

2018 NYU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CONVOCATION STUDENT SPEAKERS



UNDERGRADUATE: Shirley Lu
BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management
Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism

The child of immigrant parents from mainland China, Shirley Lu grew up in Arcadia, California. For as long as she can remember, however, she yearned to dwell in New York City, where she was born. "It's always been my dream to live in

this city—the business center of the world," she admits. "NYC fosters a sense of entrepreneurial spirit, and there are so many opportunities here for those who work hard."

Lu excelled in high school in California, earning high grades while taking AP classes, gaining admittance into the National Honor Society, writing for the school newspaper, and participating on the school debate team. She credits her mother, who took on several jobs to support the family (both before and after her parents divorced), for her own strong work ethic.

Seeking to enter the field of hospitality because she loves to travel, Lu applied to the NYU School of Professional Studies Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism. "Hospitality is such a global industry, but New York has so many hotels and travel-related products and services that I knew it was the best place for me to learn," she declares.

For a hardworking young woman with limited financial means, Lu has benefited from a variety of University- and School-based resources. She has been on the Dean's List throughout her college years, and is the recipient of the NYU 1831 Fund Scholarship, the NYUSPS Scholarship, the NYUSPS Futures Scholarship, and the George Lee Family Scholarship. With the help of her industry connected professors, she has built a deep network of professional contacts that will serve her now and in the future.

Thanks to the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development at NYUSPS, she has participated in several internships, including serving as a front-office intern at the Broome, a boutique hotel in SoHo, and working at sbe (Morgans Hotel Group), a global hotel lifestyle brand, where she is currently a junior revenue analyst.

Interested in a career in revenue management, Lu asserts, "The revenue discipline experience that I gained at sbe will help to advance me in my career." It already has paid off. After graduation, she will embark on a professional path as a revenue analyst for Standard Hotels.

While at NYUSPS, Lu also has taken advantage of a study-away semester at NYU Paris, an educational and life experience that she found liberating, because it allowed her to rely on her own self-sufficiency in an international setting.

She has given back to the School community as well. Lu is the president of the NYUSPS Hospitality Business Society, a student-run club, through which she mentors fellow students, serves as a role model, and plans a variety of professionally focused events.

Her message to her fellow graduates: "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. The education we received here at NYUSPS has been the preparation; now we have to seek out the opportunities."



GRADUATE: Jeremy Reese
MS in Project Management
Division of Programs in Business

New Orleans native Jeremy Reese has an established career with Equinox Fitness Clubs, where he is the general manager of Equinox East 74th Street. He started out at the company as regional manager of the Equinox Kids' Club in New York City in 2011.

During his tenure, the kids' club program saw a 105 percent year-over-year growth in revenue and a 23 percent drop in attrition. Due to his performance, he quickly moved up the ranks of the organization to his current position, overseeing the seventh-largest revenue producer in the company out of 96 clubs, and spearheading an extensive \$4 million renovation in 2017–2018.

Reese describes his Equinox career as "kismet." Previously, he had worked as an actor after attending Ithaca College's very competitive conservatory program through which he earned a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater. As he recounts, he had gone to Equinox to inquire about a membership, and while there, he met the club's national manager whose daughter had also attended Ithaca and whose show he had recently seen. "Since then, I have never looked back," he says. "I love what I do because I am able to be a leader, a revenue driver, a confidante to members—and best of all, a key player in the growth and development of my team."

Seeking to rise to even higher levels in his career and also to acquire skill sets that would help him to manage on a day-to-day basis, Reese decided to pursue graduate study. In light of his professional responsibilities and long work hours, he required a program with flexible course schedules. He enrolled in the MS in project management offered by the NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Programs in Business to help him hone his skills while learning from professors with the real-world experience he valued. Throughout his studies, he has been able to take what he has learned in the area of project management, and apply it to numerous facets of his job—managing operations, meetings, communications, and diverse personnel.

Despite his full work load and his intense study schedule (he maintains a 4.0 grade point average), Reese has found time to participate in many school activities. He is president of the Project Management Student Network. Under his leadership, this NYUSPS club has grown from 66 members to 138. He also is an active participant on the NYUSPS Graduate Student Council. "I thrive on working hard and on continuing to challenge myself no matter how busy I am," he acknowledges.

His next big challenge immediately after graduation is training to run the New York Marathon for a second consecutive year. Inspired by his exceptional professors at NYUSPS, he also hopes to return to teach in the project management program. "I have learned so much here and want to give back," he explains. As far as his career goes, armed with his newly acquired skills, the sky is the limit with an incredibly bright future ahead.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members of the NYU School of Professional Studies Community,

We have come to the end of another academic year and, as always, I am amazed at the tremendous amount that we have accomplished. It is a time of year for reflection and for great celebration. I want to applaud the successes of our graduates, as well as the faculty members and administrators who have supported them throughout their educational journey.

As I browsed through this edition of the NYUSPS newsletter, I was struck by the wonderful accomplishments and many individual stories of the students who call NYUSPS home. Many have overcome hardships and obstacles to study here, but there is a sense in this community of students from around the world, that they must help each other and work together for the common good.

In addition to the wonderful profiles of those students who are being honored this year with special awards, this edition of the newsletter features an overview of the activities and events in which our students were involved; a recap of Faculty Appreciation Week, which is now in its second year; and a nod to the winners of the Bart Lawson Award, which recognizes NYUSPS alumni for their commitment in the areas of humanitarianism, professional service and outreach, and public service. It celebrates those students and student organizations that were recipients of the President's Service Awards and highlights a number of student community service activities.

Although the climate of today can often be characterized as polarizing, I am confident that your time at NYUSPS has demonstrated the power of dialogue and the experience of people coming together to overcome divisiveness. As a School, NYUSPS embraces each and every individual in their own context and regardless of their background. As students, you understand the strength that emanates from this composition and the value in open discussion and compromise. It is this spirit of tolerance, camaraderie, and mutual understanding that makes this institution of higher learning so unique and special.

I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to all 1,903 graduate and undergraduate students who received their NYUSPS degrees and certificates this year. Cherish this defining moment in your lives. We look forward to your continued engagement as NYUSPS alumni. We need your talents and insights to keep this amazing school moving forward. Once again, congratulations.

To the NYUSPS community, I wish you all a restful and joyous summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in the fall.

Dennis Di Lorenzo
Harvey J. Stedman Dean
NYU School of Professional Studies

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BEST WISHES TO GRADUATING NYUSPS STUDENTS FROM THE NYUSPS FACULTY COUNCIL



The Faculty Council, which is the elected representative body for all faculty members at NYUSPS, warmly congratulates the Class of 2018. You are graduating at a time of rapid transformation of societies and economies in response to a wide range of changes—in the climate, in technology, in social relations, in geopolitics. Change brings unprecedented opportunities as well as serious challenges to established ways of resolving prob-

lems. We hope that the education you have received from the NYU School of Professional Studies has equipped you with the skills and knowledge that you need to address these challenges and seize these opportunities. Never has it been more important to combine the subject-specific expertise that you have acquired with a capacity for innovation, integrity, an open mind, and good judgment. We are tremendously proud of your achievements, and we look forward to watching as you apply your skills to the challenges of today and hope that you will remain connected to NYUSPS as alumni so you can share your insights with the students of the future.

Congratulations!

Anne Marie Goetz
Faculty Council Chair
Clinical Professor
NYU School of Professional Studies
Center for Global Affairs

WE ARE SPS



**Congratulations
NYUSPS CLASS OF 2018!**

UNDERGRADUATE CONVOCATION SPEAKER



Bill Bradley

**Former US Senator, New Jersey
 Managing Director, Allen & Company LLC
 Olympic Gold Medalist, NBA Hall of Famer, Best-Selling Author**

Senator Bill Bradley is a managing director of Allen & Company LLC. From 2001–2004, he acted as chief outside advisor to McKinsey & Company’s nonprofit practice. He was a senior advisor and vice chairman of the International Council of JP Morgan & Co. from 1997–1999. During that time, he also worked as an essayist for *CBS Evening News* and was a visiting professor at Stanford University, University of Notre Dame, and the University of Maryland.

Bradley served in the US Senate from 1979–1997, representing the state of New Jersey. In 2000, he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States.

Prior to serving in the Senate, he was an Olympic gold medalist in 1964 and a professional basketball player with the New York Knicks from 1967–1977, during which time they won two NBA championships.

In 1982, he was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bradley holds a bachelor of arts degree in American history from Princeton University and a master of arts degree from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

He has authored seven books on American politics, culture, and economy, including his latest book *We Can All Do Better*. Currently, Bradley hosts *American Voices*, a weekly show on Sirius XM Satellite Radio that highlights the remarkable accomplishments of Americans both famous and unknown.

GRADUATE CONVOCATION SPEAKER



Ann Compton

Former ABC News White House Correspondent (1973-2014)

Ann Compton has always been a pioneer. As the first woman assigned to cover the White House on network television and with 41 years on the air for ABC News, her longevity and impact are unparalleled. After retiring from daily coverage in 2014, Compton reignited her legendary career by returning to ABC to cover the 2016 political conventions, as well as accepting a fellowship at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government focusing on media coverage of the 2016 election. She now combines her personal experiences on the White House beat with fresh scholarship from the prestigious Miller Center for presidential studies in Virginia.

Compton’s career at ABC News spanned seven presidents and 10 presidential campaigns. Assigned to the White House in 1974, she reported for ABC News broadcasts from Washington and around the globe, traveling with presidents, vice presidents, and first ladies. President Barack Obama announced her retirement when calling on her at a West Wing news conference saying, “Ann Compton, everybody here

knows, is not only the consummate professional but is also just a pleasure to get to know.”

