y'all is to chase after your dreams and do not be afraid to fight for what you want. After all, everyone in the School of Architecture is there to make sure you get the most out of your college experience. That being said, I cannot wait to meet y'all in the fall semester! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at yli279@syr.edu, or my Instagram [@rickishungry](https://www.instagram.com/rickishungry)!



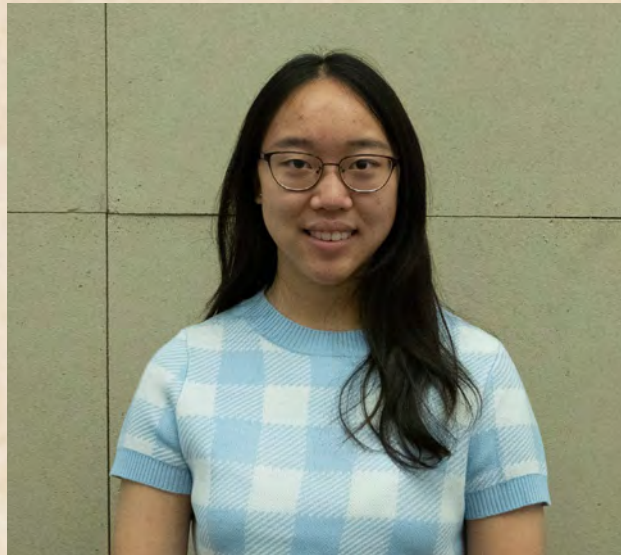
SIA LIMAYE




Hi, everyone! My name is Sia Limaye and I am currently a rising second-year student from Bridgewater, New Jersey (central Jersey). I love anything to do with art and drawing, and am obsessed with food, especially sushi and tacos. Aside from being a Peer Advisor, I am also a part of Architecture Ambassadors and love giving tours and meeting new people, as well as a part of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority here at Syracuse! The campus life here is amazing, and I love spending time with my friends, whether that be in the dorms watching a movie or going to the gym at the Barnes Center! There is always something to do, with a wide variety of clubs and organizations to choose from. Architecture can be very time consuming and highly demanding, but with help from your peers and Peer Advisors, you'll be able to easily manage your time and explore all the opportunities Syracuse has to offer, within the SOA community and beyond! I know that each and every one of you will find your place here at Syracuse and I hope to help you all in the process! Congratulations once again on your acceptance to the Syracuse School of Architecture! Feel free to reach out (email: slimaye@syr.edu or ig: [sia.limaye](#)) if you have any questions or just want to talk! I can't wait to meet all of you!



JOYCE LIN



Hi! You're going to hear this so often, but congrats on coming to Syracuse Architecture! It's going to be an exciting year and an incredible five years! My name is Joyce Lin. I'm a rising second-year student from Chicago, Illinois. My first year at Syracuse was so rewarding; I learned and created so much, and I made great friends and had so much fun! Architecture school is all about balancing those things, so it can be hard to transition, but be patient and try different methods. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and watching movies. I also like photography, especially the candid type. I'm excited to meet you soon! Feel free to reach out via email (jlin119@syr.edu) or DM me on Instagram (@joy.celinn)



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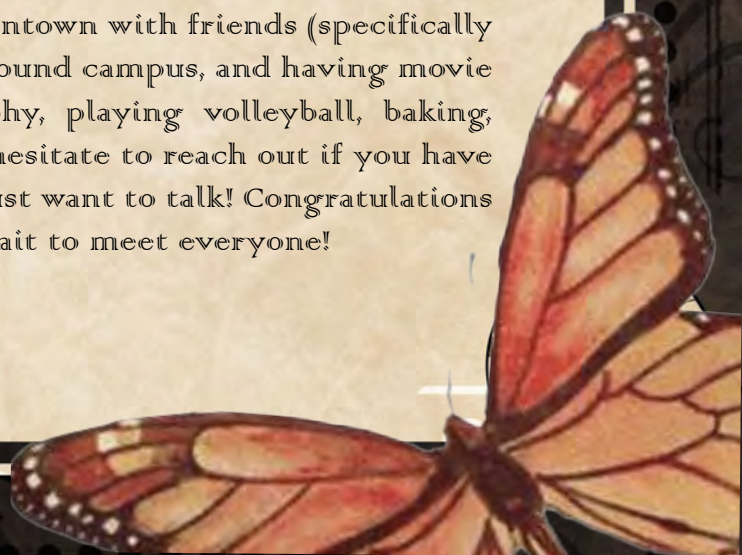
Hi! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse Architecture. My name is Alison Luo and I am a rising second-year student. I am from the Bay Area, specifically San Francisco, California. I am currently the co-president of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and an Architecture Ambassador for the School. In my free time I like watching movies and studying with friends, hanging out on the Quad, and going to Schine. I also love to swim and occasionally workout (I did high school swimming and cross-country). I love Marvel movies and tv shows. I am also a Harry Potter fanatic, so if you see me around doing work, I probably have Harry Potter pulled up in the corner. I also love to read, especially urban fantasy. Back home in San Francisco, I love going on hikes with my dog, going to museums with my hometown friends, baking, and indulging in the sun. Congrats on getting into Syracuse Architecture, and feel free to reach out on my Instagram @_aalisonnn_. See you in the fall!



