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**Caravan for Democracy**  
Student Leadership Mission to Israel

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Bus 1

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*Your Voice in Israel*



FRIDAY 12.27

- 17:05 **Arrival in Israel**
- 19:00 Sandwich dinner from Hadas Catering
- 22:00 Check-In
- Overnight Kibbutz Gadot, North +972-4-693-9188

**Shabbat Begins at 16:07**



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## SATURDAY 12.28

- 7:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00-9:30 Opening session and group orientation at hotel
- 9:30 Travel to Capernaum
- 10:00 **Capernaum Church:** Located in the small village on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus preached in the synagogue.
- 10:45 Travel to Mount of the Beatitudes
- 11:00 **Mount of the Beatitudes:** The site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount which forms the basis of Christianity's moral code.
- 12:00 Travel to lunch
- 12:15 Lunch at Saint Peter's Restaurant
- 14:00 Travel to Yardenit
- 14:45 **Yardenit:** Experience the spiritual beauty of the waters in which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
- 15:45 Travel to Kfar Kana
- 16:30 **Sindyanna of Galilee Workshop and authentic dinner:** Sindyanna of Galilee is a female-led nonprofit that actively promotes the concepts of "business for peace" and fair trade in Israel. Established in 1996, Sindyanna of Galilee is the only certified fair-trade olive oil producer in Israel that operates among the country's Arab population.
- 18:30 Travel to hotel
- 20:30-22:00 Group debrief
- Overnight Kibbutz Gadot

**Shabbat ends at 17:23**



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## Sunday, 12.29

- 8:30 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Travel to Ziv Hospital
- 9:30 **Meet Lt. Col. (res.) Eyal Dror:** Founder and manager of Operation Good Neighbor, the IDF humanitarian aid campaign treating Syrian victims of the civil war, creating an opportunity to build bridges between Israel and Syrian civilians across borders of conflict.
- 11:00 Travel to Bental
- 12:00 **Bental Overlook:** Ascend to the top of Mount Bental at the Golan Heights for an update on the current situation at the Syrian border.
- 13:30 Travel to lunch
- 13:45 **Lunch at Merom Golan Dining Room:** Kibbutz Merom Golan is situated in the northern part of the Golan Heights and was the first Israeli Kibbutz founded on the Golan, on July 14, 1977.
- 15:00 Travel to Ein Zivan
- 15:30 De Karina Chocolate Factory tour and workshop
- 16:45 Bahat Winery tour and tasting
- 17:30 Travel to hotel
- 19:00-20:00 Group debrief
- 20:00 Dinner at hotel
- Overnight Kibbutz Gadot



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## Monday, 12.30

- 7:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 Travel to Kibbutz Hukuk
- 8:30 **Kibbutz Hukuk volunteering with HaShomer HaChadash:** Established in 2007, HaShomer HaChadash is a grassroots organization supported by JNF, helping farmers and ranchers in the Negev and the Galilee safeguard their land.
- 11:00 Cook lunch with HaShomer
- 12:00 Lunch with HaShomer HaChadash and mifgash
- 13:00 Travel to LOTEM
- 14:30 **Presentation and olive oil workshop and mifgash at LOTEM:** Visit this inspiring JNF supported project. LOTEM is a leading organization in Israel that offers accessible hikes and educational activities in nature around the country to children and adults with special needs.
- 16:30 Travel to Tel Aviv
- 18:00 Check-in
- 18:30 Dinner at hotel
- 20:00-21:30 **Meet Former Member of the Knesset Dr. Einat Wilf** for a discussion on the current political climate.
- 21:30-22:30 Group debrief
- Overnight Metropolitan Hotel, Trumpeldor St 11, Tel Aviv +972-3-519-2727