Compton was traveling with President George W. Bush on September 11, 2001, and was the only broadcast reporter to remain on Air Force One to report on behalf of all the press during the chaotic hours following the terrorist attacks, when the president was unable to return directly to Washington. For that coverage, which she considers the most significant story of her career, Compton received special recognition in the awards bestowed on ABC’s coverage, including an Emmy, a Peabody, and the Silver Baton from the DuPont awards at Columbia University.

Her colleagues elected Compton as president of the White House Correspondents’ Association for 2007–2008. She was chairman of the Radio-Television Correspondents’ Association on Capitol Hill in 1987–1988. The Commission on Presidential Debates selected Compton to serve as a debate panelist in 1988 and 1992. Additionally, she has been inducted into six halls of fame and has received five honorary university degrees.

Compton is married to Dr. William Hughes, a physician in Washington, DC, and they are the parents of three sons and a daughter, and the proud grandparents of three granddaughters. Compton says her most valued award is a golden statuette bestowed by the National Mothers’ Day committee naming her a “Mother of the Year” in 1988.



LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!

Convocation 2018

Convocation is a rich, time-honored tradition at the NYU School of Professional Studies, during which we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. The Convocation ceremonies provide an opportunity for those graduating, their family members, administrators, and faculty members to come together and acknowledge their impressive achievements, and to applaud the hard work and sacrifices they have made to enrich their lives and advance their careers through education.

The following pages provide a snapshot of those students who have been chosen to represent the graduating class because of their excellent grades, their willingness to be involved in the NYUSPS community, and their drive and determination to succeed. We wish them and the entire graduating class the best of luck as they venture out into the world and make their way personally and professionally.

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2017-2018 CONVOCATION BY THE NUMBERS

GRADUATE

Degrees and Certificates Awarded by the Graduate Divisions

MASTERS DEGREES

Construction Management	25
Fundraising	9
Global Affairs	124
Hospitality Industry Studies	32
Human Resource Management and Development	94
Integrated Marketing	506
Management and Systems	132
Professional Writing	11
Project Management	39
Public Relations and Corporate Communications	149
Publishing	36
Real Estate	170
Real Estate Development	78
Sports Business	44
Tourism Management	9
Translation	39
TOTAL MASTERS DEGREES	1,497

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Enterprise Risk Management	1
Human Resource Management	6
Information Technologies	1
Organizational and Executive Coaching	1
Real Estate	11
Transnational Security	1
TOTAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATES	21
TOTAL GRADUATE	1,518

UNDERGRADUATE

Degrees Awarded by the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS)

ASSOCIATES DEGREES

Associate of Arts and Associate in Applied Science

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts	5
Associate of Applied Science in Business	1
TOTAL DAUS ASSOCIATES DEGREES	6

BACHELORS DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities	18
Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences	90
Bachelor of Science in Digital Communications and Media	10
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management	13
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Management	11
Bachelor of Science in Leadership and Management Studies	43
Bachelor of Science in Marketing Analytics	5
Bachelor of Science in Real Estate	8
TOTAL DAUS BACHELORS DEGREES	198
TOTAL DAUS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	204

Degrees Awarded by the Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism

Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Tourism Management	68
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Degrees Awarded by the Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport

Bachelor of Science in Sports Management	71
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Degrees Awarded by the Schack Institute of Real Estate

Bachelor of Science in Real Estate	42
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	385

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2018 NYUSPS CONVOCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS AND FLAG BEARERS

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CENTER FOR APPLIED LIBERAL ARTS

MS IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Flag Bearer

Lauren K. Neeley

Lauren Neeley was selected as flag bearer for the MS in professional writing in recognition of her outstanding academic performance and active participation as a student of this program. Throughout her graduate studies, she was able to combine her experience in writing for science and engineering with her passion for the creative professions. Neeley brings an imaginative approach to individual and collaborative professional writing projects in her work across industries. After graduation, she will continue in her role as a growth strategist and communications specialist for Sandia National Laboratories, while seeking freelance writing opportunities to help creative professionals clarify their vision for growth, build their brand, and promote their work in a shifting digital landscape. Prior to earning this degree, Neeley earned a bachelor of music in music theory from Texas Tech University (TTU).

MS IN TRANSLATION

Translation Academic Excellence Award

Andrew B. Tierney (Fall 2017)

During his time in the MS in translation, Andrew Tierney has demonstrated significant growth in progressing from an outstanding student to a client-ready translator. Faculty members commend his diligence and his willingness to ask pertinent, intelligent questions about the industry. His academic work was of the highest level—in particular his accurate and cohesive thesis project, which was undertaken in the field of legal translation. Born and raised in New Jersey, Tierney graduated from The Ohio State University in 2015 with a dual bachelors degree in Spanish and philosophy, and a minor in international studies. During this time, he completed a five-month study abroad program in Valparaíso, Chile. A member of the New York Circle of Translators and the American Translators Association, Tierney has offered his translation services on a pro bono basis for organizations including PerMondo and Translators Without Borders. Upon graduation, he will

continue with his freelance work, while seeking an in-house translation position in the Greater NYC area.

Flag Bearer

Amanda Renee Baker (Fall 2017)

Amanda Baker demonstrated exemplary ability during her time in the MS in translation program, impressing faculty members with the high quality of her work, while maintaining a position as the executive assistant to the central team at Winston Preparatory School—a middle and high school that provides individualized education for students with learning disabilities. For her thesis, Baker chose a website localization project, which was focused on educational social-emotional support programs for teachers in France. She was successful in both the linguistic and technical elements, and produced a publication-worthy final product. Baker earned a BA with highest distinction from Indiana University, double majoring in French and art history and minoring in theatre and drama. She also earned an MA in art history. A professional actor and member of Actors' Equity Association (working under the name Amanda Baxter), she plans to pursue freelance translation and localization projects, while continuing to pursue her artistic career.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

MS IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Center for Global Affairs Excellence and Achievement Award

Liza Nugent (Fall 2017)

Over the past 30 years, Liza Nugent earned a BA in government from the University of Texas at Austin, followed by an impressive career in advertising in New York City and Europe, in addition to raising two children. This left her little time to pursue a graduate degree. After giving of herself for so many years, she finally realized her dream of pursuing the next level of her education by enrolling in the MS in global affairs with a concentration in global gender studies. Her primary area of interest is the interconnection between gender and economic development, specifically the disparity in value that societies place on the roles of “care-giving versus breadwinning.” Her thesis research led her on a fascinating journey to Mzuzu, Malawi to study the integrated women’s empowerment programming of community-based organizations. She is

currently working for Maloto, a US-based foundation, which partners with female-led, grassroots programs in Northern Malawi that focus on education, HIV/AIDS outreach, and the development of female-led businesses through a cooperative.

Center for Global Affairs Excellence and Achievement Award

Thomas P. Quinn (Fall 2017)

Thomas Quinn recently completed the MS in global affairs with a concentration in transnational security. His academic pursuits culminated with a thesis project advocating the employment of principles of group morale found in key historical examples, for the purpose of degrading terrorist operational effectiveness and promoting societal cohesion. In addition to traditional academic courses, Quinn participated in an independent study in Fall 2017, which was jointly administered by the NYU Center for Global Affairs (CGA) and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate. Together with other students and faculty members, he assisted in organizing and coordinating a roundtable on key trends in the future of terrorism, which was held on November 15, 2017. Outside of his academic pursuits, Quinn has acted as a research assistant for CGA Professor Edward Goldberg, assisting with a forthcoming book on the future of economic globalization, as well as the recent political backlash it has faced across the developed world. He also has held a counterintelligence analysis internship for the SITE Intelligence Group.

Center for Global Affairs Excellence and Achievement Award

Eric G. Seng

Eric Seng’s passion for helping others led him to the Center for Global Affairs (CGA), where his studies focused on international development and humanitarian assistance. In addition to learning about such diverse topics as children and youth in conflict, and gender in international affairs, Seng drew upon his previous experiences as an Air Force intelligence officer and contractor in the intelligence community to become one of only four graduate students handpicked to participate in a research project supporting the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate. Seng also was selected to participate in two Global Field Intensive programs, during which he researched the impact of education on poverty alleviation and improving the health of individuals in

marginalized communities. His work was selected for publication in *Global Affairs Review*, CGA's peer-reviewed journal.

Flag Bearer

Taylor Ackerman

Taylor Ackerman whose focus is on human rights and international law, was deeply engaged in and outside of the NYUSPS community during her time as a student at the NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs (CGA). In addition to her studies, she served as the president of the Student Association for Global Affairs. She also worked as a graduate assistant for a professor of international law and human rights, and interned at the American NGO Coalition for the ICC and Parliamentarians for Global Action. She previously volunteered at the United Nations Association as NYU vice president, as an associate editor for the CGA *Global Affairs Review*, as an alternative break participant, and as a member of the NYUSPS Community Service Committee. She is a Dean's Scholar, and as part of this role, she mentors two high school students in the NYUSPS Aspire Program.

