

Harvard Mentors

Counsellor Bio

Ayah Al-Zubi '23



Concentration : Sociology

Ayah Al-Zubi is a second-year in Leverett house born in Jordan and from Cincinnati, Ohio. Ayah plans on studying the intersection of psychology, sociology and education. She empowers youth to transcend their potential and take on challenges. With sports being one of her most important motivators, Ayah utilizes the sports platform to bring on this empowerment. This passion for sports has allowed her to start her own organization, Impowera, that builds youth sports curriculum in which she launched basketball camps in the MENA in 2019. This also led Ayah to create the first ever sports and mental health conference in the MENA. Ayah has taught a sports justice course featuring professional athletes and given a Tedx Talk on diversity and youth leadership. Ayah is committed to empowering youth to change the future because they are the future. You can find Ayah outdoors, traveling, learning about new cultures, and playing any sport in her free time!

Andrew de Souza '22



Concentration:

Environmental Engineering

Andrew is a sophomore in Cabot House from Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Academically Andrew is concentrating in Environmental Engineering and has a passion for clean energy — this year he started HUCEG, a group that educates the student body about the clean energy industry. On campus, Andrew plays on the Rugby team, is part of a volunteer tour and service organization, and is a member of the South Asian Men's Collective. He hopes to have an impact by helping younger students through such an influential time in their lives, and by teaching them the values that are truly important. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys watching movies with friends, trying new cuisines, and going on hikes.

Aysha Emmerson '22



Concentration: Special
Concentration in
Resilience Studies| Secondary:
Social Anthropology)

A fervent believer in the power of words, Aysha Emmerson seeks to use hers to spread kindness, create positive change, and inspire others. Aysha is a Junior from Victoria, BC, Canada, where she was immersed in a range of leadership initiatives, including acting as Head Prefect at her school, founding a girl's empowerment program called "Self.I.E camps," and speaking at WE Day 2017. At Harvard, she writes for The Crimson Editorial Board, works as a Peer Advising Fellow, and is a proud member of Women's Club Soccer. She has helped teach a university course about excellence in negotiation, including how to better understand different personality types, and is excited to bring related lessons of collaboration, communication, and relationship-building to YLC. In her spare time, Aysha enjoys taking calculated risks, dancing (badly) with her roommates, and eating breakfast foods.

Albie Giandomenico

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Concentration: Economics | Secondary: Astrophysics

Albie is a rising senior in Cabot House currently on a leave of absence concentrating in Economics with a secondary in Astrophysics. He grew up in Walpole, Massachusetts and before college embraced many leadership roles, especially as Class President for six straight years. Albie stays heavily involved at the school as the Co-Captain of the club ice hockey team, as the former President of club lacrosse, and with the rugby team. He also spreads his interests to other extracurriculars including being in the undergraduate art club and acting in a small play. During his gap year, Albie spent the majority of his time travelling in the United States and Europe while developing what he sees as the key to effective leadership: communication. Albie just completed his year as chair of YLC and looks forward to continuing his involvement while maintaining the organization's effectiveness and expanding the outreach. His family stays involved with foster care in the Boston area, taking in babies in need of a home. Albie enjoys listening to a wide variety of music, drawing on his iPad, and being in nature.

Afiya Quryshi '24



Concentration: Molecular and Cellular Biology

Afiya is a first year in Crimson Yard concentrating in Molecular and Cellular Biology, and planning for a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy down the road. She is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she served as Senior Prefect of her high school, captain of various team-oriented clubs, and founder of programs dedicated to mentor younger students in STEM research and STEM learning. At Harvard, Afiya is involved with the Harvard Science Review, MEDLife, and other service focused programs. Due to her interest in advocacy, especially with regards to education, Afiya stands by the Latin proverb, “By teaching, we learn”. She has been so grateful to have received direction and guidance from mentors in her life, and through YLC, hopes to give back to the community by providing mentorship in leadership to build confidence and communication. In her free time Afiya loves photography, sewing, playing tennis, and cooking from global cuisines.

Emmy '24



Concentration: Computer Science |

Secondary: Neuroscience

Emmy is a first-year in Elm Yard concentrating in Economics with a secondary in Philosophy. She grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and is a proud graduate of North Shore Country Day School, where she served as Student Body President. On campus, Emmy is involved in the Undergraduate Council, the Institute of Politics CIVICS and Policy Program, the Arete Fellowship, and the Crimson, among others. She hopes to continue exercising critical and purposeful leadership during her YLC experience and looks forward to assisting high school students in challenging conventional understandings of leadership and empowering young leaders to cultivate a strong sense of self and community. Emmy staunchly believes in instilling a sense of purpose in leaders and ensuring that young people understand what it is they are leading for and whom they seek to represent in the process. Emmy is a fan of all things cinema and considers herself an instant ramen aficionado.

Ethan Kee '23



Concentration:
Undecided (likely Psychology
or History of Art and
Architecture

Ethan is a sophomore interested in studying Psychology and History of Art and Architecture. He grew up in Walpole, Massachusetts and throughout high school sought out various leadership roles from his six year position as his class's Disciplinary Committee representative to his multiple varsity sport captaincies. Now in college, Ethan works as a designer for The Crimson and participates on two club sports teams in addition to now joining the YLC. Ethan is excited to help guide and inspire the next wave of innovators and world-changers and he hopes to encourage these future leaders to reach new and outstanding heights. In his free time, he enjoys discovering new music, whipping up recipes in the kitchen, and travelling with friends.

