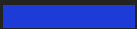


2023 - 2024

ANNUAL REPORT Macaulay Scholars Council



01**Overview**

The Macaulay Scholars Council is the student-governing body at the Macaulay Honors College. We represent the student voices of each of the eight CUNY campuses. Our government is made up of four representatives (one per class year) from each of the eight campuses, totaling 32 representatives.

The Council's mission is to promote an informed and involved student body, building cross-campus relationships through sponsorship of various activities and providing counseling to the Macaulay administration. We accomplish our mission through the six committees: Academic Affairs, Community Service, Campus Affairs, Student Life, IT/Communications, and Finance.



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President's Message

As my first year as President of the Macaulay Scholars Council comes to an end, I look back at all the achievements of the council this year. First, we implemented a cohort event policy to foster a Macaulay community at our home campuses. Each of the 32 representatives organized various events for their cohorts, ranging from board game nights to volleyball games and community service projects. This initiative allowed Macaulay students to engage in social activities without traveling to the Macaulay building. Second, we participated in a Macaulay Scholars Council leadership retreat in November to develop our leadership skills.



We engaged in skill-building workshops, such as time management, navigating difficult conversations, and communication strategies. Additionally, the weekend getaway facilitated stronger bonds within the council, fostering friendships that proved invaluable in our collaborative efforts to plan events and support student needs. The retreat concluded with all members emerging as more resilient and committed leaders! Lastly, the council partnered with the Macaulay administration to advocate for increased student opportunities and address student concerns. For example, the Scholars Council worked with Design for America to develop a Macaulay Community Resiliency Lab that provided paid opportunities for students. We also worked on the Restorative Justice Practice that trained students in conflict resolution. Furthermore, we worked alongside Macaulay clubs to advocate for student representation during the renovation of the Macaulay Honors College building.

In summary, the Macaulay Scholars Council has dedicated itself tirelessly throughout the year to support and advocate for the welfare of all Macaulay students.

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Committee Contributions

Academic Affairs

What is the Academic Affairs committee?

A committee dedicated to promoting special course offerings pertaining to curriculum and classes, and advocate on behalf of all students in the College Council meetings.

Who is in Academic Affairs committee?

Laila Gad (Hunter '24, VP), Lizbet Rodriguez (CSI'25), Ilyana García Alicea (JJ'26), Veronica Livetsky (CSI'27), Chaimaa Djenane (Brooklyn '27)



What is the committee impact?

Organized a fireside chat with Associate Dean Meeks for student input on Macaulay academia, coordinated 3 unique events for students to learn new ideas and develop their skills, and advocated for Bridge Scholars

Community Service

What is the Community Service committee?

A committee dedicated to promoting community service opportunities and creating volunteer experiences for students

Who is in Community Service committee ?

Taly Kronisch (Queens '24, VP), Emma Sassouni (Baruch'24), Sophia Tong (Hunter'25), Emmy DeMuro (CSI'26), Kelly Shi (Lehman'27)

What is the committee impact ?

Hosted several volunteer events throughout the year, along with the annual Community Service Weekend that allowed students to have access to volunteer events at each borough of NYC



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Committee Contributions

Campus Affairs

What is the CampusAffairs committee?

A committee that ensures the smooth and successful operation of all clubs at the Macaulay Honors College

Who is in Campus Affairs committee?

Shivani Ramsaran (CCNY '25, VP), Yassir Azzam (Brooklyn '26), Cordale Jimmison (JJ '27), Tri Dinh (Lehman '25 rep.), Audrey Adon-Rosario (Lehman '27), Ziv Nachshon (Queens '26), Farha Khadideh (JJ '25)

What is the committee impact?

Hosted Welcome Back Fair / Winter Club Fair to encourage students to become involved in the Macaulay community, and Food and Culture Festival to celebrate the diversity of the Macaulay student body



Student Life

What is the Student Life committee?

A committee dedicated to hosting events to bring the Macaulay community together, at times in conjunction with a larger community

Who is in Student Life committee ?

Selina Zheng (Hunter '26, VP), Rosalynn Ye (Queens '25), Tasneea Oishnee (CCNY '26), Ian Saraceni (Baruch '26), George Tom (Hunter '27), Nasir Anderson (Queens '27), Nikson Alex (Baruch '27)

What is the committee impact ?

Hosted several volunteer events throughout the year, along with the annual Community Service Weekend that allowed students to have access to volunteer events at each borough of NYC



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Committee Contributions

IT/Communications

What is the IT committee?

A committee dedicated to representing scholars council and informing the larger Macaulay community of events and opportunities through social media and other forms of communication

Who is in IT committee?

Sasha Jamal (Brooklyn '25, VP), Vanessa Cruz (Brooklyn '24), Gary Fleming (CSI '24), Ralph Osias (JJ '24), and Susan Lin (City '27)

What is the committee impact?

Created Macaulay2027 and MacaulayHonors2028 accounts to foster a community online and promote class-oriented events, wrote monthly Mountain Lion Monitor emails to students, and coordinated merchandise ideas



Finance

What is the Finance committee?

A committee responsible for approving and allocating club budgets

Who is in Finance committee ?

Isabelle Greene (Lehman '24, VP), Shania Persaud (Baruch '25), Shivani Ramsaran (CCNY '25)

What is the committee impact ?

Allocated \$15,000 to over 30 clubs and organizations to support their student events and activities, and maintained the budget for scholars council events



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Representatives and Achievements

Baruch Reps



Emma Sassouni
“Advocating and celebrating the class of 2024, and hosting a community service event!”



