Peer Academic Leaders 2017-2018

(From left to right: Rose Reiken, Corinne Greenblatt, Nasreen Hussain, Ishrat Aishee, Emily Miller, Eileen Chen and Paula Jon. Sally You and Arianna Scotti not pictured.)
Ishrat Aishee

Ishrat is a sophomore studying Political Economics and Anthropology from Boston, MA. She spends most of her time watching Tasty and Buzzfeed videos in Butler, but is also passionate about food (in real life, not just videos), slam poetry, and fusion dance. Alongside being a PAL, Ishrat also serves on the boards of the South Asian Feminism(s) Alliance (SAFA) and Muslim Students Association (MSA). Ishrat loves all things Bollywood, (corny) chemistry jokes, and Chipotle (so if you see her in line for a burrito bowl, say hi!).

Eileen Chen

"Leena is a sophomore from the SF Bay Area, where avocados are significantly cheaper than here in NYC. She intends to major in either astrophysics or physics and potentially double-minor in philosophy and applied mathematics. In her free time, she enjoys scrolling through doggo memes, practicing calligraphy, stargazing, drinking tea, and reading/watching sci-fi."
Corinne Greenblatt
I'm a Barnard sophomore from - and still totally obsessed with - Durham, North Carolina. I am studying something interdisciplinary, probably Urban Studies - Sustainable Development, and also Math.I spend my time searching for new nooks to study in, eagerly awaiting sunny weather, ordering non-coffee drinks at coffee shops, overcommitting, talking about politics, and coxing on the women's rowing team. I absolutely love Barnard, and can't wait to help first-years find their place here!

Nasreen Hussain
Hello there! My name is Nasreen, aka Nas. I was born and raised in Queens, New York (and I truly believe that Queens is the greatest borough). I graduated from The Chapin School in 2016 and I'm proud to say that I am part of the Barnard Class of 2020. Although I am currently undecided on a major, I am very open to exploring the vast range of classes under all majors, minors, and specializations that are offered here. I am a member of the Muslim Students' Association and the South Asian Feminism Alliance. Additionally, I’m a tutor for the Tutoring & Learning Center at Columbia University. I am very passionate about issues regarding education, social justice, and global citizenship. Some of my other hobbies and interests include: photography, art (observing and appreciating the work of others, as well as creating my own doodles/sketches/paintings), singing, dancing (when no one's watching), visiting museums and galleries, exploring new things and places, and playing badminton.
Paula Jon
Paula is a rising junior majoring in Neuroscience & Behavior. She was born and raised in New York City, but still feels like there's a lot more to discover about the city. When she's not studying in the Diana Center, she's in Brooklyn watching a basketball game at the Barclays Center, window shopping in SoHo, or taking walks in Central Park, with camera in hand.

Emily Miller
I am a junior at Barnard (originally from Maryland, south of Baltimore) double majoring in Sociology and Economics. I also study French, Arabic and Spanish to varying degrees. I have tried many different things during my time at Barnard including: being an RA for a year, doing the NYCCEP Civic Engagement Fellowship, leading an Alternative Break project to Bolivia, serving as the vice-president of the Multicultural International Student Club (MISC), and more. Barnard, Columbia, and New York Gty have all been great experiences so far, and I have grown so much here.
Rose Reiken
Hi everyone! I’m Rose, a sophomore studying Sociology with a minor in Urban Teaching. I’m from White Plains, NY, a suburb of NYC. I love Barnard so much, and I can’t wait for you all to begin your first-year experience here! On campus, I am the Sophomore Class President and I’m involved in Young Storytellers, Meet Me at the Museum, and Youth for Debate; off campus, I teach at two Hebrew schools downtown. When I’m not doing all of that, you can find me in my room binge-watching more Netflix shows than I’m proud to admit or baking desserts in my suite’s kitchen. I had so many questions when I started here last year and would have loved a program like this to help me out! I’m so excited to work with you this year!

Arianna Scotti
Arianna is a sophomore studying theatre with a concentration in playwriting. She hopes to work as a musical theater writer in the future. She enjoys World War II history, cartoons, lesbian young adult novels, and Percy Jackson. Hailing from small town Illinois but attending high school in Chicago, she is familiar with life in and out of the big city. As an Italian-Jewish lesbian, she’s all about making sure you’ve eaten today. If you ever want to go for a long walk through Central Park and play Pokemon Go, she’s game!
Sally You

Sally is a rising-junior, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Statistics at Barnard College. She was the Vice President of CU Ballroom Club in her sophomore year, and will be Individual Sports Representative on CU Club Sports Governing Board in her junior year. She also has been working at IMATS (instructional media & technology services center) for 3 semesters, and will keep her involvement in this upcoming academic year. She is grateful for everything she gains from others (faculties, peers and Barnard community in general), and she’s more than willing and also ready to give back her knowledge and experience about academic coursework, extracurricular activities engaging and social community involvement. She wants to welcome you to join the Barnard community, and hopes that each of you has a distinctively wonderful four year experience in Barnard