DALYN MAIN



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 third-year student from El Paso, Texas. I understand that the transition into college is an exciting but overwhelming process. It definitely takes time to learn how 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 the School of Architecture offers and its sense of community. I have met so many new people, made some great friends, and I have learned so much from my peers. I am a member of the Magazine Club, a photographer for the School of Architecture Social Media Team, and part of Peer Advisors, of course. 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, reading, and embroidery. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions (Instagram: dalyn_m) or just want to talk! Congratulations on joining the Class of 2027 and I can't wait to meet everyone!





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Hi, my name is Emma McDevitt! I am a rising second-year student here in the School of Architecture. I am from Annandale, New Jersey, about an hour from the city and the shore. A little bit about me is that I love photography, cooking, playing with my dogs, and watching movies! Aside from classes, I am a Peer Advisor, Architecture Ambassador, and a member of the Tri-Delta Sorority whose philanthropy events help support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. One of my favorite activities is spending time outside with friends, going to cafes, playing card games, and listening to music. I am thrilled to meet you all at the beginning of your new journey! The transition from high school to architecture school is definitely intimidating, but we are all here to support you throughout the process! At Syracuse there are so many different ways to make your experience the best that it can be. Whether it be through clubs, Greek life, activity groups, etc. I am confident that each of you will be able to find your own community on top of the already close-knit School of Architecture community! And of course, don't hesitate to reach out! I would love to help answer any questions you might have or just be a familiar friendly face! (email: ermcdevi@syr.edu or IG: [@emmamcdevitt](https://www.instagram.com/emmamcdevitt)) Can't wait to meet you!





GRACE MINER



Hey, everyone! I'm Grace Miner, and I am returning from a gap semester as a second-year student again! I took off this past spring semester because, I'll be honest, I wasn't sure if I was truly meant for architecture. There's all this pressure around college and choosing a major that to me it felt like choosing my fate for the rest of my life! What made me choose Syracuse twice was knowing that here, there is no wrong answer when asked what you want to do with architecture. You are always encouraged to combine your outside interests and take your five years in any direction you choose. I couldn't give up the incredible community I have made with both classmates and professors who have always shown up for me no matter the time or how busy they are to help me figure out where I'm going next. And of course, I couldn't give up the possibility of London or Florence! That would make me certifiably insane. So, congratulations on your acceptance! You won't regret it. 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 cold, which is why I immediately fell in love with Syracuse as it's one of the snowiest cities in the U.S.! I am always down to take a studio break and go sledding no matter what time it is. In my free time (which I promise you'll have even as an architecture student) you can find me on the climbing wall at the Barnes Center (yet another selling point, have you SEEN it in there?!), attending trips with the Outing Club like the world's longest charcuterie board, or anything outside really. If you have any questions or just want someone to talk to please reach out! (ig:graceminer_) Again, congratulations! I can't wait to meet you all!








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Hi! Congrats on being accepted into the Syracuse University School of Architecture! My name is Melody and I am a rising third-year student from The Bronx, NY. I was born in Jamaica and have lived in eight states since moving to the U.S. at the age of three. Like my name suggests, music is a huge passion of mine, second only to architecture, and I am always ready to talk about my favorite artists. It is part of the reason why I love living in Syracuse where there is an unexpectedly lively music scene. I wanted to get even more involved with music in Syracuse, so I will be minoring in jazz piano starting this year. I also love fitness and the outdoors. I work at the climbing wall at the Barnes Center, which helped me to find a passion in bouldering. I also love grabbing boba on Marshall Street and people watching in front of the Einhorn Family Walk. I love seeing new places, which definitely spawned my interest in architecture growing up. Architecture has definitely been a challenge for me as I come from a science and math background without any experience in design or the visual arts, but with the help from the faculty here, the friends I have made, and having other interests to take a break with, I have learned so much and feel extremely gratified in my decision to study architecture at Syracuse. I can't wait to meet you all and wish you the best of luck as you get settled into college!



TOSIA MYSLIWIEC



Hi, everyone! My name is Antonia Mysliwiec but I go by Tosia (pronounced To-sha). I am a rising second-year student at Syracuse, and I'm originally from Cliffside Park, New Jersey, which is in northern New Jersey! I'm Polish which explains the last name and first name (haha) and I am fluent in the Polish language! At Syracuse I'm part of the club Ski Team, Future Designers for Syracuse (FDS) and the Renée Crown University Honors Program. I love to ski, read, edit videos, and travel and may have a slight Dunkin' and Panera obsession. SOA has been nothing but a welcoming, warm, and helpful community. It can seem intimidating at first but being surrounded by people who have the same interests as you, from so many different places, becomes the best experience ever! You become so close with everyone and feel so at home in such a short amount of time, it really is the best time. Congrats on becoming a part of our family and see you soon!