Commencement Program Student Profile

Jesus Miguel Casado

Jesus Casado has worked tirelessly to earn his MS in global affairs with a concentration in global gender studies and a specialization in peacebuilding. Diagnosed with leukemia at age 21, he has coped with its reoccurrence while continuing to pursue—and excel—in his education and his career opportunities, volunteering for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. Prior to attending NYUSPS, he worked for a year at Creighton Elementary School District in Phoenix, Arizona where he helped immigrant and refugee students and their families with issues regarding language acquisition, school programs, and health and social services. During his time at the Center for Global Affairs (CGA), Casado has been an exceptional and engaged student. He was named a Dean's Scholar for the 2017–2018 academic year, has received a full-tuition Global Grant from Rotary International for pursuing his education in human rights, is the recipient of a Bone Marrow Foundation Scholarship for cancer survivors who have received a bone marrow transplant, and serves as a graduate career assistant at the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development. Casado is currently president of the Gender Working Group at CGA, a student club that organizes events related to issues of gender, such as LGBTQ rights,

human trafficking, and gender-based violence; he is the lead facilitator for The Peace Project, Inc., a project co-founded by his thesis adviser and CGA clinical associate professor, Sylvia Maier; and he is the senior editor of CGA's online journal, *Global Affairs Review*.

CENTER FOR PUBLISHING

MS IN PUBLISHING: DIGITAL AND PRINT MEDIA

Award for Excellence in Magazine and Digital Publishing

Barbara J. Sitzes (Fall 2017)

A native of Arkansas, Barbara Jenae Sitzes completed her bachelors degree in English literature at the University of Houston. She moved to New York City in January 2016 to pursue her passion for journalism and magazine media by enrolling in the MS in publishing: digital and print media, concentrating in digital publishing. Her capstone project entailed developing a diversified business plan for the launch of a gaming and entertainment website aimed at female players. Sitzes previously interned for several brands at Hearst Communications, including *ELLE*, *Country Living*, *Woman's Day*, and the *Houston Chronicle*. She currently works at *O, The Oprah Magazine*, as a web producer for Oprah.com.

Award for Excellence in Book Publishing

Jane Chun

While pursuing her MS in publishing: digital and print media, Jane Chun has taken advantage of many opportunities to broaden her knowledge of the publishing industry. She volunteered at the 2017 Frankfurt Book Fair (the world's largest book fair) as one of three students selected for this honor, and worked closely with the publishing perspectives team to report on all that transpired. In addition, she interned under agents Jodi Reamer and Alec Shane at Writers House and at Maximum Films and Entertainment, a major book-to-film scouting agency. She also worked as a freelance writer, editor, and translator, editing two screenplays for film and TV. A top student, Chun received several scholarships including the Random House and Judy Litchfield Scholarship awards for the 2017–2018 academic year, and the Thomson Education/Cengage Learning Scholarship for the 2016–2017 academic year. Additionally, she had the honor of being one of 20 graduate students of color in the US to receive the 2017 LAGRANT Foundation scholarship.

Flag Bearer

Natalia Becerra

After graduating with a degree in literature from the Universidad de los Andes Bogotá, Colombia, Natalia Becerra enrolled in the MS in publishing: digital and print media in 2016. During her time in the program, she expanded her interest in book publishing to focus on digital platforms and strategies. In addition to her academic responsibilities, Becerra served as president of the Publishing Students Association in 2017–2018, overseeing community service and professional development events that greatly served the students and the program. She was one of four students selected to volunteer during a trip to the London Book Fair, where she helped manage social media promotions and other activities for the Fair. Becerra was the recipient of the Wiley Scholarship in 2017 and the Oscar Dystel Fellowship in 2018. After graduation, she plans to return to Colombia to establish her own book publishing company with a strong emphasis on digital distribution.

Graduate Convocation Banner Bearer

Kaibin Lei

Since enrolling in the MS in publishing: digital and print media in Fall 2016, Kaibin Lei has distinguished himself as a student leader on many levels. He serves as the Graduate Student Council representative and is the communications director for the Publishing Student Association (2017–2018) for which he has played a very active role in its mentoring program, helping incoming students become acclimated to graduate studies. In addition, he has provided his invaluable support at many Center for Publishing events, including the NYU Media Talk series and the PubTechConnect conference, which the program co-hosted with Publishers Weekly. Lei looks forward to a career in media, and is currently demonstrating his professional prowess as a vlogger and a photographer.



DIVISION OF PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS

MS IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Academic Excellence Award in Human Resources Management and Development

Nidhi Mathur

Nidhi Mathur embodies the qualities of high academic achievement within the Division of Programs in Business and the larger NYUSPS community. For this reason, she will receive the Academic Excellence Award in Human Resource Management and Development. Trained as an electrical engineer, Mathur enrolled in the MS in human resources management and development after having completed a graduate program in labor law. In addition to her strong academic performance while a full-time student, she has served as a member of the NYUSPS SHRM student chapter, and has interned with an international organization. In conjunction with her studies, these opportunities have provided her with an opportunity to develop a strong academic foundation and the practical experience that will provide a crucial edge in her career ambitions.

Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Human Resources Management and Development

Arwa Al-Iriani (Fall 2017)

Arwa Al-Iriani enrolled in the MS in human resources management and development as a member of the inaugural class of the Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program, administered by NYU Abu Dhabi. She embodies the qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership within the Division of Programs in

Business and the larger NYUSPS community. For this reason, she will receive the Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Human Resources Management and Development. In addition to her strong academic performance, Al-Iriani has served as a member of the NYUSPS SHRM student chapter and the School's Events Committee. As a mother to her four-year-old daughter, Maya, she also has taken part in many of the School's events that help to engage students with children. She looks forward to remaining an active member of the global NYU community after graduation.

Commencement Banner Bearer Flag Bearer

Leena Menghani

The Division of Programs in Business is proud to have Leena Menghani serve as the flag bearer for the MS in human resource management and development. Menghani is the outgoing president of the NYUSPS SHRM student chapter, through which she and her colleagues offer professional, social, and service opportunities to students who are interested in the HR profession. Over the course of her studies at NYUSPS, she has maintained a high GPA, while simultaneously working as a graduate student within the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Menghani enrolled in the program after having completed both undergraduate and graduate studies in business administration. Upon graduation, she hopes to work in global HR, helping organizations use their talent to become more competitive in the marketplace.

MS IN INTEGRATED MARKETING

Academic Excellence Award in Integrated Marketing

Edrick Leonard

Edrick Leonard has worked hard during his time as a student in the MS in integrated marketing to reach high academic achievement and to expand his learning

beyond the classroom. In addition to his strong academic performance, Leonard has donated his time to support the program through various efforts such as participating in the welcome panel for the Division of Programs in Business. His achievements were not limited to his performing well in traditional academic classroom work. He also was part of the first "Real World" course offered at NYUSPS in partnership with the NY Jets. His dedication to engaging with his classmates, instructors, and peers, as well as promoting excellence beyond the classroom, make him a standout in this graduating class.

Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Integrated Marketing

Nhesthy Ong

Nhesthy Ong embodies the spirit of service and leadership excellence in everything he does at NYUSPS, making him the perfect student to receive the Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Integrated Marketing. This past year, Ong served both the integrated marketing and the NYUSPS community as the School's representative to the NYU Student Senators Council and the NYU Senate. In addition to playing that important role, he was selected as a Dean's Scholar. As part of his responsibilities, he devoted his time to advocate for first-generation college students and their families through the NYUSPS Aspire Program. He also was an active member of the NYU Center for Student Life. His eagerness to help others and his devotion to working tirelessly to make the NYUSPS community a better place for all, make him a role model for students across the School.

Student Leadership Award

Sanjana Nitin Dedhia

Sanjana Nitin Dedhia embodies the qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership within the NYU School of Professional Studies. For this reason, she will receive the Student Leadership Award. In addition to her strong academic performance, as the chair of the Graduate Student Council Events Committee, she oversaw all of the major school-wide events, which included NYUSPS Spirit Week, a 10-day celebration of school spirit; Global Village, which celebrated NYUSPS international diversity through food, culture, and performances; the Winter Ball; and the Spring Dinner Cruise. Through her leadership, the Committee brought together all of the NYUSPS clubs and organizations, which increased community spirit among all students.



Flag Bearer**Emily B. Sheiner (Summer 2017)**

Emily Sheiner successfully combined her high academic achievement, practical industry experience, and ability to effectively collaborate with peers while studying for the MS in integrated marketing. These attributes uniquely qualify her to serve as the flag bearer for the program. In addition to her strong academic performance, Sheiner pursued practical learning through internships and extended this experience into a job at a digital marketing agency. Her persistence as a high-performing student and her ability to seek out and learn from her experiences in the field, make her a role model for students within her program, the Division of Programs in Business, and beyond.

MS IN MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMS**Academic Excellence Award in Management and Systems****Nicholas Huff Foster**

Nicholas Huff Foster embodies the qualities of high academic achievement and leadership within the Division of Programs in Business. For this reason, he will receive the Academic Excellence Award in Management and Systems. So thoroughly researched and relevant were his projects in the MS in management and systems, that they were often used as models to demonstrate to students in future semesters what they should emulate for success. His project in change management was praised for its integration of agile methods and its overall level of detail. His group's quantitative models project was recognized for its originality, having been designed around a real-life case that was pertinent to the company at which he is employed, rather than focusing on a hypothetical scenario. Additionally, his group projects demonstrated his strong leadership qualities and his ability to bring teams together in a focused manner.

Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Management and Systems**Monica McSharry**

Monica McSharry embodies the qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership within the Division of Programs in Business. For this reason, she will receive the Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Management and Systems. In addition to her strong academic performance, she has worked hard to make a positive impact on the broader NYUSPS community by sharing with fellow students her extensive life and employment experiences, which include working

full-time in the NYU IT department. Despite her busy schedule, she always looked forward to leading group projects and enjoyed helping her teams to achieve success.

