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Last Meeting: 2/7/2025 ([agenda](#))

1. Welcome Activity:

- a. Secret Handshake! (Stole this from peer mentors)
 - i. Find a partner (preferably someone you don't know well) and create a "secret" handshake with them (you have 5 minutes to do this)
 - ii. Share your handshakes with the group
 1. We will vote on who has the best handshake (prizes *might* be available)

2. Macaulay Scholars Council Representatives:

- a. **President & Baruch '25:** Shania Persaud
- b. **VP of Campus Affairs & CCNY '25:** Shivani Ramsaran
 - i. Queer Day of Service (3/28)
 1. In partnership with Queer Alliance, Macaulay Mind, Theater Club, Diversity Initiative, Service Initiative, and Help the Homeless, and potentially more!
 2. Volunteer at different organizations around the city, learn about services provided by these organizations, etc.
- c. **VP of IT/Communications & Brooklyn '25:** Sasha Jamal
- d. **VP of Finance & Hunter '27:** George Tom
 - i. **FINAL Additional Funding Deadline: April 2nd, 2025**
- e. **VP of Student Life & Queens '27:** Nasir Anderson
 - i. WINTER FORMAL IS TOMORROW!!!
 1. BRING ALL YOUR CUNY FRIENDS!! TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!
 2. GET TICKETS [HERE](#)
 - 3. thank you to the clubs that are consponsoring an activity!!**
- f. **VP of Academic Affairs & CSI '25:** Lizbet Rodriguez
- g. **VP of Community Service & CSI '26:** Emma DeMuro
 - **CSW** March 29th and 30th! Please advertise to your clubs and cohorts!

3. Student Development Updates

- a. [Queer Day of Service](#)
 - i. Very excited to have received grant funding for the event
 - ii. Thank you to everyone participating!
 - iii. This will be happening on March 28th! There will be opportunities to participate both at the building and through various organizations
- b. 2025 CUNY LGBTQI+ Student Conference
 - i. Friday, April 4, 2025 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 - ii. Theme- Queer Care: Unleashing Our Power!



1. Collection of workshops and activities bringing people from CUNY together
 2. Support Shivani!!!
 - iii. <https://cunysps-studentlife.swoogo.com/lgbtqiconference>
 - [Student Lounge Volunteers](#) - Daily Events Mondays through Thursdays | coffee in the Reading Room
 - (Thank you SLV's, we love you!)
 - The next two weeks they will be collaborating with Art Tank!
 - [Space Reservations Calendar](#)
 - If you want to find space to hosT our event, please use this calendar!
 - [Macaulay Merch](#)
 - This is the place to buy Macaulay Merch! Support Macaulay.
 - [Club Macaulay Merch](#)
 - If your club would like to have merch for your members, you can upload your designs here and sell them at cost!
 - [Important Dates & Deadlines](#)
 - Keep an eye on this page, especially as we make our way to the end of the Spring Semester
 - In one week is the deadline for readjustment of your club budget on 3/14
 - Last time to request additional funding is 4/02
 - Spring Budget and Events deadline is 5/15
 - [Club Updates](#)
 - This is a page where keep past newsletters with club updates!
 - [NEW Opportunity Hotspot](#)
 - New website!!! We are rebranding as the new Opportunity Hotspot, still a great resource to share about leadership positions you would like to be filled as well as sharing with students other opportunities at your home campuses!
 - If you have any ideas or suggestions for the page, email Student Development!
 - James
 - Staffing news: James will be accepting another position at another CUNY
 - Next Friday will be James' last day at Macaulay (;-;) (we will miss you James!)
4. **Campus Affairs Committee Announcements:**
- a. **Expectations**
 - i. Your club must be present at **EVERY** club council meeting
 - ii. Each club must send at least 1 e-board member per club
 1. Try not to represent multiple clubs!!



- iii. If you arrive 30 minutes late OR leave 30 minutes early, your **attendance will not count**
 1. If you need to arrive late or leave early, please let Shivani and Student Dev. know in advance
- iv. Make sure you type in all of your club updates **BEFORE** the meeting
- v. Be sure to **check your club emails** regularly.