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Hi, everyone! My name is Riley O'Toole and I am a rising second-year student! I want to congratulate you all on joining the Syracuse Architecture community! Coming to college can definitely be a hard transition, but it is also fun and exciting! Some things to know about me are that I'm from northern New Jersey, I love music, running, and spending time with friends! My best advice for all of you incoming freshmen is to keep doing the things you love while on campus. With a demanding major such as architecture, it can be easy to forget to take care of yourself or keep doing the things you love, but with time management you can do it all! I always make sure to come home from studio relatively early to spend time with my friends and get some rest. On that note, I also highly recommend getting involved on campus so that you have commitments outside of architecture that force you to manage your time and be active on campus. My favorite thing to do on campus is to go to the different fitness classes such as yoga and spin at the Barnes Center. If any of you have any questions or just want to talk, feel free to reach out!





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Hey, everyone! My name is Alexandra (I also go by Alex) and I want to congratulate you all on your acceptance into the School of Architecture! I know how overwhelmed you all feel right now—this is such an exciting time as you begin a new chapter in your lives! I can't wait to meet you all, but until then here's a little bit about me! I am a rising second-year student, and I am originally from Athens, Greece, but I moved to Houston, Texas when I was 13. In the School of Architecture, I am a part of the Architecture Ambassador program, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), the Architecture Student Organization (ASO), and Alpha Rho Chi—the architecture and allied arts fraternity. I am also in the Honors Program and involved in various other clubs such as the Hellenic Student Association. But academics aside, I absolutely adore playing with my dogs when I'm at home, hanging out with my friends, and exploring different places in the city. I also love concerts/music in general (shoutout to Maneskin, James Bay, The Lumineers, and ABBA to name a few) going to the gym, thrifting, and overall enjoying life as much as possible! I can't wait for you all to experience the architecture family and what college is truly like. It will be intense as this is a brand-new experience, but we are all here to support you guys through it. Until then, feel free to reach out with any questions or even to say hi! My Instagram is @alexpanagiotareas and my email is aapanagi@syr.edu. Hope you all have an amazing summer and see you in the fall!



CASEY PEDERSEN



Hi everyone, and congratulations on your admission to the Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Casey Pedersen and I am a rising second-year student from Massachusetts (like 40 minutes north of Boston). Outside of school, I am a barista at a local coffee shop in my town, so needless to say one of my favorite activities is going to different coffee shops to study or just hang out with friends. I love art as well, and therefore like to explore different museums, as well as experiment with creating my own art. I like to experience nature as much as possible and enjoy going for walks or hikes to unwind. Throughout high school I ran cross country and track. Getting outside for a run is always a go-to stress reliever. I also love to travel and explore new areas, which is part of what makes college such an amazing experience. I am so grateful to have become a part of the Syracuse Architecture community this past year. Everyone is so welcoming and supportive of each other, which creates a great environment for both learning and creativity. I understand how stressful this time is for you all, and even though you might be nervous, as long as you come into this new chapter with an open mind you will be able to thrive. I hope you all are excited about starting your first year at Syracuse, and feel free to reach out with any questions you might have!

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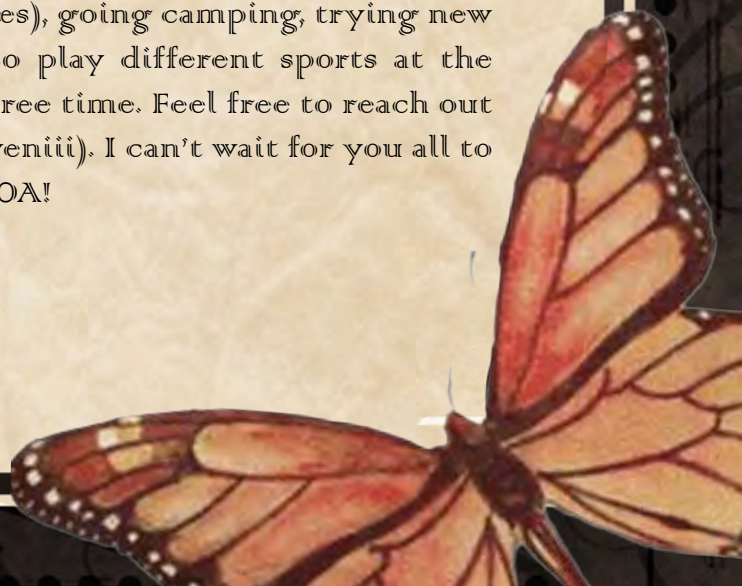
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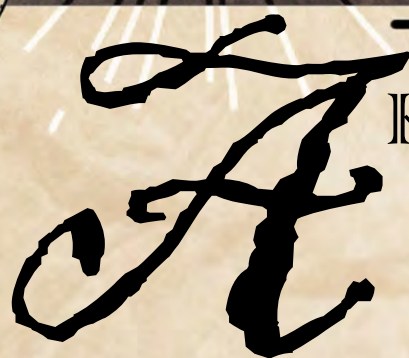


SWENI PRAJAPATI



Hi! Congratulations and welcome Class of 2027! My name is Sweni Prajapati and I am a rising second-year student from India. Being an international student, I wasn't able to visit the campus, but the moment I stepped in Slocum, I knew the School of Architecture was what I could now call home. I know transitioning to college in a new country can be scary, but everyone here is so welcoming. So, remember, the more you put yourself out there, the easier it's going to get. Syracuse has so much to offer to anyone and anything. My first job was at the Stadium and I met amazing people. The best part about me being here has been attending the Orange After Dark events and ticking off the campus fun to-do list. Beside school, I am into painting, exploring new places (especially for sunsets and sunrises), going camping, trying new foods and binge-watching shows. I also play different sports at the Barnes Center with my friends during free time. Feel free to reach out to me (email: suprajap@syr.edu, IG: [_sweniii](#)). I can't wait for you all to be a part of the big family that is the SOA!