Flag Bearer**Seyda Gunduz Inan**

Seyda Gunduz Inan embodies the qualities of high academic achievement and leadership within the Division of Programs in Business. For this reason, she will serve as the flag bearer for the MS in management and systems. In addition to her strong academic performance, she demonstrated great leadership skills in numerous group projects. She always shared her professional project management experience during class lectures, which contributed to her fellow students' understanding of the course content. By coming to the United States to pursue her dream of earning a masters degree from NYUSPS, she has demonstrated her determination and commitment to achieving her professional goals and objectives.

MS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT**Graduate Convocation Student Speaker Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Management and Systems****Jeremy Reese**

See page 1 for his biography.

Academic Excellence Award in Project Management**Ann Marie Giro**

Ann Marie Giro embodies the qualities of high academic achievement and leadership within the Division of Programs in Business. For this reason, she will receive the Academic Excellence Award in Project Management. In addition to her strong academic performance in the MS in project management, she became a member of the executive board for the Project Management Student Network, serving as the Graduate Student Council representative. In this role, she was able to demonstrate her strong leadership skills. Giro also put into practice what she was learning in the classroom by completing two internships—the first through the NYU IT department, and the second and current, through the NYU College of Dentistry Technology and Informatics Services. She has shared what she has learned from these experiences with fellow students. She deeply appreciated the help her professors provided and she plans to stay in touch with them. She also has spoken with passion about the program at several graduate

information sessions and looks forward to participating in alumni events after graduation.

Flag Bearer**Jovenal Cruz Torres**

Jovenal Cruz Torres embodies the qualities of high academic achievement and leadership within the Division of Programs in Business. For this reason, he will serve as the flag bearer for the MS in project management. In addition to his strong academic performance, he has shared his professional experiences in project management and SCRUM with fellow students. Additionally, he served as the Social Media Committee chair for the Project Management Student Club (PMSN). In this role, he streamlined the Club's social media channels and increased involvement from the student body before officially moving on to the role of Professional Development Committee chair. In this position, he organized several joint professional development events with SHRM and the PR Club. He accomplished all of this while maintaining a GPA of 4.0 and working as a student intern for NYU IT.

MS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATION**Academic Excellence Award in Public Relations and Corporate Communication****Jonathan A. Robinson**

The Division of Programs in Business is proud to present Jonathan Robinson with the 2018 Academic Excellence Award in Public Relations and Corporate Communication. Despite setbacks, hardship, and uncertainty during his time as a student at NYUSPS, Robinson has been committed to his academic success and advancement in the public relations field. This is exemplified by his nearly perfect grade point average. He hopes that his journey will be an inspiration to others. As his list of accomplishments continues to grow after graduation, he seeks to be a positive catalyst for change and a leader for other students like him.

Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Public Relations and Corporate Communication**Rose Y. Zu (Summer 2017)**

Rose Zu is a shining example of leadership and service within the Division of Programs in Business and the NYUSPS community. For this reason, she will receive this year's Leadership and Service Excellence Award in Public Relations and Corporate Communication. While a student at NYUSPS, Zu has successfully

led group projects and has been held in high regard by her instructors, as well as her fellow classmates. She also has been an active board member and committee chair for her undergraduate alma mater's Asian and Asian-Pacific American Alumni Network, managing the process of granting more than \$10,000 in scholarships. She has used the skills she has acquired through her studies at NYUSPS in the workplace, managing communications and marketing as part of the leadership team for her firm's Asian Employee Resource Group. Zu has made a positive impact at NYUSPS, and she is looking forward to continuing her contribution as an alumna.

Flag Bearer

Kayla Kahn

Kayla Kahn has been chosen this year to be the flag bearer for the MS in public relations and corporate communication. Her passion for writing and using words to tell stories and change mindsets is what drew her to the program and she already has had the good fortune to be able to apply the valuable skills learned at NYUSPS in a professional setting. An avid writer before joining NYUSPS, Kahn recognized that earning a masters degree would increase her potential in the workplace and, from day one, appreciated the support and guidance she received from her professors. She found a balance between the academic and professional world here, and credits her experience at NYUSPS with building her confidence as an up-and-coming public relations professional.

Commencement Video Graduate Student Profile

Khushboo Chaudhary

Khushboo Chaudhary exhibits qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership. She has served as the president of the NYUSPS Graduate Student Council for the 2017-18 academic year. Chaudhary has been a critical link between the NYUSPS community and the university-wide Student Government Assembly, successfully voicing the concerns and opinions of the student body. She has worked diligently toward creating a more engaged and informed community. Upon graduation, she plans to make a valuable contribution to the field of public relations by working on purpose- and social impact-driven projects. Her intelligence, maturity, and

dedication to student affairs make her a role model for students in the Division of Programs in Business and across the School.

GEORGE H. HEYMAN, JR. PROGRAM FOR PHILANTHROPY AND FUNDRAISING

MS IN FUNDRAISING AND GRANTMAKING

Heyman Program Award for Excellence and Achievement

Edit Bain

Edit Bain has distinguished herself as an NYUSPS student by pursuing the MS in fundraising and grantmaking, while holding down a demanding full-time job at the Open Society Foundation. Here she serves as the criminal justice project program coordinator for the Open Society Justice Initiative, and is a supportive voice for marginalized and vulnerable populations. She has consistently earned one of the highest GPAs in the Heyman Program, and despite her demanding schedule, has been among the most dedicated of students. Bain grew up in Eastern Europe and moved to New York City in 1999 to study and work full time. She earned a bachelors degree in technology from New York City College of Technology. Her interest in the fields of philanthropy and grantmaking is rooted in her earlier career as a childhood educator and in the hospitality industry. Her capstone project focuses on the role of American foundations in advancing human rights in Latin America.

JONATHAN M. TISCH CENTER FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

MS IN HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY STUDIES

Flag Bearer

Xinyi Zhu

Xinyi Zhu will serve as the flag bearer for the MS in hospitality industry studies during the NYUSPS graduate convocation ceremonies. Zhu is an international student from China. After earning her bachelors degree in hospitality management, magna cum laude, from Florida International University, she enrolled in

the MS in hospitality industry studies with a concentration in brand strategy. During her time at the Tisch Center, she received the IREFAC scholarship and achieved certification in hotel industry analytics and certification as a wedding planner. Zhu has focused on excelling academically and socially. She took numerous courses that enriched her knowledge and broadened her perspective. She also serves as the Graduate Student Council representative for the Hospitality and Tourism Society at NYUSPS, for which she has planned many networking events. Zhu has benefited from several internship experiences in food and beverage; working in the front office and security departments in hotels; and at a PR company specializing in the promotion of luxury travel, hotels, and restaurants. Upon graduation, she looks forward to pursuing a career and continuing professional development in the hospitality and tourism industries.

MS IN TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Jonathan Tisch Academic Achievement Award

Allison K. Jungkurth

Allison Jungkurth is graduating with an MS in tourism management. Her personal interests within the travel industry include cultural heritage tourism, dark tourism, and product development. As a student in the Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism, Jungkurth studied destination analysis in Prague, attended an academic conference on dark tourism in Glasgow, and completed two consulting projects involving cultural and creative tourism in the Hudson River Valley. As the vice president of the Hospitality and Tourism Society (HTS), she collaborated with the club officers and Young Travel Professionals to host two panel discussions and networking events on campus. Jungkurth earned a bachelors degree at the NYU Gallatin School for Individualized Study, and she has worked full-time for the Gallatin Office of Global Programs for three years. She looks forward to pursuing a career related to tourism planning and economic development.

Ricelle "Bunny" Grossinger Hospitality Award

Dipika Ajit Sankhe

As a student in the MS in tourism management, Dipika Ajit Sankhe's interests include revenue management, consulting, and teaching. Prior to enrolling in the NYU School of Professional Studies, she

completed her Chartered Accountancy (ACA) and worked at Ernst & Young (EY). She eventually realized that the accounting field was not for her, and that she wanted to pursue a career in tourism development. She enrolled in the Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism to gain the skills needed to make a career change. During her time at NYUSPS, she has served as the treasurer for the Hospitality and Tourism Society (HTS) and has volunteered at several events including one for Tourism Cares. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, reading, playing tennis, and cooking. She also takes orders for henna and does intricate artwork.

Flag Bearer

Hartanto Yuwo

Hartanto Yuwo is graduating from NYUSPS with an MS in tourism management. Having taken numerous classes in revenue management, he wishes to pursue a career related to business strategy and revenue management in the hospitality and tourism sectors. Prior to moving to New York City, Yuwo worked as a project specialist for The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Indonesia, where he had the opportunity to participate in high-impact projects and support cross-functional teams in developing and executing initiatives based on thorough research and data analysis. He also worked at Skift as a business/data analyst/intern, where he provided key insights for top-level management. Yuwo was the president of the Hospitality and Tourism Society (HTS) at NYUSPS, and was known for his team's "Year of Sustainable" network initiatives. Under his governance, HTS successfully partnered with the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) and the Young Travel Professionals (YTP) on several projects.

PRESTON ROBERT TISCH INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL SPORT

MS IN SPORTS BUSINESS

Allie Sherman Sports Business Leadership Award

Amanda L. Wiegiers (Summer 2017)

The Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport is proud to recognize Amanda Wiegiers as the 2018 graduate recipient of the Allie Sherman Sports Business Leadership Award. A former athlete and lifelong sports fan, Wiegiers earned her undergraduate degree in just three years from Georgetown University,



graduating Phi Beta Kappa. She then began her legal studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she was awarded the Dean's Scholarship, finishing her degree at Georgetown Law. After law school, Wiegiers decided to combine her passion for sports with her legal expertise by pursuing the MS in sports business at NYUSPS. In addition to her record of academic excellence, she has demonstrated her superior leadership abilities by managing a variety of group projects and presentations related to her studies. Many of these initiatives have had an impact that reaches far beyond the NYU community, including her work for the Mayors Professional Sports Alliance.