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## Tuesday, 12.31

- 7:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 Travel to Yad Vashem
- 9:30 **Yad Vashem:** The official Holocaust museum in Israel. Visit the monuments and memorials on the grounds of the museum and discuss the notion of heroism in the context of the Holocaust.
- 12:00 Travel to Tel Aviv
- 13:00 Independent lunch and free time at Hacarmel Market
- 15:30 Travel to Rainbow Tour
- 15:45 **Rainbow Tour TLV:** Experience the story of the Israeli gay community through the lens of Tel Aviv, the gay capital of the Middle East and the home of a young, vibrant, and colorful LGBTQ community.
- 17:15 **Tel Aviv walking tour:** Walk to Rabin Square, site of Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin's assassination at the conclusion of a peace rally at the site on November 4, 1995. In the days following the event, thousands of Israelis gathered at the square to commemorate Rabin. This central site at the heart of Tel Aviv remains to this day a reminder to Israeli society of this tragic event that changed the face of Israeli society.
- 18:00 Travel to the hotel
- 18:15 Dinner at hotel
- 19:00-20:30 **Meet Rami Nazzal:** A Palestinian journalist who is a resident of East Jerusalem and the son of Drs. Nafez & Laila Nazzal. Rami gained an insight into the cultures of the world by traveling extensively with his parents as they taught at world-renowned universities. He has worked for TIME Magazine since 2010.
- Time to change and shower
- 21:15 Walk with the tour guide to party
- 21:30 New Year's Eve Party at Mendalimos
- 00:30 Walk back to the hotel
- Overnight Metropolitan Hotel



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## Wednesday, 1.1

- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 Travel to Peres Center
- 9:40 **Peres Center for Peace & Innovation:** Enjoy a fascinating and exciting tour at the new, cutting-edge innovation center and learn what has made Israel the start-up nation it is.
- 11:20 Travel to Kibbutz Kfar Aza
- 12:30 **Kibbutz tour with Chen Abrams:** Visit this kibbutz located about 3 kilometers east of Gaza and meet with kibbutz member Mrs. Abrams for a discussion on life near the border.
- 13:30 Travel to Sderot
- 13:45 Independent lunch in Sderot
- 14:45 Travel to JNF Sderot Indoor Playground
- 15:00 **Sderot Playground & meet Shahar Hermelin from JNF:** Visit the incredible JNF secure indoor playground that gives children in Sderot an opportunity to play safely even at times of war.
- 16:00 Travel to Black Arrow/Asaf Siboni Lookout
- 16:15 **Gaza overlook:** Take a closer look into the Gaza strip and have a conversation about the complex situation between Israel and Gaza and the challenges facing residents of the region.
- 17:00 Travel to dinner
- 18:00 **Bedouin Hospitality Meal & Amal's story:** Enjoy an authentic feast in a Bedouin community while learning about Bedouin life & culture.
- 19:00 Travel to hotel
- 19:30 Check-in
- 20:00-21:00 **Mifgash with BGU students:** Join local students for a discussion on Israeli campus life and their involvement in social action projects in Be'er Sheva.
- Overnight Leonardo Hotel Negev, Henrietta Szold St 4, Be'er Sheva +972-8-640-5444



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## Thursday, 1.2

- 7:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 Travel to Gedera
- 9:00-10:30 **Friends by Nature (FBN) Mifgash and Tasting Traditional Food:** FBN is an Israeli nonprofit established in 2005 by a diverse group of Ethiopian Israelis and veteran Israelis, all committed to multiculturalism, helping at-risk youth and immigrant communities in Israel.
- 10:30 Travel to Jerusalem to Temple Mount
- 12:30 Visit Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock – Dress modestly.
- 13:30 Travel to market
- 14:00 Independent lunch at Mahane Yehuda market
- 15:30 Travel to lookout
- 16:00 **Visit the Friends of Zion Museum:** Presents a technologically advanced and interactive experience that tells the stories of both the dream to restore the Jewish people to their historic homeland and of the brave non-Jews who assisted them in the realization of this dream.
- 17:00 Travel to hotel
- 18:00 Check-in
- 18:30-20:00 **Meet Matti Friedman:** An inspiring journalist and writer for a discussion on current events from a journalist's perspective.
- 20:00 Dinner at hotel
- 21:00 Free evening in Jerusalem
- Overnight Grand Court Hotel, St. George St. 15 Jerusalem, +972-2-591-7777