KSHARA

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Hey! My name is Akshara Raman and I am a rising third-year student in the Class of 2025. I'm from southern 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! In the School of Architecture, I am the vice president for the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and a communications co-chair for the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS). Both are just some of a few of the amazing organizations we have here. 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 2027! See you soon!

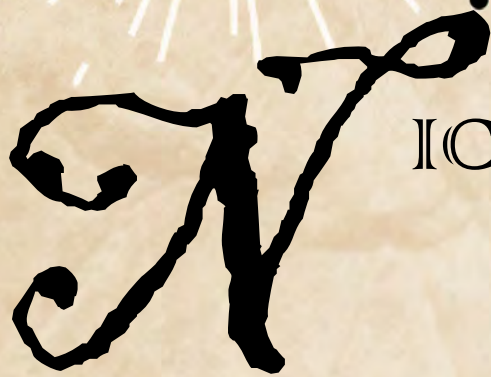


SOFIA RIVERA



Hey, guys! My name is Sofia Rivera and I'm a rising second-year student in the School of Architecture. I was born and raised in Medellin, Colombia but now I live in Connecticut. Some activities that bring me joy are trying new restaurants, going on spontaneous trips with my friends, cycling, hiking, and running. Even though I listen to every music genre possible, you will most likely find me listening to Drake. Syracuse has not only allowed me to find people with similar interests, but it has also exposed me to things I had never done and now absolutely love to do. Believe me, you will not have trouble adjusting. In case you do feel a little bit lost, I am here to help you make this transition as smooth as possible and your time in and out of the School of Architecture the best it can be. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all. In the meantime, you can reach me at Sriver14@syr.edu or IG Sofrvera. Congratulations!



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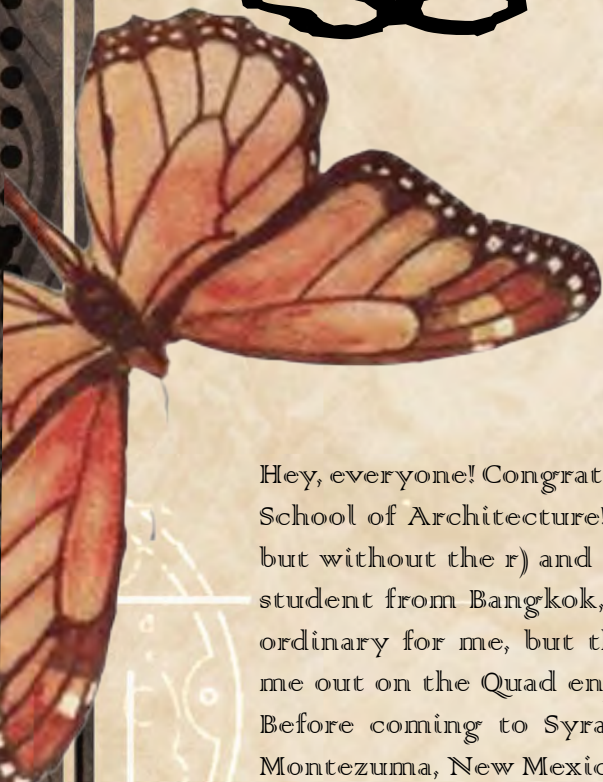
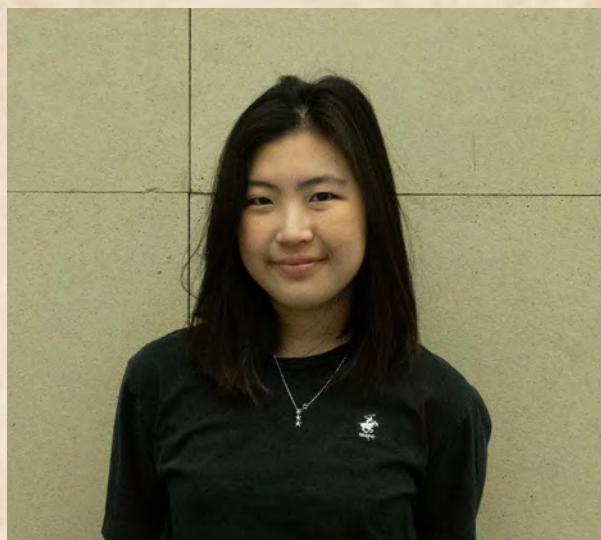


Hi, everyone! My name is Nicholas Rotolo, but I go by Nick. I am a rising third-year student in the Class of 2025. I am from Albany, New York although I was born in California. I am an avid skier and I like watching movies and hanging out with friends. Outside of classes, I am a member of the Architecture Student Organization (ASO) and Alpha Rho Chi, I am also a Peer Advisor and an Architecture Ambassador. Congratulations on being accepted into the Syracuse University School of Architecture! It can be a lot of work, but it will also be the best time of your life! These next five years are going to be crazy, but here's a few pieces of advice: don't forget to take a break every now and then, go to football games (they are fun!), and most importantly of all, have some go to tv shows to watch while model making (mine is MasterChef)! Can't wait to see you all in the fall!