5. Clubs & Special Initiatives Updates:

- Popcorn or Ball Toss!
- In your updates, consider some of the following...
 - Any goals for future events/the semester in general?
 - Anything that worked well/went wrong with a previous event and what you learned from it?
 - What do you need help with? Are there any other club leaders willing to help?
 - Do you want to collab with another club for a particular event? How/who can they contact?
 - Are there any resources or staff that student dev./MSC can connect you with?

Clubs

a. Dungeons and Dragons Guild **Dungeons & Dragons Guild**

- i. We had our first round of two monthly games this semester in February, attendance was good for both sessions so we will continue to host bimonthly games in March
 1. Went really well!
- ii. Our next two games are scheduled for March 14th and March 21st, both starting at 6:00 p.m.
- iii. The D&D Guild and Macaulay Theater Club, for the monthly meeting in March, there will be a skill-building workshop! How to develop a character, improv and writing about it. Hopefully on the 16th. Please go!

b. Humans of Macaulay **Humans of Macaulay**

- i. Currently brainstorming ideas to rebuild/restructure our club
- ii. We're open to ideas – what would the student body want to see?

c. Macaulay Art Tank **Art Tank**

- i. Arts Night 2025 is a week away! (march 15, 2025 5pm-9pm)
- ii. We will be collaborating with Photography club, MSI, MAPSS, and Triplets for some fun activities and performances.
- iii. Please RSVP if you haven't already!
- iv. We will also be collaborating with Triplets for a Movie and Crafts Night this month.
- v. If anyone would like to collaborate with us for a painting activity at arts night please let us know by tonight. (Arttank@macaulay.cuny.edu)

d. Macaulay Asian-American Pacific Islander Student Society

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- i. **ABSENT**
- e. **Macaulay Book Club Macaulay Book Club**
 - i. We announced our book the Military Police, we will be hosting our book club event at some point in march 18th-20 something, if and mini book talks on zoom leading up to the book talk event
 - 1. Try to contact different authors in the city to discuss the books!
 - ii. We are going under major E-board renovations, so we are now looking for a secretary and possibly a VP.
 - iii. We are looking to plan a community service event with Community Service on MSC.
 - iv. In April we plan on doing the book swap, ideally the first week of April.
- f. **Macaulay Business Club Macaulay Business Club**
 - i. **2025 Annual Stock Pitch Competition** - We are currently preparing for our event through numerous workshops and connecting with different judges - **Wednesday March 26th, 2025 6:30-7:30PM In person** (there will be prizes!)
 - ii. **Python Workshop** - Join us for an engaging and hands-on Python workshop designed for beginners! Whether you're brand new to coding or looking to refresh your skills, this workshop will provide you with the essential knowledge and tools to get started with Python, one of the most popular and versatile programming languages today.
 - 1. Register Here -
 - 2. <https://airtable.com/appoSnmYtBWOQjToo/shr3h9Xoon6vdIEFp>
 - 3. **Friday March 28th; 3-4PM, Virtual**
- g. **Macaulay Chamber Music Society Macaulay Chamber Music Society**
 - i. hosting an event at BC 3/27 at 6:30- free boba!!
 - ii. Will be at Winter Formal!!
- h. **Macaulay Chess Club Macaulay Chess Club**
 - i. Shoutout to C++ and Andrew Martin (we love Andrew)
 - ii. Had a really nice turnout for Club Fair, 3 new people really into the club!
 - iii. Potentially at Queens event, otherwise will stick to online.
 - iv. Looking for new eboard members (everyone is a junior ;-;) (please email them)
- i. **Macaulay CompSci Club MHC++ Club**
 - i. We successfully hosted our first event of the semester — Practical Web Scraping — led by Andrew Martin (MHC Queens 2025). The event saw 28 attendees over 5 campuses, with a good mix of all years.
 - ii. We also hosted a webinar just yesterday with NYU Professor John Rofran — DevOps 101 — students learned about DevOps and its role in the tech industry. We saw 12 attendees / 5 campuses.
 - iii. We found it very helpful to post advertisement on LinkedIn, was able to reach a larger range of interested students.
 - iv. We are hosting a Pi Day celebration next week on 3/14. There will be pie! RSVP here <https://forms.gle/Jb61fDwaX77TjA9n7!>