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## Friday, 1.3

- 8:00 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:30-10:00 **Meet Dan Shapiro:** Mr. Shapiro served as United States Ambassador to Israel (2011-2017). In this role, he participated in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, U.S.-Israel discussions on the Iran nuclear agreement, and more. Prior to that he was Senior Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the National Security Council at the White House where he led U.S. diplomatic efforts in Syria and Lebanon, and advised President Obama through the early months of the upheavals in Arab states in 2011. Ambassador Shapiro has taught at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and an M.A. from Harvard University.
- 10:00 Travel to Belz
- 10:30 **Belz Yeshiva tour:** Tour the great synagogue, the biggest in Jerusalem of the Belz ultra-Orthodox sector. Meet with a rabbi from the community to learn about their unique lifestyle. Dress modestly – men with hats/yarmulke, women with long sleeves and preferable skirts.
- 12:00 Travel to the Old City
- 12:30 Independent lunch and free time
- 13:30 **Old City walking tour:** Explore the vast history within the walls of the ancient city. Share in the legacy of religious life spanning generations and faiths. Learn about the ancient temples and their destruction, and the role the Old City plays for all three religions in contemporary politics and everyday life.
- Visit the Western Wall:** Take time to write down your personal prayer before visiting the Western Wall.
- 15:30 Travel to security tour
- 16:00-17:30 **Security Barrier tour with Iftah Burman:** Learn about the security situation in Jerusalem today and gain a deeper understanding of Jerusalem's role in the Middle East conflict.
- 18:00 Travel to hotel
- 18:30 **Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat preparation:** Candle lighting and explanations of the Shabbat rituals and Shabbat preparation.
- 19:30 Traditional Shabbat dinner at hotel
- 21:00-22:30 Oneg Shabbat
- Overnight Grand Court Hotel



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## Saturday, 1.4

- 5:30 Packed Breakfast
- 6:00 Travel to Masada
- 8:30 **Masada hike:** Walk up the path that was built by the Roman army in the 1st Century CE in order to destroy the Jewish resistance group located atop the fortress. Learn about their heroic stand and the impact this story had on modern Zionism. Descend using the snake path. Wear shoes you can hike in.
- Meet with JNF Faculty Professors Group
- 11:00 Travel to lunch
- 11:15 Lunch at Neve Midbar Beach
- 12:15 Travel to the Dead Sea
- 13:00 **Beach time at the Dead Sea:** Visit the lowest place on earth and one of the wonders of the world. Float in the Dead Sea and experience Israel's amazing natural beauty. Bring water shoes/sandals to enter the water.
- 14:30 Travel to Jerusalem
- 15:30 Shower, change, and pack
- 16:30 **Meet Hen Mazzig:** A young, energetic Israeli who is a writer, international speaker, social media activist, and advocate for his country.
- 17:30 Late checkout (end of Shabbat)
- 17:30 Final group reflection
- 19:00 Closing dinner at hotel
- 20:00 Travel to the airport
- 23:25 Departure back to America. Have a safe trip home!

**Shabbat ends: 17:28**



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# Speaker Biographies

(In Order of appearance)

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## Eyal Dror

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Eyal Dror is a former IDF commander who founded Operation Good Neighbor, the multi-faceted humanitarian relief operation which provides medical treatment to thousands of sick and injured Syrians. He also spearheaded the rescue of The White Helmets in Syria.

## Einat Wilf

Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, education, and Israel and the Jewish people. She is considered one of Israel's most articulate representatives on the international stage, whose opinion articles are regularly published internationally and who is a frequent guest on television and radio programs around the world. A member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013 on behalf of the Labor and Independence parties, Dr. Wilf was born and raised in Israel and served as an Intelligence Officer in the Israel Defense Forces, was Chair of the Education, Sports and Culture Committee, Chair of the Knesset Sub-Committee for Israel and the Jewish People, and Member of the influential Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the 18th Knesset. She served as the Baye Foundation Adjunct Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, Foreign Policy Advisor to Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and a strategic consultant with McKinsey & Company.

Dr. Wilf is the author of six books that explore key issues in Israeli society.

## Rami Nafez Nazzal

A Palestinian, who carries a U.S. Passport, Rami Nafez Nazzal is a resident of East Jerusalem and the son of Drs. Nafez and Laila Nazzal. Travelling extensively with his parents as they taught at world-renowned universities, Rami gained insight into the cultures of the world. He lived in Boston for seven years before returning to his childhood home in Jerusalem and has worked for *TIME* Magazine since 2010.