GAEM SAENSOPA



Hey, everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance and welcome to Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Gaem Saensopa (pronounced like gram but without the r) and I am a rising third-year student. As an international student from Bangkok, Thailand, Syracuse weather is definitely out of the ordinary for me, but that also means that on any sunny day you will see me out on the Quad enjoying my favorite cup of boba or a giant iced latte. Before coming to Syracuse, I spent the last two years of high school in Montezuma, New Mexico, where I was surrounded with peers and instructors from over 90 countries—in essence, I have friends from all around the world! This also fueled my passion in joining the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) where I serve as communications co-chair and help in designing social media posts and posters. Aside from graphic design, I love doing digital arts, photography, journaling, playing badminton, and hiking (my 4-day journey down the Tanner trails on the South Rim of Grand Canyon remains the best so far)! I am also extremely invested in ancient Greek and Roman history, cultures, and mythology, and I had never enjoyed a class so much as I did for the Architectural History courses I took in my first and second years. I'm excited to see all of you soon. If you have any questions or just want to chat, don't hesitate to reach out! (email: ssaensop@syr.edu / ig: [@gaemsiris](https://www.instagram.com/gaemsiris)) See you all in the fall!!

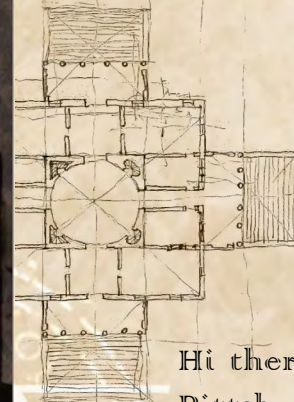







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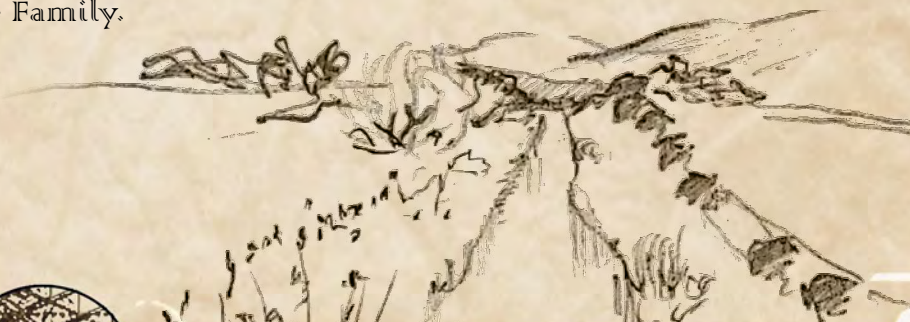
Hi there, my name is Allison! I am a rising third-year student from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Outside of the School of Architecture, I help with social media and graphics for the Food Recovery Network and volunteer on recoveries. If you're interested in food waste or need volunteering hours on campus at any point, feel free to send me a message. I also work at Graham Dining Hall (the best dining hall on campus) and will be an RA in Day Hall for the Fall 2022 semester. So if you're living on the Mount, we may be seeing each other quite often! In the spring, I will be traveling abroad to London, and I am very excited because it will be my first time traveling in Europe. My main hobbies include dancing, crocheting, and spending time outside. I am very excited to meet all of you in person and congratulations! Feel free to message me in the meantime through Instagram @ally_schwartz !



CHRIS STOUMPAS



Hello, and welcome Class of 2027. My name is Chris Stoumpas, and I am a rising second-year student from Darien, Connecticut. In my spare time I like to play board games, soccer, and frisbee, golf, ski, and watch movies (especially Marvel movies). On campus I am an Architecture Ambassador, Peer Advisor, and a part of the Architecture LLC for my first year and my upcoming second year. I was first introduced to Syracuse's School of Architecture when I participated in the Summer College Architecture program in 2020. This program made me realize that architecture was right for me. When I am not working or studying, I spend time hanging out with my friends in and out of architecture. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. My Instagram is @c.stoomps and my email is cgstoump@syr.edu. Once again, congratulations and enjoy your first year as a part of the Orange Family.