Flag Bearer

Callie Welch

Callie Welch was selected by the faculty of the Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport to serve as the flag bearer for the MS in sports business. In addition to the traditional academic curricula the program offers, Welch participated in an honors-level, experientially based class with the New York Jets, during which she and her peers were tasked with developing a strategy to increase the use of the team's game-day app by fans. The unique strategy that was created by Welch and her team of talented peers was selected as the top project by Jets executives. Outside of academia, Welch is a marketing coordinator for the MLB Players Alumni Association, developing marketing and licensing opportunities for former legends of the game. In addition, she is a part-time assistant to the chairman of CSM Sport & Entertainment, North America. Moving forward, she hopes to apply what she has learned through the sports law concentration to the labor and player relations sector of sport.

SCHACK INSTITUTE OF REAL ESTATE

MS IN REAL ESTATE

Schack Institute of Real Estate Student Service Award

Hitesh K. Kewlani

The Schack Institute of Real Estate is proud to present Hitesh K. Kewlani with the 2018 Schack Institute of Real Estate Service Award. He is a student in the MS in real estate, concentrating in finance and investment. During his final year in the program, he served as the treasurer of the REISA Executive Committee, and was awarded the Leone J. Peters/Cushman & Wakefield Scholarship for his academic and professional achievements. While actively involved in the Schack community, Kewlani also works at the Greenwich Group International, a boutique real estate investment bank, which is based in Manhattan. Prior to investment banking, he served in professional roles ranging from asset management to business development. Kewlani continuously strives to make an impact beyond the real estate industry. He serves on the board of Children's Hope India—an organization that is dedicated to providing necessary aid and education to underprivileged youngsters in India and on a local basis.

Flag Bearer

Kevin Schey Butz (Fall 2017)

Kevin Schey Butz will serve as the flag bearer for the Schack Institute of Real Estate MS in real estate. He enrolled in the Schack Institute in Fall 2016, directly after completing his undergraduate studies. During his time at Schack, he took advantage of the global opportunities the division offers, participating in a trip to Cannes, France with his classmates for the annual MIPIM Conference in March of 2017. He also benefited from the

independent study options offered through the Schack Institute, developing his own course of study, which focused entirely on macroeconomic drivers of real estate transactions. His desire to learn and his passion for the industry helped him to form meaningful relationships with his professors and peers. This has allowed him to succeed as a student of real estate both in and outside the classroom.

MS IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Flag Bearer

Michael Berliner

The Schack Institute of Real Estate is proud to present Michael Berliner as the MS in real estate development flag bearer. Berliner enrolled in the Schack Institute of Real Estate in order to gain the knowledge required to change fields and pursue a career in commercial real estate. During his time in the program, he has embodied the qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership. Berliner is graduating with an MS in real estate development with a concentration in the business of development. He was awarded the Urban Leadership Scholarship by Schack's Scholarship Committee, and was fortunate to have interned at a best-in-class real estate capital adviser—Ackman-Ziff. While attending the Schack Institute, Berliner pursued real estate development opportunities near his hometown of Weston, Connecticut. After graduation, he plans to pursue additional development opportunities in the New York City and Southwestern Connecticut metro areas.

MS IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Commencement Graduate Class Representative

Flag Bearer

Carla C. Baker

Carla Baker currently serves as a project manager for a regional, veteran-owned construction services firm, providing construction management, general contracting, and owner representative services. When she enrolled in the MS in construction management, she immediately began applying the lessons learned through her courses to her role as an assistant project manager, which involved supporting multiple commercial construction projects in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Today, she leads her own multimillion-dollar projects for federal and private clients within the

Greater New York region. After graduation, Baker will continue serving her clients as a project manager, while honing her skill in scheduling—a professional strength she developed during her studies at NYUSPS. The Schack Institute of Real Estate is proud to have Baker as the flag bearer for the MS in construction management. She is one of the most accomplished students in this esteemed program.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

DIVISION OF APPLIED UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

BS IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Alpha Sigma Lambda Dean's Award for Excellence

Chris Lough

Chris Lough enrolled in the NYUSPS Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies already possessing considerable professional skills, but without any formal academic credentials. Throughout the course of his studies, Lough proved to be highly consistent in his academic accomplishments, work ethic, and values. He earned credit to defray the cost of his education by participating in the Division's Prior Learning Assessment program, which provides students with the opportunity to develop portfolios from previous experience and submit them to be considered for academic credit. Lough currently is employed as content director for Tor.com, sci-fi/fantasy publisher Tor Book's online nonfiction magazine. He has found that the education he has acquired while enrolled in the BS in digital communications and media has been extremely valuable in honing his expertise in the design, marketing, and legal issues surrounding online content. After graduation, he looks forward to taking a break and to spending more time with his firstborn child.

Flag Bearer

Lerone E. Ault

Lerone Ault is a veteran, and was a first responder on 9/11 who risked his health (and longevity) for others. His goal is to demonstrate to his daughter the importance of his commitment and determination to earning his degree, as he fears he may not be around to see her graduate.

Since his return to college in 2015, Ault has demonstrated enormous drive and motivation by taking at least 12 credits during the fall and spring semesters, while working full time and taking care of his family. His success at being able to manage the demands of these important undertakings can be judged by his consistently high level of academic performance.

BA IN HUMANITIES

Herbert C. Jaffa Award

Davidson Clinton Murphy

Davidson Clinton Murphy is tenacious in his commitment to learning. An insatiably curious and self-directed student, he routinely conducted supplementary research to deepen his understanding of whatever subject he was exploring, resulting in original and provocative insights. An aspiring creative writer and filmmaker—he has one short film to his credit as director and screenwriter—he is extremely motivated by his drive for continuous improvement, while maintaining exceptional modesty. Of particular note with regard to his service for the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies was his successful efforts in building a highly functional website for *Dovetail*, the Division's literary journal. He made the publication available in a digital format and also provided digital archival copies of every issue since its inception—a major undertaking. Upon graduation, Murphy will attend Columbia University's MFA program.

BS IN LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Harvey J. Stedman Award

Adam Sandor Nagy

During his time in the BS in leadership and management studies program, Adam Nagy has taken full advantage of the academic opportunities offered by the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies and NYU. He completed all math and statistics courses offered through the Division, including Calculus with Applications and Linear Algebra, and immersed himself in courses within the finance concentration at NYU Stern. He is intellectually curious and unafraid to step outside of his academic comfort zone. Nagy is an entrepreneur who has developed a product and launched an enterprise—MuscleDough LLC—while meeting the demands of a rigorous academic course of study. During the spring semester, he was hired by Professor Stephen Figlewski to be his teaching assistant for Futures and Options, known to be one of

the most challenging finance courses at NYU Stern. He plans to go on to graduate study in finance, and is currently awaiting an admissions decision from MIT. Nagy also has been accepted for graduate study at NYU Stern and at USC.

BS IN MARKETING ANALYTICS

Wallace Gobetz Memorial Award

Ronald Taylor

Ronald Taylor is a working adult who began his studies in the leadership and management program in Spring 2015. He acknowledged the need to earn the bachelors degree to enhance his professional knowledge in order to pursue a career as a marketing executive. He had attended college previously for a short time, but withdrew to gain professional experience in retail management. During his first semester, Taylor thrived in the program, but in the fall, he realized it would be to his advantage to switch into the Division's newly introduced BS in marketing analytics. Deeply intrigued by the course content, he has done amazingly well, earning straight As. In addition to the work he took on in earning his degree, he enrolled in several noncredit programming courses to enhance his skills further. He became a McGhee Scholar, helping the Division to cultivate prospective students, and was generous in mentoring fellow students as well. During the last year and a half, Taylor was promoted to a search marketing manager role at a large B2B marketing company. Completing his degree will set him on the path to a director-level position. He has amply demonstrated the attributes required to be recognized with the Wallace Gobetz Memorial Award.

BA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Wallace Gobetz Memorial Award

Christopher C. Goff (Fall 2017)

Christopher Goff began his studies in Fall 2015, enrolling in the BA in social sciences with a concentration in economics. He had spent several years at the University of Texas at Austin, before joining the NYUSPS community. Goff has impressed his professors with his excellent work, the depth of his preparation, and his commitment to success. He worked full-time at a distressed debt investment firm while completing his degree and graduated in Fall 2017 with a GPA of 4.0—a major achievement.

Commencement Video Undergraduate Student Profile

Olivia Sjostedt-Olsson

Olivia Sjostedt-Olsson began her journey towards earning a BA in social sciences with a concentration in psychology through the NYUSPS Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies in January 2015. During her time at NYUSPS, she has been recognized for her academic achievement and her contributions to the School, being named a McGhee Scholar for the 2016–2017 academic year. In addition, she was elected president of the Student Association for Applied Studies for the 2017-2018 academic year, and was named a Dean's Scholar for the same year. For these reasons, she will represent NYUSPS in the University's Commencement Commemorative Video. In addition to her strong academic performance, Sjostedt-Olsson is deeply engaged in the student community, serving as the Community Service chair, which ultimately led to being recognized with a President's Service Award in 2017. A talented writer, she recently had her first personal essay "See You In New York," published in Mr. Beller's Neighborhood. In addition, she's had two of her poems published in *Dovetail*, the Division's literary journal. Upon graduation, she plans to earn a graduate degree in social sciences.