- j. Macaulay Content Creators Macaulay Content Creators**
 - i. **ABSENT**
- k. Macaulay Deewane Macaulay Deewane**
 - i. Went to NJ Naach our major dance competition (wooo!)
 - 1. Enjoyed meeting other students on teams from around the country at the mixer event
 - 2. A huge thank you to James for chaperoning our trip!!
 - ii. We are performing at the opening ceremony for Macaulay Olympics at College of Staten Island!/, 11 am - 4 pm on March 23, Sunday. Come join and participate in some exciting activities!
- l. Macaulay Diversity Initiative Macaulay Diversity Initiative**
 - i. We had a successful black history month event with our keynote speaker, Professor Allen Hillery
 - ii. Our next event will be a game night on March 21st from 6-7 pm in classroom 3s <https://cglink.me/2eM/r2138465>
 - iii. Save the date for our annual diversity through hair event on April 3rd 6:00-7:00pm <https://cglink.me/2eM/r2138469>
 - iv. Had their Black History Month event in February, went well!
- m. Macaulay Ethics Society macaulayethicssociety@gmail.com**
 - i. **ABSENT**
- n. Macaulay Feminist Society Feminist Society (Absent)**
 - i. We had a successful Reproductive Justice event with special speaker Chelsea Williams-Diggs, the executive director of the New York Abortion Access Fund.
 - ii. We have been communicating with Macaulay Immigrant Advocacy about potentially collaborating for an event in honor of Women's History Month.
 - iii. We've also been discussing being a part of Macaulay's Queer Day of Service!
- o. Macaulay FIT Macaulay Fit**
 - i. We hosted a successful Spring General Interest Meeting.
 - ii. Our next event will be a Yoga Event with Sara Louie next week, 3/14. There will be protein bars and shakes.
 - iii. We are also volunteering for the Macaulay Olympics. Come participate!
- p. Macaulay Green Initiative Macaulay Green Initiative**
 - i. We are currently working on getting a guest speaker/panel as well as starting a newsletter that will be sent out bi-weekly
 - ii. We are also trying to do an event for making cards to give to nursing homes or hospitals, along with origami making!
- q. Macaulay Help The Homeless Help The Homeless**
 - i. We will be having our **Community Service Weekend Event** on Saturday - March 29th, 8:30 AM-1 PM. Working with 9 Million Reasons at 39-21 Crescent St. Long Island City, NY 11101 (Queens, near Manhattan). This is a



volunteer-based food pantry/hub for those in need: Organizing donated clothes, and Moving and organizing food.

- ii. We need e-board members for the next academic year! Lots of seniors are graduating so we have many slots. Please put your email address below if you're interested in secretary, media historian, or event coordinator positions for HTH!

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r. Macaulay Immigrant Support Network Macaulay Immigrant Advocacy

- i. We had our Know Your Rights event in collaboration with Peace Action on 02/21! We gained a lot of new knowledge and it was a good time
- ii. We are looking for e-board members!! Reach us at:
 1. IG: macaulayisn
 2. Email: immigrantadvocacy@macaulay.cuny.edu
- iii. Planning something with Feminist Society for Women's History Month!

s. Macaulay Marauders Quadball Team Macaulay Marauders Quidditch Team

- i. Continuing practices!
- ii. Onboarding the new leadership team!
- iii. Macaulay Olympics, please [attend!](#)
 1. Olympics tangent: There will be a shuttle bus to and from Macaulay/a convenient train station (Times Square) (you will not be stranded) Please RSVP we need people from other schools 😭

t. Macaulay Messenger Macaulay Messenger

- i. Currently doing first round edits for spring! Have 4 articles currently and 4 writers still in progress with their first drafts
- ii. Possible collaboration event with Macaulay Theater in the works

u. Macaulay Mind Macaulay Mind

- i. **ABSENT**

v. Macaulay Musicians' Collective Macaulay Musicians Collective

- i. Excited to perform once again for Spring formal!
- ii. Also prepping for our second Music Mixer - April 25th!
- iii. Mourning the loss of James from Macaulay, but we wish him luck and good fortune in his future endeavors! (RIP, he's not dead)

w. Macaulay Peace Action Peace Action

- i. Successful collab with Macaulay Immigrant Success Network for a "Know Your Rights" workshop
- ii. Successful Peace Action conference last weekend
- iii. Currently planning a March/April event