With extensive journalistic experience for outlets like the *New York Times*, *TIME*, *Reuters*, and *Der Spiegel*, Rami has the ability to simultaneously interpret between English and Arabic and make connections with the most influential people in the State, moving freely and safely across borders. He accompanies church leaders, politicians, film producers, tourists and other luminaries in the streets of Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron, and in villages and refugee camps in the West Bank.

## Matti Friedman

Matti Friedman, a journalist and contributor to the *New York Times* Op-Ed Section, is the author of the 2016 book *Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story of a Forgotten War*, which was chosen as a *New York Times*' Notable Book and as one of Amazon's 10 best books of the year. It won the 2017 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish literature and the Canadian Jewish Literary Award for memoir, and was shortlisted for the 2017 RBC Taylor Prize, the Writer's Trust Prize, and the Yitzhak Sadeh Prize for military writing (Israel). Editions were published in the US, Britain, Canada, Israel, and China.

Matti's first book, *The Aleppo Codex*, an investigation into the strange fate of an ancient Bible manuscript, won the 2014 Sami Rohr Prize, the ALA's Sophie Brody Medal, and the Canadian Jewish Book Award for history. It was translated into seven languages. *Spies of No Country*, the story of Israel's first intelligence agents in 1948, received the 2018 Natan Book Award.



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A former Associated Press correspondent, Matti's work as a reporter has taken him from Israel to Lebanon, Morocco, Moscow, the Caucasus, and Washington, DC, and his writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Tablet Magazine*, and elsewhere.

Born in Toronto, he lives in Jerusalem with his family.

## Amb. Daniel Shapiro

Daniel Shapiro joined The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in March 2017 as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow, where he is involved in research programs on Israel-U.S. Relations, Israeli-Palestinian Relations, the Arab World, and Israeli Society and Public Opinion. Ambassador Shapiro has also become a frequent contributor to leading publications, including *Foreign Policy* and *The Atlantic*.

Before joining INSS, Mr. Shapiro served as United States Ambassador to Israel (July 2011-January 2017). In that role, he participated in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, U.S.-Israel discussions on the Iran nuclear agreement, and negotiations on the \$38 billion Memorandum of Understanding for U.S. military assistance to Israel. Prior to that he was Senior Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the National Security Council at the White House, where he served as a member of Special Envoy George Mitchell's team, led U.S. diplomatic efforts in Syria and Lebanon, and advised President Obama through the early months of the upheavals in Arab states in 2011. He previously served in numerous senior advisory positions in the U.S. Congress. He was a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations.

## Iftah Burman

Iftah Burman, founder of the Middle East Learning Academy, is a Middle East geopolitics expert, and a veteran tour educator on Israel, providing analysis and education both in Israel and in the United States. Iftah speaks to diplomats and foreign officials, academics in different levels and young professionals, and members of the intelligence community. In addition, he acts as the director of foreign senior-level missions to Israel of U.S. government officials, U.S. military officers, and think-tank experts, dealing with national security and policy making in the fields of the Iranian-Western relations, the Arab-Israeli conflict and peace process, and counter terrorism.

Speaking on Middle East geopolitics, Iftah has worked with myriad Jewish organizations and is currently working on his PhD focusing on Hezbollah and Syria.

## Hen Mazzig

Hen Mazzig is an Israeli writer, international speaker, social media activist, and advocate. Hen's family comes from Iraq and North Africa (Berber Jews from Tunisia), giving him a unique background for his talks, in which he shares his family's story and the story of 850,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

Hen served in the Israel Defense Forces (the IDF) for almost five years as an openly gay commander. During his service as a lieutenant in the COGAT unit, he worked as an intermediary between the IDF, the Palestinian Authority, the UN, and the many non-governmental organizations that work in the West Bank.

From 2013-2015, Hen was the Campus Coordinator for StandWithUs in the Pacific Northwest, where he fought BDS on college campuses and in communities. For the last two years, Hen led the Israel Education Department at StandWithUs Israel. His award-winning articles and op-eds can be found in *Haaretz*, the *Jerusalem Post*, *Times of Israel*, and more. He has shared his story with thousands of students throughout the USA, Canada and UK for the last four years. As of September 2016, he is working as a freelance consultant.

Hen has a proven track record of creating dialogue where it seems impossible. He has built relationships, friendships, and changed hearts and minds not simply by sharing the truth about Israel and the history of the region, but by being a voice for justice and peace for diverse groups and peoples.