Flag Bearer

Josef Corso (Fall 2017)

Josef Corso is a US Army veteran who served during the war in Iraq. He exemplifies the ideal adult student learner and has demonstrated marked academic and intellectual growth while pursuing his degree. He has combined a major in history with a minor in environmental studies, and has achieved top grades, all while raising a son. Corso currently works as a soil conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service,

examining soils among Amish farmers in Pennsylvania and utilizing all that he has learned in a truly unique way.

AAS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Wallace Gobetz Memorial Award

Flag Bearer

Nishchay Jain

Nishchay Jain applies a dedicated approach to his studies in order to satisfy his unquenchable thirst for learning. Growing up in India, with diverse interests in mathematics, literature, and economics, Jain found that the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies provided him an interdisciplinary approach to all that he wished to learn. He saw New York City as the perfect incubator for applying this knowledge. Upon graduation, Jain hopes to continue his studies, ultimately pursuing a graduate degree in economics.

JONATHAN M. TISCH CENTER FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

BS IN HOTEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Undergraduate Convocation Student Speaker

Commencement Undergraduate Class Representative

Shirley Lu

See page 1 for her biography.

Jonathan Tisch Academic Achievement Award

Taylor A. Leworthy

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not, but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." Epicurus

Born and raised in Hawaii, Taylor Leworthy first began to realize her



passion for hospitality and tourism after her parents opened a small bed and breakfast on the north shore of Maui. She made the 5,000-mile move to New York to study this industry, and has been intrigued by travel ever since. During her time studying at the Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism, Leworthy took advantage of two amazing study away opportunities—the first during her sophomore spring semester when she traveled to Sydney, Australia, and the second during her senior fall semester, when she went to Berlin, Germany. Her passion for serving others and working with people has led her to have a broad array of professional experiences—working in surf shops, lifeguarding, managing a small chain of juice bars in Manhattan, and most recently, interning at Four Seasons and Hilton. After graduation, Leworthy intends to continue to work in “the industry of making memories,” discovering all that the world has to offer, and remembering that all she now has was once only a fantastic dream.

Ricelle “Bunny” Grossinger Hospitality Award

Sarah Tran (Fall 2017)

Sarah Tran discovered her passion for the hospitality industry through her deep curiosity and appreciation for travel and experiencing new cultures. She has not only excelled academically and professionally during her time at the Tisch Center, but she also was involved in the Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMIAI), in which she held the positions of secretary, vice chair, and

co-chair of the NYU Chapter over the past four years. Tran also is a member of the HSMIAI Collegiate Committee and assists hospitality students in planning intercollegiate conferences. Her most memorable experiences at NYUSPS include participating in study away programs in Prague and London. During her studies in the BS in hotel and tourism management program, Tran completed internships and had the benefit of work experiences at The Carlyle; The Pierre; Mandarin Oriental, Prague and New York; The Dinex Group; The Plaza Hotel; and Denihan Hospitality Group. She graduated in December 2017 and is currently working at Peloton on the Member Lifecycle and Loyalty team, where she is combining her love for hospitality with her personal passion for the fitness industry. In the future, Tran aspires to gain greater industry experiences by traveling to and working in different cities.

Undergraduate Student Leadership Award

Irene Kulbida

Irene Kulbida embodies the qualities of high academic achievement, service, and leadership within the Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism and across the NYUSPS community. For this reason, she will receive the NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Leadership Award. In addition to her strong academic performance, Kulbida is currently a Dean’s Scholar and has served as vice president of the NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Council, chair of the NYUSPS Events Committee, and co-captain of the NYU Mascot Team. During her studies at the Tisch Center, she

interned at the Corinthia Hotel Prague, at New York Edition, and at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center Albany. After graduation, Kulbida will pursue her passion for events and hospitality out at sea, aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines. Her intelligence, maturity, and dedication to student affairs make her a role model for her peers and for those who will follow in her footsteps.

Flag Bearer

Camille Danielle Aké

Originally from New Providence, New Jersey, Camille Aké has the honor of representing the Tisch Center as its undergraduate flag bearer. During her time at the Tisch Center, she concentrated in event management and minored in food studies. Aké served two years as the communications chair for the NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Council, which won a President’s Service Award in 2016. She was an NYUSPS Dean’s Undergraduate Scholar for the 2017–2018 academic year. She also is a noted NYU scholar, having been named a Doris Sklar Memorial Scholar, an Alfred Pisani Corinthia Hotels Scholar, a Tisch Center Patron Scholar, an NYU Madrid Global Experience Scholar, and a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar. Aké also is on the Dean’s List and was inducted into the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society. She has served as the vice president of the Hospitality Business Society and as the communications chair for the Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International. Aké has interned for a variety of companies including AngelList, DoSomething.org, Tumblr, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, CPS Events at The Plaza Hotel, the Tisch Center, and the HuffPost. Aké has studied away in Madrid, Spain; volunteers for New York Cares; and ran in the 2017 TCS New York Marathon.

PRESTON ROBERT TISCH INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL SPORT

BS IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Allie Sherman Sports Business Leadership Award

Rene Rismondo (Fall 2017)

Rene Rismondo is the undergraduate recipient of the Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport Allie Sherman Sports Business Leadership Award. During her tenure in the BS in sports





management program, she served as an exceptional leader and an active participant in both the NYUSPS community and the NYU community at large. She was appointed as the NYU Class of 2018 president and is a member of the University-wide Student Senators Council. In the NYUSPS community, she was an executive board member of the Tisch Institute's Sports Business Society, she served as Undergraduate Student Council treasurer, and she received the Undergraduate Dean's Scholar Award for her outstanding academic achievements and commitment to community-based engagement. Rismondo also was a Dean's List honoree for all four years of study. Following her December graduation, she accepted a full-time position as the Baseball and Player Operations coordinator with the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Flag Bearer

Jacob A. Kaczynski

The Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport is proud to recognize Jacob Kaczynski as the flag bearer for the BS in sports management program. Completing his bachelors degree program at NYUSPS in only three years, Kaczynski has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers, taking advantage of opportunities to broaden his experience beyond the classroom. He has participated in internships with the Madison Square Garden Company, and he most recently served as the president of the Tisch Institute's Sports Business Society. He looks forward to helping

others along their own journey in the sports industry, as his successes are a culmination of those who have helped him along the way. No influence has been more impactful than that of his parents, Kim and Richard. Kaczynski is incredibly grateful for the privilege of representing his family, the Tisch Institute, and NYU as a future leader in sports business.

Undergraduate Convocation Banner Bearer

Brad Waldstreicher

Brad Waldstreicher will be recognized for his stellar academic record, his engagement in the NYUSPS community, and his deep commitment to helping others by serving as the banner bearer for this year's undergraduate convocation ceremonies. During his time at the Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport, he majored in sports management with a concentration in sports law. Waldstreicher was named a Dean's Scholar for the 2016-2017 academic year for his impeccable academic record and for his deep commitment to community service at NYUSPS and beyond. His responsibilities as a Dean's Scholar included his mentorship of an NYUSPS Aspire student. As part of the mission of the Aspire Program, Waldstreicher worked with a mentee who was a high school student from an underserved community, helping him prepare for the college application process and beyond. In addition to classroom work and mentorship duties, Waldstreicher completed several high-profile internships in finance and gaming.

After graduation, he will pursue an exciting opportunity in the healthcare tech startup world.

SCHACK INSTITUTE OF REAL ESTATE

BS IN REAL ESTATE

Schack Academic Excellence Award

Shane Rubin Herskowitz

The Schack Institute of Real Estate is proud to recognize Shane Herskowitz with the 2018 Schack Academic Excellence Award. He is the outgoing treasurer of the Undergraduate Real Estate Club, and he has worked hard to make a positive impact for his fellow students. He made the Dean's List each semester at NYUSPS, and was the recipient of the Regan Academic Award in Fall 2016 and Fall 2017. Herskowitz spent a year working with the New York State Attorney General's office in the area of mediation. He plans to attend law school after graduation.

Flag Bearer

Adam Scott Alberstone

Adam Scott Alberstone embodies the qualities of academic achievement, service, and leadership within the Schack Institute of Real Estate and the larger NYUSPS community. For this reason, he will serve as the flag bearer for the BS in real estate. In addition to his strong academic performance, Alberstone has served as president of the NYUSPS Undergraduate Real Estate Club. He also is a member of both the Urban Land Institute and the NY Society of Architectural Historians. Since 2014, he has volunteered with the GO Project, an educational nonprofit organization. Since June 2017, he has worked as an analyst at the leading NY office and retail REIT, and owner of the Empire State Building—Empire State Realty Trust—where he sits on the community board.



SECOND ANNUAL FACULTY APPRECIATION WEEK OFFERS A FESTIVE CELEBRATION TO HONOR NYUSPS FACULTY MEMBERS

The second annual Faculty Appreciation Week took place during the week of April 9. It was a celebratory occasion that thanked NYUSPS faculty members for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the NYUSPS community. Faculty members participated in numerous activities that included an alumni, faculty, and administrator reception; the opportunity to have their headshot taken; and wine tasting. The week concluded with the Faculty Awards Reception and a night at The Metropolitan Opera.



The Alumni, Faculty, and Administrator Reception was attended by over 175 guests including alumni from around the world.

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importance of maintaining connections among the NYUSPS community members and beyond the classroom. The reception was attended by alumni from around the world, who were genuinely happy to reconnect with former classmates, administrators, and professors.

Faculty Headshots - Tuesday, April 10

Faculty members had the opportunity to have their headshots taken by the professional photographers from the NYU Photo Bureau. While waiting for their turn, they were able to engage in conversation with colleagues over light refreshments.