x. Macaulay Photography Club Photography Club

- i. Central park photo walk is on April 5th 1:30-3pm.
- ii. Collaborating with Art Tank for Arts Night

y. Macaulay Pre-Health Professions Club Macaulay Pre-Health

- i. **ABSENT**

z. Macaulay Pre-Law Club mprelawclub@gmail.com

- i. Had successful GIM on February 11th



- ii. Currently planning student panel featuring Eboard members + Fordham Law School Visit, hopefully happening at the end of March
- iii. Planning a student panel featuring E-Board Members

aa. Macaulay Queer Alliance **Queer Alliance**

- i. Gender Affirming Closet with MSC was a BIG success!!
 - 1. All of the clothes were given away :)
- ii. Welcoming 4 new e-board members!! (early congrats!)
- iii. Trevor Project x Macaulay Mind x MQA fundraiser tentatively May 3rd

bb. Macaulay Scribe **Macaulay Scribe**

- i. **ABSENT (one day...)**

cc. Macaulay Service Initiative **Macaulay Service Initiative**

- i. Rescuing Leftover Cuisine Event approved – March 15th @ 2:45PM
 - [Club Macaulay registration](#)
- ii. Open to club collaborations!

dd. Macaulay Theater Club **Theater Club**

- i. Rehearsals for our production, “Arsenic and Old Lace” 🍷🍷 are underway! Do you like comedy? Grandmas? Arsenic and dead bodies? Make sure to sign up for free tickets for showings on **April 5th and 6th** in the Macaulay Cabaret! <https://cglink.me/2eM/r2138232>
 - 1. We are looking for a crew to help us man down the house on the days of the show – if you or anyone else is available, please consider signing up! [Crew Form](#)
 - 2. If you prefer asynchronous work, we are in need of an Advertising & Design manager to help us spread the word about all these events!
 - a. Fill out our [General Interest Form](#) (check Design / Social Media) or directly email us if you are interested!
 - b. [Leadership Opportunities Hotspots](#)
- ii. We are returning with our annual **Open Mic Night** on Friday March 28th, potluck style!
 - 1. This means that even if you don’t want to sign up for a performance slot, everyone is welcome to bring in their own food for a shared potluck! It will be a fun night filled with performances and food!
 - 2. Sign up on our [Google Form](#)
- iii. Improv Collab event with Macaulay Messenger and D&D!
 - 1. Tentative date: March 16th (12-2PM)
 - 2. MTC Cast will be interviewed by Macaulay Messenger to prepare for their roles! (no lines forgotten!)

ee. Macaulay Triplets **Macaulay Triplets**

- i. This month we are performing at arts night on 3/15
- ii. Additionally we are collaborating with art tank and macaulay mind for a movie night where we will be watching inside out 2 and making “core memories” 3/21



- iii. triplets are open to performing for any events! We can even come to your school. Just shoot us an email at triplets@macaulay.cuny.edu

ff. Peer Mentors Peer Mentors

- i. We are hosting some arts & crafts activities at Winter Formal this weekend! Shoutout to Zahara for helping pull things together.
- ii. Community Service Weekend in late March — Olivia is working with SC to help set things up.
- iii. Planning for our April Open House / Q&A, where we'll be recruiting new Peer Mentors. Working on event planning, advertising, etc.

gg. Student Lounge Volunteers VingGa Kong

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hh. TEDxCUNY tedxcuny@gmail.com

- i. Tickets for our 2025 Conference are now available, which are FREE for current CUNY Students: [Get Your Tickets Here](#). We are also offering discounted tickets for CUNY affiliates (alumni, staff, and faculty.)
- ii. We are starting to unveil who our speakers are! To stay up to date, follow us on our social media platforms!
 - 1. [Tiktok](#) and [Instagram](#)
- iii. We are continuing to host pop-ups on multiple CUNY campuses until the end of March to spread the word about the conference as well. (Some with Raising Cane's!)

ii. Any other groups we may have missed

- i.

6. Final Remarks & Adjournment:

a. STAY FOR A SPECIAL SURPRISE !!!

March Scholars Council Meeting

Date: Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 2024

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Location: Lecture Hall

April Club Council Meeting

Date: Friday, Apr. 4th, 2024

Time: 4 pm-6 pm

Location: Lecture Hall