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# Staff Biographies

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### Amir Katz

Born to an Israeli father and American mother in Boston, Amir spent much of his teens and 20's living between the East Coast, West Coast, Central, and South America before making his home in Israel at 25. Over the past 12 years, he has helped found two NGOs, dealing with themes of education in the Arab sector. He holds a master's degree in Middle Eastern studies, spent a year working as an emissary in Turkey, and has welcomed hundreds of visitors in Israel as a guide. He has guided on behalf of the state Senate of Texas, the government of Australia, the Federation of Colorado, and numerous university students. He's lived a traditional Jewish lifestyle, is a sommelier, yoga instructor, avid outdoorsman, polyglot, husband, and father to a three-year-old girl, Gaia.

### Rick Abrams

Richard (Rick) Abrams is an Israel Programs Admissions Director (IPAD) in New Jersey. Rick came to JNF after a career in sales, Jewish camping, nonprofit fundraising, and most recently, Jewish Education, where he served as Director of Education for three different Reform Congregations in NY and NJ. He holds a BA in Economics from Rutgers University, a Masters in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC-JIR, and was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the same institution. As part of that Masters program, Rick and his wife lived in Jerusalem for a year. It was there that that he developed his personal *ahavat tziyon*/love of Israel mindset, studying, teaching in a preschool, and playing rhythm guitar in a Klezmer wedding band. This continues with JNF, as he enjoys bringing a positive Israel experience to all the communities with which he works. He lives in Montclair, NJ with his wife and two children. In his free time, he still loves playing music (guitar, banjo, and mandolin, mostly) and cooking for his family and friends. Check out some of his baking on Instagram [rick.s.abrams1](#) or feel free to ask him about it, or anything else at [rabrams@jnf.org](mailto:rabrams@jnf.org) or 973.593.0095 ext. 828.

### Destiny Albritton

Destiny Albritton is the Southeast regional director at the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC). In her role at ICC, Destiny travels from Texas to the Carolinas year-round to be a resource to college students who embrace Israel on campus and the professionals who support them.

Prior to joining the team at ICC, Destiny introduced Christians to the story of Israel at Christians United for Israel on Campus as a field organizer for the central United States. She spoke on college campuses and churches explaining the history of ancient Israel and the modern Middle East. Destiny also led trips to Israel for college students and high school students.

Destiny holds a bachelor's degree in International Studies with a focus in Peace Studies from the University of Missouri and a Masters of Arts from Tel Aviv University in Political Science and Political Communication.



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# Staff Biographies

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### Ido Gayer

Ido was born in Israel and raised in the countryside, spending his youth amongst the orchards and between the hills, spending his time outdoors and usually not sitting so patiently in a classroom. When he was in his early 20's he gained a priceless acquaintance with the area while serving as a captain in the military Special Forces.

Ido started climbing in 2012 and tour-guiding in Israel & Alaska on 2014. Ever since he's been dividing his time between guiding private people and groups in different parts of the world and climbing the most adventurous vertical lines possible.

### Rafi Glazer

Based in Washington, D.C., Rafi Glazer is the mid-Atlantic Israel Programs Admissions Director (IPAD) for JNF. He enjoys reading, re-watching the West Wing, and travelling the United States with the goal of getting to all 50 states (only nine states left). Rafi has been to Israel almost a dozen times, and his favorite place to go is Jerusalem's central market, Machane Yehuda. He will happily show you the best of Israeli snack foods from Bisli to ice cream. As a member of the JNF Israel Advocacy & Education team, Rafi works with synagogues, schools, and campuses to bring resources about Israel, JNF, and AMHSI to students of all ages in MD, DC, VA, and DE. Prior to coming to JNF in March 2018, Rafi was the Director of Programs for the American Jewish Society for Service, an organization dedicated to creating service-learning and civic-engagement opportunities for Jewish high school students.

### Elisabeth Rosenfield

Elisabeth is originally from the "heart of America" — Cleveland, Ohio. (Go Cavs!) She graduated from Ohio University (OU) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Minor in History and has a Masters in Business Administration with a focus in Organizational Leadership. While at OU, she studied abroad at Tel Aviv University and led a Birthright Israel bus for OU during the summer of 2015.