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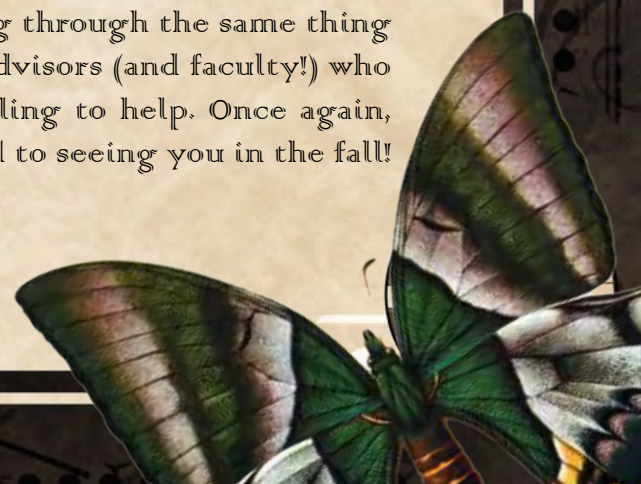


Hello, everyone! My name is Safiyyah Subhan-Khan (please call me Safi) and I am a second-year student from Union, New Jersey. I know you heard about this too many times, but congratulations on being accepted into Syracuse University. Please take a moment to breathe and to seriously congratulate yourself. Some fun facts about me: I was active in sports, volunteering, and music throughout my life. The sports I played included swimming, dance, rugby, volleyball and track and field. I played the viola for nine years and the guitar for three years. You will quickly understand how loving the SOA community is, but there are plenty of activities to participate in outside of the school. I work at the concession stands in the Stadium, play with Architects Anonymous (my volleyball intramurals team), enjoy working out at the gym, and playing guitar with friends. If you ever have any interests in new hobbies, please chase after them. It is so important to set aside time for yourself doing the things that you have a passion for (outside of architecture). Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever need a friend to chill, workout, talk, or listen to music with!

KAREN VILLACIS



Hi, everyone! Welcome and congrats on your acceptance to Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Karen, I'm a rising third-year student from Greenwich, Connecticut, 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, 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, National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), APX (the architecture and design fraternity) and, obviously, the Peer Advising Program. I also work at the Barnes Center (aka the gym, come say hi!). I have absolutely loved my time at SU 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 look forward to seeing you in the fall!





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WALEWSKI



Hi, and congratulations on your acceptance into Syracuse Architecture! My name is Max Walewski and I am rising second-year student from Warsaw, Poland. Within the architecture bubble I am part of the Social Media Team. I also lived in the Architecture Living Learning Community (LLC) my first year and will be in the second-year LLC this upcoming year. If you have the opportunity to be in the LLC, it's a great time to get to know the people who are going to be in your program for the next five years. The transition from high school into architecture can be hard but know that you are not alone. The architecture program is like a family. Now, I also like to have fun outside of architecture. I am involved in Varsity Table Tennis, intramural Volleyball, Photography, Chess Club, and the Peer Advising Program. On Fridays you can catch me at Tennity Ice Pavilion skating around with friends or at the gym playing volleyball. At home I have two Border Collies named Abi and Holly, hence I love dogs. Know that you have time outside of architecture to do fun activities. If you have any questions, feel free to send me a message on Instagram @max_walewski and I am more than happy to answer them! I can't wait to meet you!

HUILIN WU



Hello and congrats, my name is Huilin Wu and I am a rising third-year student from Guangzhou, China. I moved to Boston when I was 12 and went to Newton South High School, so I am a pro at Boston restaurants. Dim sum and hot pot are my favorite foods. I enjoy the fulfillment that architecture has brought me. All the professors I have met at Syracuse Architecture are friendly and supportive. I am also interested in the field of painting, Polaroid photography, ceramic, and vintage collecting. During my free time, which can be limited as an architecture student, I play badminton and tennis with friends. Ice skating and snowboarding are also part of the entertaining events my friends and I like to participate in. I am also a beginner in skateboarding, so if you are a pro and interested in being a teacher of mine, I would be very appreciative. Other than the snowy season, Syracuse is a nice place to picnic and have sun showers. Green Lakes and the Finger Lakes are great to hang out with friends and enjoy nature. I will be living on South Campus next semester, but I am always in the studio, so you are very welcome to come visit and ask me questions; I will try my best to help you out. I will be in Florence the spring semester, but I will always be active online. If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to reach out! Ins: huilin_n email: hwu109@syr.edu



MONICA YEE



Hello, congrats on getting into Syracuse's School of Architecture! You all must feel so amazing, wow! I'm Monica Yee, a rising second-year student from Southern California. I love trying new foods, reading, being outside, and doing absolutely nothing. Around Syracuse there are so many good restaurants to visit, and it is important to get off campus to experience everything 'Cuse has to offer. The first year of Syracuse's architecture program has helped me to learn so much more about myself and grow close with friends that I can't imagine living without. I hope you all can have an amazing experience here and get lots of sleep. Please let me know if you have any questions! I am available through my Instagram (monicaky_).