Shania Persaud
“Organized 2 cohort events at Baruch and a Field Day event”

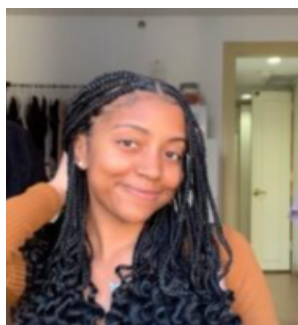


Ian Saraceni
“I’m proud of helping create great experiences for students through Student Life.”



Nikson Alex
“Connecting with my cohort and supporting Student Life events!”

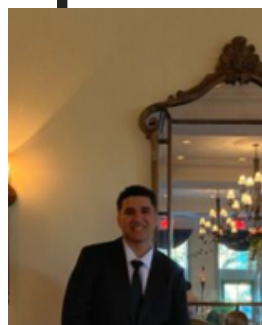
Brooklyn Reps



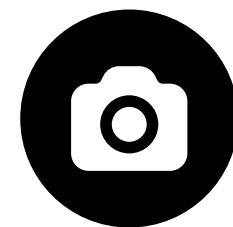
Vanessa Cruz
“Formed connections in council and on my campus”



Sasha Jamal
“Brought new methods of communication like Instagram reels”



Yassir Azzam
“Built another community that I’ll cherish for a long time”



Chaimaa Djenane
“Developing a connection with my cohorts”

College of Staten Island Reps



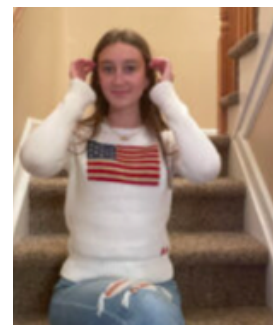
Gary Fleming
“Connecting with students from across the CUNY campuses”



Lizbet Rodriguez
“Organizing a volleyball tournament for my cohort on our campus”



Emmy DeMuro
“Organized & volunteered at different community service events with my cohort!”



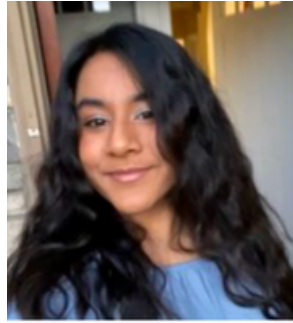
Veronica Livetsky
“Connecting with my cohort and helping organize events”

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Representatives and Achievements City College Reps



Fawziyah Shamim
“Supported Academic Affairs in advocating for students”



Shivani Ramsaran
“Being able to adapt to VP in the middle of the semester”



Tasneea Oishee
“Connecting with my cohort through Macaulay internship and volunteer opportunities”



Susan Lin
“Running the macaulay2027 page! and winning Shakira”

Hunter Reps



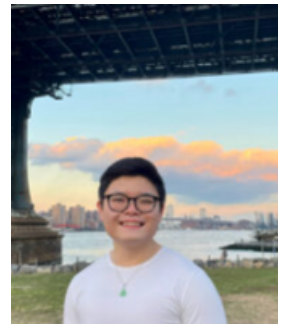
Laila Gad
“Revived Academic Affairs committee and hosted censorship event”



Sophia Tong
“Coordinating with NYC Parks to host a volunteer event”



Selina Zheng
“Coordinated with CUNY BA to host an event for students”

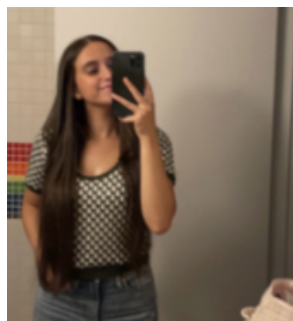


George Tom
“Getting to connect with Macaulay administration and foster interpersonal relationships”

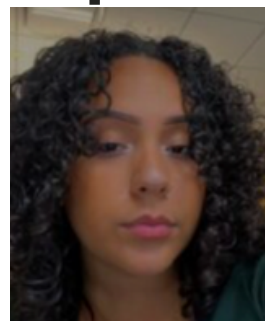
John Jay Reps



Ralph Osias
“Connected with my peers, managed Mountain Lion Monitor”



Farha Khadideh
“Trying something new and having a cohort event”



Ilyanna Garcia Alicea
“Enjoyed representing my cohort!”



Cordale Jimmison
“Helped with the Food and Culture Festival”

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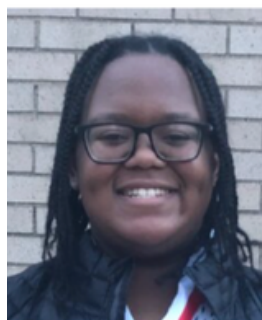
Lehman Reps



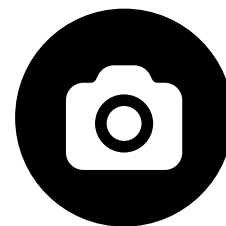
Isabelle Greene
“I’m proud of the increased transparency we incorporated!”



Tri Dinh
“I am proud of winning the Mountain Lion for volunteering at many events!”



Audrey Adon-Rosario
“Connecting with the Lehman group at our Honors Picnic”



Kelly Shi
“Supporting the Community Service committee”

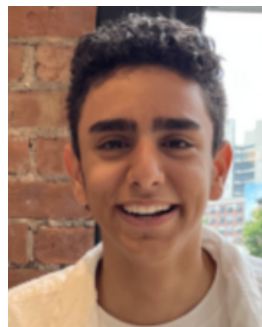
Queens College Reps



Taly Kronisch
“Starting and spreading the availability of community service opportunities as campus events!”



Rosalynn Ye
“Coordinated with restaurants like the Migrant Kitchen to sponsor our events!”



Ziv Nachshon
“Chaired an Ad-Hoc Committee and worked with my Director to bring vending machines to the Queens Macaulay Lounge!”



Nasir Anderson
“I am proud of myself for taking more initiatives on MSC like planning the Tea Party”

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