Elisabeth joined the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC) as its Midwest Regional Director and has since been promoted to ICC's Deputy National Field Director. In her current role, Elisabeth works to encourage collaboration amongst ICC's partners to ensure college students receive the support and education they desire when it comes to Israel on campus. In her spare time, Elisabeth supports her local community by volunteering for the Young Women's Leadership Network in Washington, which promotes financial literacy for young women.



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# Participant Biographies

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**Brittany Amano** is a Public Policy major at Duke University. She interned for the White House Council of Economic Advisers and serves as a Student Senator.

**Quentin Bartram** is a Math and Education major at Monmouth College. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, the Varsity water polo team, and the swim team.

**McKenzie Castro** is a Biology major at the University of Texas. She is a Longhorn Legislative Aide in Student Government.

**Gillian Daley** is an International Relations major at Florida International University. She was an intern for Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (FL-23).

**Peter Eggerding** is a Diplomacy and International Relations major at Seton Hall University. He is the Under-Secretary General of Model United Nations.

**Brandon Fernandes** is an Accounting and Finance major at Rutgers University, Newark. He is the Vice President of National Black Accountants.

**Sierra Ganske** is a Marketing major at the University of Texas. She is the Vice President of Communications for Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Danielle Goh** is an Economics major at the University of Pennsylvania. She is Vice President of Wharton China Business Society.

**Suyash Gupta** is a Public Health major at Texas A&M University. He is a Senator in Student Government.

**Gzeonie Hampton** is an English major at the University of Louisville. She is a McConnell Scholar.

**Mary Hehn** is a Nursing major at Jacksonville University. She is the Administrative Vice President of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Raquel Herrera** is a Mechanical Engineering major at the University of Texas, El Paso. She is an Intelligence Clerk for Department of Homeland Security.

**Marilyn Heth** is a Psychology major at the University of North Florida. She is Vice President of Finance for Delta Gamma sorority.

**Cheston Humphries** is a Musical Arts major at Vanderbilt University. He is an impressive musician.

**Matthew Hunnicutt** is a Political Science major at Kennesaw State University. He is the Student Body President.



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**Darian Kane-Stolz** is an Educational Psychology major at the University of Texas. She is the President of Texas Darlins.

**Zahra Khan** is a Journalism major at the University of Florida. She interned for the White House National Economic Council.

**Milena Lazovic** is an Economics major at Jacksonville University. She is the Vice President of Finance for Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

**Kerin Lemus** is a Political Science major at the University of Florida. She interned for the Gainesville Mayor and City Commissioner.

**Akshay Malik** is a Marketing and Finance major at Rutgers University. He interned for the Wall Street Journal.

**Taylor Pederson** is a Social Work major at the University of North Florida. She is a Program Assistant for Campus Transition.

**Rachel Pugliese** is a Dance major at Jacksonville University. She is Vice President of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

**Yumi Rivas** is an Industrial and Systems Engineering major at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is active with Student Government and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

**D'Ayn Sayre** is an English major at Jacksonville University. She is on the Varsity shooting team.

**Angeli Sharma** is a Public Policy and Neuroscience major at Duke University. She interned for the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee.

**Bobby Smith** is a Public Relations major at the University of Memphis. He is a Berg Fellow for Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

**Morgan Snoop** is an Art History major at Rollins College. She is a Fellow at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum.

**Colm Sullivan** is a Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University. He is President of the Slavic Student Association.

**Thomas Sullivent III** is a Computer Science major at the University of Oklahoma. He is President of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity

**Sophie Thon** is a Diplomacy and International Relations major at Seton Hall University. She interned for the FBI and is President of Panhellenic Council.

**Jordan Torres** is a Supply Chain Management major at Rutgers University, Newark. He is Vice President of the Latino United Networking Association.



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**Andrea Vallejo** is a Political Science major at Aurora University. She interned for Senator Dick Durbin (IL).

**Emilia Vicente Santana** is a Political Science major at Jacksonville University. She is President of the Pre-Law Society.

**Mary Vickers** is an International Relations and Spanish major at Rollins College. She is President of Rollins Catholic Campus Ministry.

**Shannon Walsh** is an International Relations and Spanish major at Tulane University. She interned for Congresswoman Ann Wagner (MO-2).

