



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes –November 12, 2018

Franklinites,

I've been enjoying seeing some of you for first visits (even 2020 – not too late!) over the last days. A common theme emerges, regardless of academic standing or life circumstances – How to manage what I call the “performance of busyness” at Yale? To be sure, you're all busy people doing a lot of meaningful projects and collabs inside and outside the classroom. But the culture here ratchets up to such a feverish pitch that a student with a blank space on their Gcal feels deficient in life. Busyness becomes a competitive sport. This is antithetical to happiness, people. Even the most extroverted soul needs a moment to reflect and process. This week leading up to Thanksgiving break will require focus and discipline. And the week off then gives you an opportunity to step back and pose important questions:

-Is my portfolio of commitments serving me and others well?

-Am I so overextended that I become flaky and flighty (which is annoying)?

-Am I *performing* busyness or am I occupying my time with mission-driven choices? I define mission broadly, not sanctimoniously. Your mission could be artistic, intellectual, spiritual, athletic, entrepreneurial, or political. But is it something *purposeful* rather than performative? Curious to hear what you learn.

If you're here for break, sign up for Thanksgiving Dinner at The Graduate Club, using this link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/rdyrbuut939f9zbn>

For some of us, books are as important as almost anything else on earth. What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you.

Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean.

— Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*

See some of you at Fenway on Saturday, where we'll wallop the Crimson! Be healthy and eat pie. Not an oxymoron.

-Dean Hill

Tutoring in BF!

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are Tuesdays 12-2:30 p.m. (BF only!), Wednesdays 1-5 p.m. and Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu

Resident QR Tutor

Nicholas E. Smith, a graduate in Chemistry – Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Wednesday 8-9 p.m.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners: <http://ctl.yale.edu/writing>; <http://writing.yalecollege.yale.edu/Sc/QR>
Tutoring: <http://ctl.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-science>
Language Tutoring: <http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring>
Advising Resources; <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov 16: November recess begins, 5:30 p.m.

Nov 26: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Nov 30: Last day to relinquish on-campus housing for the spring term without charge.

See Undergraduate Regulations.

Dec 7: Classes end, 5:30 p.m.; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the fall term. See withdrawal from Courses and Grades.

Dec 13: Reading period ends, 5 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7 p.m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec 14: Application for 2019 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad opens.

Dec 19: Final exams end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec 20: Residences close, 12 noon.

Jan 9: Residences open, 9 a.m.

Jan 13: First-year mandatory registration in BF Dining Hall, 9 p.m.

Jan 14: Upper-level mandatory registration in BF Dean's Office by 5 p.m. Spring term classes begin, 8.20 a.m. Application for 2019 New Haven and online Summer Session courses open.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

<https://academicstrategies.cfl.yale.edu>

academicstrategies@yale.edu

As we approach the last few weeks of class, Academic Strategies offers our essential workshops to help you power through: [Exam Study Strategies](#), [Time Management](#), and [Procrastination: How to Work Through It](#). Our [Academic Strategies Mentors](#) can also provide support and help you make a plan for getting it all done.

Workshops

Exam Study Strategies

[Monday, November 12, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A](#)

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 PM, Berkeley College Walker Seminar Room](#)

[Friday, November 16, 1:00 PM, CTL 120 C](#)

Time Management

[Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 PM, CTL M104A](#)

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A](#)

FGLI CI: Research Strategies for Writing

[Thursday, November 15, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A](#)

Academic Strategies 1-1 Peer Mentoring

Need to create a plan for the second half of the semester? Want advice on approaches to studying for a particular course? Sign up for a meeting with a peer Academic Strategies Mentor by clicking [here](#), or contact academicstrategies@yale.edu.

First-Generation/Low-Income Community Initiative

This initiative is a part of the Woodbridge Fellowship, in collaboration with the Yale College Dean's Office and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

FGLI CI: Research Strategies for Writing

[Thursday, November 15, 6:00 PM, CTL M104A](#)

Study Spaces: Mondays, 6-10 pm and Thursdays, 7-10 pm in CTL 121

Need a place to buckle down and get your work done? Come to CTL 121 for a relaxed but focused atmosphere, the support of FGLI student ambassadors, and sustaining snacks.

Contact jose.lopez@yale.edu for more information, and learn more at <https://fgli.yalecollege.yale.edu>

Writing Center

The Yale College Writing Center offers a wide range of support for your writing projects:

- Drop-In Peer Tutoring
- Scheduled Residential College Tutoring
- Writing Study Halls
- Turnitin consultations

See <https://ctl.yale.edu/tutoring/undergraduate-writing-tutoring> for more detailed information.