Faculty members enjoy the wine tasting event on April 11.

Photo Credit: Samantha Hyman

throughout the room tested their wine expertise and provided a place for related activities, including a game in which faculty members were asked to guess the price of a wine. Attendees also collected stamps from each station, which they attached to a card. They were gifted complimentary wine tote bags for completing their card.

Faculty Awards Reception - Thursday, April 12

The newly revamped Faculty Awards Reception recognized 20 faculty members for their unyielding dedication and commitment to the School and its students with awards for Teaching Excellence and Outstanding Service. Also included in the program, was a viewing of

Alumni, Faculty, and Administrator Reception - Monday, April 9

Hosted at the Princeton Club of New York, the occasion brought together alumni, faculty, and administrators for a casual social evening. Dean Di Lorenzo welcomed over 175 attendees and spoke about the



Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo poses with CGA's Carolyn Kissane, the recipient of the School's Distinguished Teaching Award.

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a short video, which was filmed and edited by the Center for Academic Excellence and Support. The video featured the award recipients and gave them an opportunity to speak about their pedagogy and service to the NYUSPS Community. Carolyn Kissane, the School's nominee for the Distinguished Teaching Award, also was honored

for her achievements at this reception. Kissane received an honorable mention from the University Selection Committee as well.

A separate awards reception was held on the evening of Tuesday, April 24 to honor more than 100 faculty members for their years of service to the School.

A Night at The Met: *Così fan tutte* - Friday, April 13

More than 80 faculty members and friends attended The Metropolitan Opera showing of *Così fan tutte*. Phelim McDermott's clever vision of Mozart's comedy about the sexes was set in a carnival-esque, funhouse environment, inspired by 1950s Coney Island—complete with bearded ladies, fire eaters, and a Ferris wheel! Attendees were thrilled with the performances of the award-winning cast, the vibrant colors, and the powerful musical score.

Faculty Hours

Each NYUSPS academic unit hosted a faculty hour that took place across the School's three locations (7 East 12th Street, Midtown Center, and the Woolworth Building). During these events, faculty members engaged in casual conversation with their associate dean, academic director, and other colleagues over a light meal and refreshments. These casual events helped strengthen existing relationships and foster new connections, while also supporting the school-wide effort to celebrate the faculty community.

Student Activities

Thank You Cards and Digital Shout-out

A "Thank You" table, staffed by student volunteers, was placed at each of the three NYUSPS locations during the week. Students stopped by the tables before class to write thank you notes to their instructors. More than 500 notes were mailed. Students unable to stop by a table were encouraged to submit a digital thank you. These digital notes were printed on thank you cards and mailed to NYUSPS faculty members. In addition to the thank you cards, students were given the opportunity to send digital "shout-outs" to say how much they appreciated their professors.

#SPSfacultylove

During the week, all NYUSPS constituencies were encouraged to take selfies with their instructors and post to their social media accounts using this hashtag. It also was used by students to give special thanks to their favorite instructors at NYUSPS.

DEAN'S SCHOLARS PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT TO ASPIRE STUDENTS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND CHANGING LIVES



Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo (bottom right) and his chief of staff, Fiona Jaramillo (bottom left), pose with a group of this year's undergraduate and graduate scholars.

Photo Credit: Amy Armstrong

The NYUSPS Dean's Graduate and Undergraduate Scholars exemplify dedication to community service, academic achievement, and committed involvement within the NYUSPS community. The 2017-18 cohort of 28 students—each receiving a \$10,000 scholarship for the academic year—were selected through a rigorous process that included submitting an application with essays as well as letters of recommendation. Each application was reviewed by a school-wide committee, and each applicant was required to participate in interviews with the dean and with program administrators.

Students serving in these prestigious leadership roles represent the School as ambassadors throughout the academic year. They participate in admissions events and Spirit Week activities, and they contribute as thought leaders on school and university panels. Most importantly, however, they serve as mentors to high school students from underrepresented communities in the New York metro/tri-state area, who will be the first in their family to attend college. The current mentees—nearly 60 high school juniors and seniors—are enrolled in the NYUSPS High School Academy Aspire Program, a two-year, year-round college prep and immersion program that is offered at no cost.

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Dean's Scholars have worked diligently to foster meaningful relationships with their mentees through a series of in-person college prep and professional development Weekend Workshops, and through online touch points. The high school mentees see the Scholars as academic coaches, personal role models, and valuable advisers who help them to navigate the often-daunting college application process.

Dean Di Lorenzo and program administrators continue to be impressed with the level of commitment and creative problem solving exhibited by the Scholars, as well as with the success of the high school students who participate in Aspire. As the current group of seniors finalizes their future plans, most surveyed had received at least two acceptance letters and some form of financial aid from schools such as Cornell University, SUNY Albany, Seton Hall University, Quinnipiac University, St. Francis College, New York University, University of Florida, University of Cincinnati, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY).

The Aspire Program will be even larger in the 2018-19 academic year, with 115 new student applications, representing 65 different high schools in the New York tri-state area (*student interviews are currently in progress*). In total, approximately 80 high school juniors and seniors will benefit from the Program next year.

The 2018-19 Dean's Scholars will be announced in late Spring 2018. Stay tuned to learn more about those who will be selected for this prestigious honor.

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NYUSPS STUDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED DURING 2018 NYU PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS

The purpose of the NYU President's Service Awards is to recognize the distinguished achievements of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and student organizations for their commitment to civic engagement and service in local communities across the University's global network or for their promotion of learning, leadership, and quality of student life at New York University.

President's Service Awards are bestowed upon students or student organizations that have had an extraordinary and positive impact on the University community, including achievements within schools and departments, the University at large, local neighborhoods, and NYU's presence in the world.



Tae Yun Mario Kim accepts his award from NYU President Andrew Hamilton.

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Nhesthy Ong accepts his award from NYU President Andrew Hamilton.

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Kaede Tatenuma is all smiles with NYU President Andrew Hamilton upon accepting her award.

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NYU School of Professional Studies 2018 President's Service Awards Recipients

INDIVIDUALS

Tae Yun Mario Kim

For his outstanding fundraising efforts, which supported Grassroot Soccer, an organization that serves at-risk youth in developing countries in helping them to overcome their greatest health challenges. By organizing a soccer tournament, he raised over \$3,600 that benefited 144 youngsters.

Nhesthy Ong

For his passion to improve alumni relations and student services for international students, graduate students, professional students, and students with disabilities on campus.

Kaede Tatenuma

For her imaginative design work and her commitment to improving the visual identity of the NYUSPS Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils; the school-wide committees; and the NYUSPS student club graphics, social media, and marketing materials for digital and print media.

ORGANIZATIONS

NYUSPS Hospitality and Tourism Society

For their efforts in hosting the inaugural "Meet the Game Changers" conference, in conjunction with Young Travel Professionals. This event included a panel discussion that explored the ways in which new technology and business trends are disrupting the hospitality and tourism industry and was followed by a networking reception.

Publishing Student Association

For their commitment to the publishing industry, dedication to giving back to the community by encouraging children's literacy development, and their continuous support of the MS in publishing student body and program through a diverse range of social media campaigns and professional development initiatives.

School of Professional Studies 2017-2018 Dean's Scholars Program

For their dedication to inspiring and mentoring high school students in the NYUSPS Aspire Program, who will be first-generation college students. Dean's Scholars begin the process with these students during a weeklong summer session, which is followed by two years of mentorship that provides critical support to ensure college success.

School of Professional Studies Undergraduate Student Council

For establishing new communication and outreach channels for the undergraduate student body through multiple communication platforms including: The Buzz, a monthly e-newsletter; Council Catch-Up, a monthly tabling; "We Ask Wednesday," a social media series featuring NYUSPS students; and Facebook Live feed events.

“The NYUSPS students and the organizations that are recipients of the President’s Service Awards represent the very best of what is at the core of the education we offer and the learning community we have built.”

Dennis Di Lorenzo
Harvey J. Stedman Dean
NYU School of Professional Studies



NYUSPS Hospitality and Tourism Society

(l to r) Xinyi Zhu, Allison Jungkurth, NYU President Andrew Hamilton, Leo Xu, and Hartanto Yuwo

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Publishing Student Association

(l to r) Zi Wang, Kaibin Lei, NYU President Andrew Hamilton, Brittany Lowe, and Natalia Becerra

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School of Professional Studies 2017-2018 Dean’s Scholars Program

(l to r) Sungtaek “Marc” Son, Anna Shulyak, NYU President Andrew Hamilton, Olivia Sjostedt-Olsson, and Jesus Casado

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NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Council

(l to r) Shruti Pujara, Andrea V. Alva-Araya, NYU President Andrew Hamilton, Kenneth Jung, and Henry Lai

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NYUSPS AND UNIVERSITY EVENTS

NYU All-University Games Build Team Spirit Through Friendly Competition

Hosted by Violet 100 during NYU Spirit Week, the NYU All-University Games is an intramural athletic competition between teams representing every college and every graduate and undergraduate program at NYU. Students, alumni, faculty members, and administrators all participate in an intense, but friendly six-hour competition.

The 2018 Games took place on February 20 at the Chelsea Piers Sports Center, and featured opportunities to compete in dodgeball, volleyball, basketball, tug of war, table tennis, and air hockey. Although the NYUSPS team did not win, its members showed their “Superhero” spirit, cheering each other on.