**Anne Warner** is an International Studies major at the University of Florida. She is Vice President of Programming for Green Greeks.



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# Participant Biographies

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**Gretel Toloza Alvarez** is a Health Science major at Marshall University. She is Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion for Student Government.

**Caleb Armendariz** is a Biology major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is on the Rugby Club and a Resident Advisor.

**James Baker** is a Hotel Administration major at Cornell University. He is on the Board of Trustees for Cornell.

**Eileen Barros** is a Finance and Investments major at Baruch College. She is an investment industry fellow.

**Vatsal Bhatt** is a Business Administration major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is Co-Founder of the FinTech Club and a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

**Makisa Bronson** is a Middle Eastern Studies and Economics major at Dartmouth College. She interned for State Department and helped restore Jewish cemeteries in Poland.

**Audrey Bull** is an Accounting and Finance major at Ohio University. She is a Student Senator.

**John Dominguez** is an Industrial and Labor Relations major at Cornell University. He is President of the Alumni Counsel for the Hispanic National Bar Foundation.

**Kayla French** is an Organizational Leadership at the University of Cincinnati. She is the External Relations Officer for Program Council and a member of the Varsity Dance Team.

**Sarah Gabel** is an Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability major at The Ohio State University. She is a Student Assistant for the Health Sciences Library.

**Alec Greven** is a Leadership Studies and Philosophy major at the University of Richmond. He is a New York Times best-selling author.

**Marvelouse Guerrier** is an International Affairs major at The George Washington University. She was a Conservation Intern for Honeyguide Foundation in Tanzania.

**Hassan Hassen** is an International Affairs major at Columbia University. He was a Fellow at State Department.



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**Carolyn Helenski** is a Communication Sciences and Disorders major at the University of Pittsburgh. She is Captain of the Varsity Track and Field Team.

**Jake Horton** is a Political Science major at The Ohio State University. He interned for The Clinton Foundation.

**Brian Huang** is a Political Science major at Union College. He is Student Body President and interned for Congresswoman Nita Lowey (NY-17).

**Austin Jackson** is an Information Systems major at Miami University. He is the founder of a student apparel business.

**Anchita Khullar** is a Commerce, Global Security and Justice major at the University of Virginia. She is Vice President of the Interfaith Coalition.

**Sean Kling** is a Marketing major at The Ohio State University. He is the Marketing and Communications Director for Ohio State College Republicans.

**Anjali Kokra** is a Chemical Engineering major at Northeastern University. She is a co-leader for a service leadership project.

**Madeline Kramer** is a Political Science major at Ohio University. She is a Senator in Student Government and Vice President of Ohio University College Democrats.

**Antreise Lacey** is Video, Television and Film major at Hofstra University. She is President of the Black Student Union.

**Elizabeth Latham** is a Philosophy and Religious Studies major at Cornell University. She interned for the Philadelphia Court system.

**Nicholas Matolka** is a Biology and Society major at Cornell University. He is a Representative in Student Government.

**Kalea Obermeyer** is a Youth and Social Innovation major at the University of Virginia. She is the Founder and President of RAISED, which supports first generation and low-income students.

**Maxeen Ramlo** is a Mechanical Engineering major at Ohio University. She is a Senator in Student Government.

**Martha Reifenberg** is a Business Administration major at the University of Cincinnati. She is a leader in the College of Business.

**Josue Sanchez** is an Economics major at Cornell University. He studied abroad at the University of Cambridge.

**Lillianna Seltz** is a Business Data Analytics major at Arizona State University. She is an Executive Board Member of the Women Business Leaders Association.



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**Preston Semenuk** is a Biology major at the United States Air Force Academy. He is a Researcher and Lab Technician, and his Class Rank is 7/1119.

**Jaewon Sim** is a Computer Science major at Cornell University. He is on the Board of Trustees for Cornell.

**Matthew Welage** is an Industrial and Systems Engineering major at The Ohio State University. He is Vice President of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Jia Xu** is a Hotel Administration major at Cornell University. She is Vice President of Internal Operations for Student Government.

**Brooke Yung** is a History and English major at Trinity University. She studied abroad at Oxford University.

**Jacqueline Ziegman** is a Medical School student at Miami University. She is a Community Service Coordinator for the American Medical Student Association.



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