Ishaan Prasad '22



Concentration:

Computer Science (MBB) |

Secondary: Linguistics

Ishaan is a junior in Lowell House interested in exploring the intersection between Computer Science and Linguistics. Having participated in YLC as both a camper and a junior counselor, Ishaan is excited to now help lead the program as a counselor and former director. At the College, Ishaan is a research student at Harvard Business School, a case team leader for the Harvard College Consulting Group, and a student ambassador with the Crimson Key Society.

Jean-Luc Henraux '22



Concentration: Applied Math (Econ Focus)

Jean-Luc is a junior in Lowell House who intends to study Applied Mathematics and Philosophy. Hailing from Los Angeles, California, he developed a passion for social activism through his involvement in his high school's Speech and Debate team. He believes that cultivating a desire to lead and an ability to communicate confidently and clearly is a strong catalyst for social change. At Harvard, Jean-Luc has found purpose, community, and fun as a member of the club rugby team and of various service organizations. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, playing the saxophone, and spending time with friends and family.

Katrina Hon '22



Concentration:
Neuroscience (MBB) |
Secondary: Psychology)

Katrina is a junior in Winthrop House concentrating in Neuroscience on the Mind, Brain, and Behavior track with a secondary in Psychology. She is originally from Middlebury, Connecticut, and is so excited to be a part of YLC this year. Katrina is very passionate about empowering youth to make social change through encouraging leadership and communication. At school, she is involved in the Harvard Undergraduate Research Association, Harvard VISION Global Health Society, and Harvard Red Cross. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, traveling, and trying new foods.

Kimani Panthier '24



Concentration: Government

Kimani is a first-year living in Oak Yard concentrating in Government. Born and raised in Hempstead, NY, Kimani is the son of two hard-working immigrants. Kimani places an immense value on education. Kimani also strongly prioritizes community service and volunteerism and has developed a passion to serve and lead others! In the future, Kimani aspires to be a public servant and someday run for a local, state, or national political office. He envisions himself on Capitol Hill, creating legislation and representing underserved populations. Motivated by the prospect of a brighter future, Kimani is determined to succeed against all odds. At Harvard, Kimani is a first-year representative on the Undergraduate Council, member of the IOP's Fellows & Study Groups program, and active participant in several other student organizations.

Malaika Zaidi '24



Concentration: History of Science

Malaika is a first-year student from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. She is currently on campus living in Currier House. Malaika is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field, as she is passionate about tackling the disparities present in the healthcare system. She is thrilled to be a YLC counselor and looks forward to fostering a strong sense of community, helping young individuals find their voice, and inspiring others to speak up for social change. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, exploring new places, and listening to music!

Michael Raji '22



Concentration: Government

Michael is a junior in Currier House concentrating in Government with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. He is originally from a suburb outside Houston, Texas where he started an afterschool program to help kids get ahead in math. On campus, Michael is involved with Harvard Radcliffe Research Institute, Crimson Key Society, and Harvard Club Tennis. In his free time, Michael spends time playing pickup basketball, expanding his netflix collection, and reading.

Phil '21



Concentration: Computer Science | Secondary: Neuroscience

Phil is a senior in Cabot House studying Computer Science and Neuroscience. He grew up in London, England and went to Eton College, where he was involved in several leadership roles: House Captain, Head of Theatre, School Prefect, and Cadet Sergeant in the Combined Cadet Force (similar to ROTC in America). While busier with academics at college, he still finds time to volunteer at a local after school program and play on the club rugby team, for which he is a board member working as the alumni coordinator. During breaks, Phil also enjoys mountaineering and traveling, so far, his favourite of which have been climbing the Haute route in the Alps and recently hiking in Patagonia. Although relatively new to YLC, he is looking forward to expanding the program and adding his unique experiences.

Rayo Daniel '24



Concentration : Psychology

Rayo is a first year student at the college studying Psychology with a particular focus on criminal behavior. She is originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota and is very passionate about youth voice and social justice as a whole. She has been very involved in her local and school communities, holding various leadership positions and setting an example for rising teenagers in her neighborhood. In her free time, Rayo is the lead singer in a band called Gifted Hands, a talented group composed entirely of youth musicians. Rayo hopes to combine her outgoing personality, her passion for leadership, and her interest in crime to be a force for change in the criminal justice system.

Ethan Johnstone '23



**Concentration: Government |
Secondary: History**

Ethan Johnstone was born and raised in Southern California and is passionate about Law and Politics. At Harvard, Ethan is a rising sophomore in Dunster House studying Government and History. Outside of class, he spends his time as an intern at the Harvard Law Review, the Treasure of the Institute of Politics, a representative in the Undergraduate Council, a club tennis athlete, and a proud member of Crimson Key Society. Ethan is a new recruit to YLC, and he is so excited to share the leadership lessons he has learned along the way.

Rohan Sheth '23



Concentration: Applied Math (Econ focus)

Rohan is a sophomore from Boston, MA, living in Pforzheimer House studying Applied Math with Economics. On campus, he is a member of the Financial Analysts' Club, the Men's Club Soccer Team, the South Asian Association, and the South Asian Men's Collective. Rohan also enjoys teaching, and he works as a Course Assistant for a Multivariable Calculus course at Harvard. In his free time, he enjoys running, skiing, and traveling, especially to India to visit family. He can't wait to see the exciting ideas that the next generation of leaders has!