LYLE
YOO



Hi! My name is Changhyeonh Yoo but you can call me Lyle. I am a rising second-year student from Yongin, South Korea. Congratulations on your admission to Syracuse's School of Architecture! I chose Syracuse University because of all the academic opportunities like studying abroad, but after I spent a year in Syracuse, I also fell in love with the campus, too. The campus life at Syracuse University was exactly what I've always imagined, and it is the prettiest in the wintertime. I am sure you will enjoy your time here. Outside of class, I am a part of Future Designers for Syracuse (FDS), National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), and the Peer Advising Program at the School of Architecture. Apart from architecture, I enjoy watching movies, sports, listening to music, and playing video games. I am always listening to music in studio and outside! Architecture is not an easy major, but you can still have fun at the same time and enjoy it. You will have a great time in Syracuse. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! (email: cy0003@syr.edu, IG: @lylac_lyl_3616)





CREATIVE TEAM

A select group of upperclassmen who are responsible for creating all program materials including this welcome packet, promotional items, activities/games, etc. They will photograph opening weekend activities, design the awesome Peer Advisors' t-shirt that you will see during orientation, and so much more. This group is mainly behind the scenes but you are welcome to reach out to any of these members who you may feel a connection with. In addition, they have some parttime members who are also Traditional Advisors. Those Advisors are marked with a "Creative Team" stamp on their bio.

CRYSTAL GIARD

Co-Coordinator

Hi, everyone! Congratulations on being accepted to the Syracuse Architecture program! My name is Crystal Giard and I'm from New Hampshire. I'm a rising fourth-year architecture student and co-chair of the Peer Advising creative team. I must admit that I'm a bit of a nerd because some of my favorite things to do are listening to podcasts like The Adventure Zone and playing Dungeons & Dragons. 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. 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!



NIKITA GOSWAMI

Co-Coordinator

Hi! My name is Nikita Goswami. I am a rising fourth-year student here at the School of Architecture, and one of the co-chairs for the Peer Advising Creative Team! I'm from Skillman, New Jersey (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. When I came to Syracuse, 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. Between your professors, TAs, and fellow peers, you'll always have someone you can lean on. While I won't be on campus next semester (I'll be studying in NYC), I'm always open to answering questions, especially about study abroad, and look forward to seeing you all in-person in the spring!



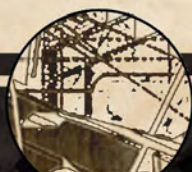
FIONA
CAO

Hey! My name is Fiona Cao. I am a rising fourth-year student from China. You can chat with me in English or Mandarin. Congratulations on joining the 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, which I finished two years ago. Please do not feel nervous for your upcoming 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 declared my psychology minor when I started my second year. Feel free to ask me whatever you want, especially about minoring, study abroad, and being an international student. I am so excited to meet you all!

CINDY
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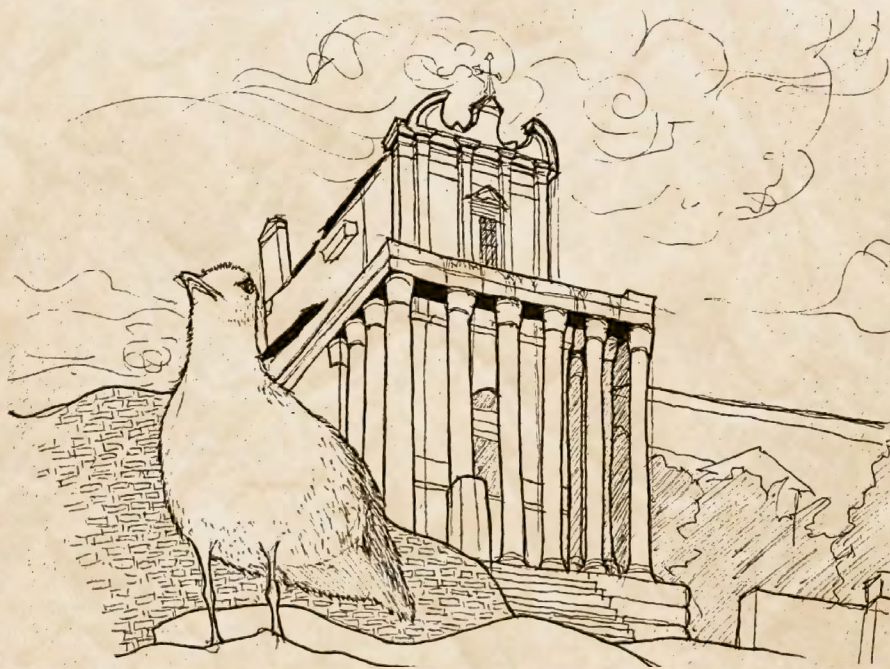
Hello, everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to Syracuse School of Architecture! My name is Yixing Liu and you can call me Cindy, currently a rising fourth-year student. I was born in Harbin, China (a very beautiful city nicknamed "Ice City" and now I reside in Beijing. I speak English, Mandarin, and a little bit Italian, which I just learned during the past study abroad semester in Florence (Ciao ciao!). The architecture program here is truly incredible. You will make friends with amazingly talented peers from diverse cultural backgrounds, you will have 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. 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 campus. Something about myself: I work as a student photographer for the School of Architecture Social Media Team. Out of the architecture school, I am passionate about crocheting, hiking, swimming, traveling and extremely obsessed with theater. Next semester I will study abroad in London. I look forward to meeting you at Slocum when I come back. Whenever you need help or want to chat, feel free to reach out! (Ins: cindyyixingliu WeChat: LiuYixingCindy0129). Congrats again on your acceptance to SOA!