Science & QR Tutoring

Many introductory courses have course-based peer tutors—consult your syllabus or [look up your course](#) to see if they are available. Don't have a course-based peer tutor? [Residential College Science and QR tutors](#) are available for drop-in appointments throughout the week. Students who have tried Course-Based Peer Tutors and visited the Residential College Math/Science tutors, but still need more help, can [request scheduled tutoring in small groups or one-on-one](#).

Yale Libraries

Have paper due at the end of term? Now is the time to contact your [Personal Librarian](#) to discuss your research. Remember, the sooner you start your research, the more time you'll have to write a fantastic paper.

CIPE

International Summer Award (ISA) Information Session

December 3rd, 4-5PM

55 Whitney Avenue

Learn about the ISA and how it can help you fund your summer experience.

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies (SIHS) Information Session

Wednesday, November 14, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Romance Language Lounge, 3rd Floor, 82-90 Wall Street

Drop-In Hours: Available every **Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** when classes are in session. No Drop-ins will be held on Friday, November 23 (Student Recess).

Check the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for all study abroad events throughout the academic year.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Light Fellowship Information Session #7

Monday, November 12, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

[Boren Language Award Information Session](#)

Wednesday, November 14, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room305
NOW WITH PIZZA!

[Fellowships 101 Information Session](#)

Wednesday, November 14, 3:30pm – 1:30pm
CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room305

[Summer STEM Fellowships – Domestic and Abroad: How to Find a Mentor](#)

Wednesday, November 14, 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Ezra Stiles Dining Hall – Table on back stage

[Knight Hennessey Information Session](#)

Tuesday, December 4, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium, 53 Wall Street
Seating is limited. Register at: <https://apply.knight-hennessey.stanford.edu/register/YaleDec4>

[Postgraduate Fellowships Opportunities Panel & Fair](#)

Friday, December 7, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
LC 102

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 16 - [Saint Andrew's Graduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors*

November 25 - [Knowles Teaching Fellows Program](#) National Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors/Alumni*

November 27 - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors*

November 28 - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Juniors*

December 1 - [Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships](#); Contact the [New Haven Rotary Foundation Chair](#) with application questions | *Eligible: Seniors/Alumni*

January 16 - [Davis Projects for Peace](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors*

January 17 - [National Security Education Program NSEP David L Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors*

January 18 – [Beinecke Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Juniors*

January 25 - [Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors/Alumni*

February 1 - [Henry Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Seniors*

February 13 – [Udall Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | *Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors*

[Fellowship Drop-In Hours](#) **Friday, November 16, 2:00pm – 4:00pm** | 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor
Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

[Contact Fellowships](#) with questions or comments.

OCS

Forté Foundation's Rising Star Initiative: As one of 20+ sponsor schools in this Initiative, Yale OCS is pleased to offer our undergraduate women, across majors, the opportunity to develop skills in critical 'career ready' areas through free interactive and engaging on-line programming—career exploration, personal branding, job searching, networking, and professional values.

Request an Office of Career Strategy Workshop for your Student Organization: Please note our new lunch time option **with pizza provided by OCS**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bender Virtual Career Fair

Wednesday, November 14

Online recruiting for job seekers with disabilities

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 31 - Future Global Leaders Fellowship deadline | *Eligible: First-Year Students*

Domestic Summer Award (DSA) Fellowship to Support Experiences with the Arts, Sciences, Government, and Non-Profit Organizations

Visit the [DSA webpage](#) for detailed eligibility requirements.

Access the application: [Yale Career Link](#) homepage (under 'Yale College Summer Experiences'), or [Yale Career Link](#) (My Account, Professional Experiences)

Deadline: May 1; however, students are encouraged to submit their application early if they'd like to increase the likelihood of receiving their DSA checks before leaving campus.

OCS Drop Ins: Available when classes are in session, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for more upcoming events and log in to [Yale Career Link](#) under Events/Employer Information Sessions to sign up.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

What can you learn from Yale Summer Session at the [Summer Opportunities Fair](#)?

1. Check out what courses were offered in New Haven and online last summer—and put summer 2019 dates in your calendar.
2. Find out more about the innovative technology behind Yale Summer Online courses.
3. Want to build your resume while earning credit this summer? Ask about becoming a residential counselor.
4. Learn about financial assistance offered by Yale Summer Session.
5. Hear first about an exciting new courses and programs planned for summer 2019! Summer 2019 courses will be posted in December.

[Sign up for monthly emails](#) from Yale Summer Session so you stay in the know.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

Global Affairs Major | Application Deadline - Friday, Nov. 16

Global Affairs Major Application Deadline:

Friday, November 16 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Application link:

<https://apply.jackson.yale.edu/register/ga2019>

Questions? Contact Jana Buck at jana.buck@yale.edu

**DEAN'S DROP-IN HOURS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**