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Spring Dinner Cruise Caps Off a Fun-Filled Semester of Activities

The NYUSPS Spring Dinner Cruise was held on Saturday, April 14, leaving from Pier 81. Students had an amazing time sailing around Manhattan and enjoying incredible views of the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the United Nations. They dined on a sumptuous array of foods and danced until 10 p.m. The event was sponsored by the NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Council, the Graduate Student Council, and the Office of Student Life. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the semester. A great time was had by all!



NYUSPS Global Village Affords a Taste of International Foods and Culture

The lobby of 7 East 12 Street was transformed during the 2018 Global Village into an event venue that reflected the diversity of our community. Students proudly represented their countries, serving ethnic dishes, dancing, singing, displaying cultural artifacts, and wearing ethnic attire. Eighteen countries were represented and more than 200 students, staff, and faculty members stopped by to enjoy the food and festivities.

“Congratulations to the UGSC and the GSC for an amazing Global Village event! The evening was a true celebration of the diversity of our awesome school and the City by extension. My friends and I couldn’t stop gushing about the sheer feel-good (ness) of the night! The food, the singing, and the dancing really made it seem like we were one big family—very close to how celebrations are back home!”



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BART LAWSON AWARDS HONOR NYU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES ALUMNI WHO ARE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

Three former students of the NYU School of Professional Studies, who have shown an outstanding commitment to their communities, were honored on NYU Alumni Day with the Bart Lawson Alumni Award for Service. Created in memory of the late H.E. Bartholomew Lawson, an alumnus of the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (formerly the Paul McGhee Undergraduate Division), as well as a public servant, executive, and healthcare advocate, the Awards are presented for three categories of service: humanitarianism, professional service and outreach, and public service.

Award for Public Service

Usman Ali ('17), MS Management and Systems



Muhammad Usman Ali is the co-founder of The Ghani Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that—since 2011—has worked to educate less privileged children in Pakistan. Ali was only 18 when he, along with a friend, established the Foundation to bring out-of-school children back into the classroom, and to fight child labor, extremism, and illiteracy through education. In the last six years, The Ghani Foundation has helped more than 350 children to benefit from a formal education and has supported 30 families in starting their own businesses through micro-financing programs. The Ghani Foundation also has collaborated with numerous national and international NGOs to promote education, skill development, and social justice in Pakistan.

Ali also served as the treasurer and community service committee chair of the NYUSPS Student Council. He, along with his team, planned and executed more than 10 social and community service events, which were all quite successful—leaving a long-lasting impact on the NYU community. In addition, Ali also is a recipient of the NYU President's Service Award and the NYUSPS Leadership and Service Excellence Award for his continuous services, not only to NYUSPS, but also to the NYC community as well. Currently, Ali works as a case manager and researcher in the public administration department of New York City government, where he is utilizing his social work expertise to serve the people of New York. He earned a BS in accounting and finance from FAST - National University, Pakistan; and an MS in management and systems from the NYU School of Professional Studies.

Award for Professional Service and Outreach

Malika Harrison ('17), MS Public Relations and Corporate Communication



Malika Harrison, director of social responsibility for the Orlando Magic, has more than 10 years of experience in philanthropy, communications, public relations, and business strategy. Currently, she directs all aspects of the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation, including strategic grantmaking and fundraising. She also oversees community relations, employee volunteering, and cause marketing, which align with the Magic's business goals.

Most notably, Harrison led the Magic's immediate response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, by mobilizing 300 staff members, including players and coaches, to assemble hygiene kits, gather packaged food, and collect emergency supplies.

Previously, Harrison served as director of corporate responsibility for S&P Global and as vice president of the S&P Global Foundation. She developed a Center of Excellence to redefine

the company's corporate responsibility strategy, enhanced communications, and managed a nearly \$7 million grant portfolio that supported STEM, workforce development, veterans, and women entrepreneurs. From 2010–2015, she held various roles at Alcoa Foundation, including community engagement manager and communications manager.

An active and dedicated champion of change in her own community, Harrison mentors youth with the Blue Nile Passage and Valencia Promise, Take Stock in Children programs. She also is part of the faculty leadership at Points of Light, on the Junior Board of Directors at Harlem Education Activities Fund, a member of the Board of Directors with United Arts of Central Florida, and Early Learning Coalition of Orange County. She is an AmeriCorps volunteer, and a life member of the National Council of Negro Women.

A native of Miami, FL, Malika holds a masters degree in public relations and corporate communication from the NYU School of Professional Studies and a bachelors degree in journalism from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL.

Award for Humanitarianism

Evan Rosenstock ('11), MS Global Affairs



Soon after graduating in 2011 with a masters in Global Affairs from the NYU School of Professional Studies, Evan Rosenstock began working at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)—the world's largest Jewish humanitarian assistance organization. JDC works in nearly 70 countries to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger, create lasting connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief for victims of natural and man-made disasters.

Rosenstock joined the team of JDC Entwine—JDC's young adult initiative—which has catalyzed a generation of young adults to take action on behalf of global Jewish and humanitarian needs. This mission is pursued through offering overseas volunteer programs, educational programming, and leadership opportunities.

With Entwine, Rosenstock has developed and led more than 20 weeklong trips to vulnerable overseas communities for groups of Jewish young adults, engaging the groups with hands-on service, Jewish learning, cultural immersion, and context education. Currently, as JDC Entwine's budget director, he is responsible for the overall financial planning and management of the initiative, which engages thousands of young adults each year with the notion of global Jewish responsibility. Having spent extended periods of time living abroad prior to enrolling in NYUSPS, he is committed to educating others on the hardships facing communities around the world, and to the role of service as an agent for change.

Rosenstock also holds an undergraduate business degree from Emory University, and currently lives in Manhattan with his wife, their son Shai, and their French bulldog, Melvin. He is honored to have received the Bart Lawson Alumni Award for Service.

NYUSPS STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Community Service Fundraising 2017-2018

Serving our community, locally and internationally, is an integral part of student life at NYUSPS. Community Service Fundraising for the 2017-2018 academic year was as active as ever, and produced heart-warming results that helped to make the lives of children and adults, living in NYC and around the world, better.

Key initiatives included a collaborative effort with Grassroots Soccer, a nonprofit adolescent health organization that leverages the power of soccer to educate, inspire, and mobilize youth in developing countries. Through this amazing program, adolescents overcome health challenges, which, in turn, empowers them to live healthier and more productive lives and to become agents of change in their communities. This initiative raised \$3,600, which enabled 144 youngsters in Africa to receive healthcare education and mentorship.

To help those in need and to share their bounty, NYUSPS students organized a canned food drive that occurred during the Giving Thanks Dinner—a Thanksgiving event. During Spirit Week, more than 100 hygiene kits were donated and assembled. Both drives benefited the NYC Rescue Mission.

During the NYUSPS Global Village event, through water bottle sales and Fit Fight class sales, fundraising efforts raised money for charity: water, an organization that supplies clean water to remote communities around the world.



*NYUSPS students sell water and soda for a worthy cause.
Photo Credit: Anahita Kaul*



*A student browses through clothing for sale during a pop-up shop.
Photo Credit: Anahita Kaul*



*Students pose during a Fit Fight class that raised money for charity: water.
Photo Credit: Tae Yun M. Kim*

UPCOMING NYU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES EVENTS/CONFERENCES

June 3-5, 2018

Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism
40th Annual New York University International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference
 New York Marriott Marquis
sps.nyu.edu/hospitalityconference

June 4, 2018

Schack Institute of Real Estate
47th Annual Urban Leadership Award Dinner
 Mandarin Oriental, New York
sps.nyu.edu/urbanleadership

June 14, 2018

Center for Publishing
Summer Publishing Institute
40th Anniversary
https://nyu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3NPO398htybJo21

June 21-22, 2018

Division of Programs in Business - Finance and Law Programs
10th Annual Tax Controversy Forum
 The Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan
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June 28-29, 2018

Division of Programs in Business - Finance and Law Programs
Federal Real Estate and Partnerships Tax Conference
 The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC
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July 16-27, 2018

Division of Programs in Business - Finance and Law Programs
Summer Institute on Taxation
 The Westin New York at Times Square
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For a full list of our upcoming events and conferences, please visit sps.nyu.edu/events.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!

We are thrilled to welcome you into the NYUSPS alumni community that is comprised of more than 33,900 NYUSPS graduates around the world. We encourage you to stay connected, attend events, and participate in alumni initiatives.

For questions and additional information, contact us at spsalumni@nyu.edu.

The NYUSPS Alumni Board

CENTER FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS ESTABLISHES GLOBAL AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Center for Global Affairs, which will soon be celebrating its 15th anniversary, has established a Global Affairs Graduate Scholarship Fund with the aim of reaching \$100,000 to create an endowment at the end of the 2018-19 Academic Year. Funds will support students in need, and will help them to address today's most pressing concerns—war in and among states, humanitarian disasters, terrorism, refugee crises, energy security, among many others. Please consider making a gift, regardless of size, to help those who share our beliefs and our commitment to making a better and more peaceful world. No gift is too small!

Visit: <https://risingviolets.nyu.edu/project/9921>

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SAVE THE DATE

FOURTH ANNUAL NYUSPS 5K RUN

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Hudson River Park, Pier 84
9:00 a.m.

Don't wait until the fall to get conditioned. You have all summer to limber up! Join us for what has become an amazing tradition. Walk, run, or cheer from the sidelines with other students, alumni, faculty members, administrators, friends of NYUSPS—and Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo and family!

(If you're inclined to celebrate Halloween a tad early, you might want to start thinking about running in costume.)



Students, faculty members, and alumni braved the wet weather to compete on the 2017 5K Run, which raised funds to support scholarships at NYUSPS to help students to complete their education and get off to a running start.

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