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TJ WICKERSHAM

Hi! I'm TJ Wickersham, and I'm a rising third-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 the most at home by far, thanks to the school's outreach, and particularly to the Peer Advising Program. 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. In addition to those activities, I also like to participate in events through the LGBTQ Resource Center and the Center on Disability and Inclusion. At home, I partake in blacksmithing and woodworking for fun, with a good amount of my time going toward 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 so far. While you're here, make sure to put your best effort into your work, but don't forget to be as well-rounded as possible! Explore your interests in other areas and try to take some time to enjoy yourself, because balance is just as important here as in any situation in life. Congratulations on your acceptance to the program and Go Orange!





SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

A select group of upperclassmen who create and maintain all the program's social media platforms, such as Instagram and GroupMe. Members assemble and post relevant, engaging information for the new class on a regular basis throughout the year. They will also create special videos for orientation, which we are sure that you will love. This group is mainly behind the scenes but you are welcome to reach out to any of these members who you may feel a connection with. In addition, they have some parttime members who are also Traditional Advisors. Those Advisors are marked with a "Social Media Team" stamp on their bio.

LUCY ZIESING

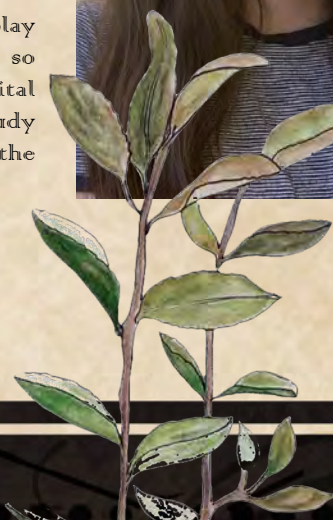
Coordinator

Hi! Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture and welcome to the Orange family! My name is Lucy Ziesing and I'm a rising third-year student from Montclair, New Jersey. I will be the Social Media Committee chair for this year! A little bit about myself is that I have been dancing since I was three years old and I have two cats! I love to bake, solve puzzles, crochet, organize, paint, and travel! Aside from classes, I'm in 10 different clubs and organizations: Peer Advising, Architecture Ambassadors, Alpha Rho Chi (APX), Architecture Student Organization (ASO), National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), Future Designers for Syracuse (FDS), Women in Design (WiD), DanceWorks, University100, and I work at the Barnes Center. A lot, I know! I promise you don't have to be that involved, but there are many opportunities to get involved if you want to! I also love to spend my free time hanging out with my friends and sitting outside when it's warm. Despite the fact that I will be going abroad in the spring to Florence then to London in the following fall, I am almost always bopping around Slocum and campus, so please feel free to find me and ask questions or just chat! I can't wait to meet you all!



KATIE EVELETH

Hi, everyone! Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! My name is Katie Eveleth and I am a rising fourth-year 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 (DEI) Committee, I also like to participate in the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) design competitions. Outside of architecture, I learn K-pop dances, ski, play tennis and I play badminton on the Club team (I'm also the club secretary so message me if you want to join)! In my free time, I sell digital artwork and I like taking photos. I will be in the London study abroad program in the fall, but I'm excited to meet you all in the spring!



ALI MARTINEZ

Hi, everyone! My name is Ali Martinez and I'm currently a rising third-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. 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 you all next year!



SOPHIA MARTINO

Hi! My name is Sophia Martino and I'm a rising third-year student from Westfield, New Jersey and I will be a member of the Social Media Committee this year. Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! I'm so excited to meet you all and welcome you to Syracuse and the architecture community. You're in for an amazing five years. I know that the stereotypes that go along with architecture students about not getting a lot of sleep and not having time for anything can be overwhelming, but I can assure you that those are false statements. I'm living proof that you are able to get your work done and still have an amazing college experience outside of the School of Architecture. I love going out to dinner, going to the mall, having movie nights, and exploring new places in downtown Syracuse with my friends. It's important to get out of studio and enjoy everything Syracuse has to offer. You are going to meet amazing people and have unique experiences. These next five years will be full of memories, and I am so lucky to welcome you to the best/closest community on campus. Congratulations again on your acceptance to the School of Architecture! I can't wait to meet you all!



MARIANA MUNOZ

Hello! Welcome to the Orange family and congrats on your acceptance! My name is Mariana Munoz, and I'm a rising fifth-year student. I'm from the island of Puerto Rico, located in the Caribbean. After being here for four years, I can say you are about to begin one of the most exciting, challenging, rewarding, and inspiring moments of your life. I chose Syracuse University because of its amazing architecture program, its school spirit, and great abroad programs. In my case, I had the opportunity to study abroad in two amazing cities: Madrid, Spain, and Florence, Italy. I can assure you that I had a great time by experiencing different cultures and new places in both cities. Even though you might mostly see me at studio doing schoolwork, during my free time I like to work out, paint, watch the sunset and hang out with friends. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the abroad programs or anything else. Can't wait to meet all of you and say welcome!

