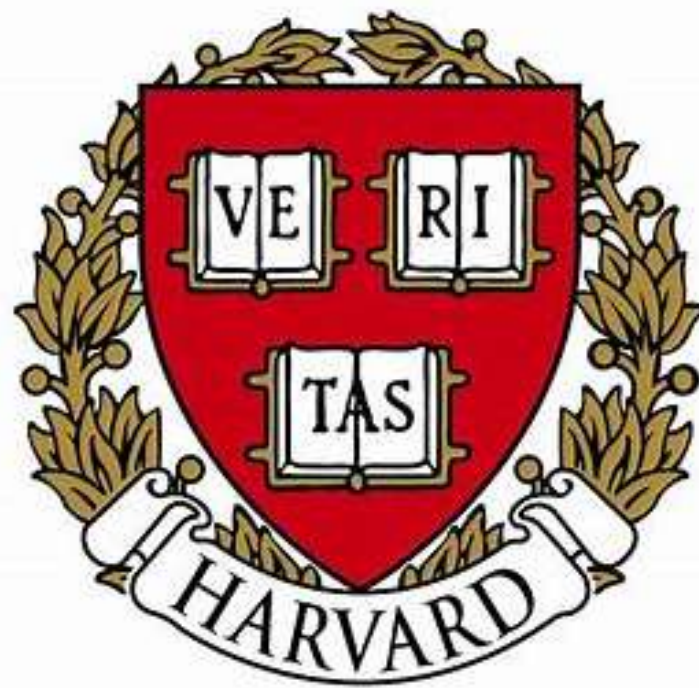


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# Mentors Bio

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# Samaga Pokharel



## **Concentration : History of Science + Statistics**

Samaga is a second year in Lowell House from the greater Boston area. On campus, she volunteers with the homeless shelter and is part of the Harvard peer wellness group, South Asian Women Collective, & Harvard Nepali Association. Outside of school, she loves working with students and is passionate about initiatives for gender and educational equity.

# Behruz Mahmudov



## **Concentration : Chemistry and Human Developmental Regenerative Biology**

Behruz was born in Uzbekistan but later on, moved to New York City 10 years ago with his family. He often travels between those two cities which juxtaposed the views of medicine and policy for Behruz that grew his interest in doing a secondary degree in Global Health & Health Policy. Behruz is also a Poet - Activist and his poem "Democracy in Covid" was published in several articles and featured on television. He hopes to continue this advocacy by combining his interests in medicine and poetry to communicate science, creatively. As part of The Big Red Group, he wants to get kids excited about science and learning. In his spare time, he likes to go on long runs, listen to music, and explore new places in New York and Boston.

# Madison Gates



## Concentration : Bioengineering

Madison Gates is a sophomore in Leverett House from Connecticut, USA.

Academically she is concentrating in Bioengineering (B.S.) with an interest in tissue engineering, computer science, and the intersections of bioscience and law. On campus, Madison is a peer counselor for Harvard's RESPONSE group, a supervisor at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, and a research assistant at the Mahadevan Lab. She values leading by example and hopes to serve as a role model for younger students, especially girls, considering pursuing STEM. When Madison is not doing homework, volunteering, or researching, she enjoys taking long walks into Boston, cafe-hopping, and thrifting.

# Emily Elizabeth Sanchez



## Concentration : Integrative Biology

Emily Sanchez is a Senior in Winthrop House originally from Boulder, Colorado. She is concentrating in Integrative Biology with a Secondary in Global Health and Health Policy on the pre-med track. At Harvard, Emily has served on the board of multiple advocacy and cultural organizations including being the Co-Executive Director for the Latina Empowerment and Development (LEAD) Conference. Outside of campus, Emily is involved extensively in the medical field through conducting clinical research at Brigham and Women's Hospital, interning with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and consulting to decrease COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in New York City. After graduation, Emily will begin a management consulting job with McKinsey & Company. She is passionate about empowering the next generation through mentorship and sharing her knowledge and experiences. In her free time, Emily enjoys hiking, trying new cuisines, and playing Mario Kart. She is incredibly excited for YLC and cannot wait to meet everybody!

# Maryam Guerrab



## Concentration : Government

Maryam Guerrab is a junior from Kirkland House originally from Raleigh, North Carolina. At Harvard, Maryam is on the pre-medical track and is concentrating in Government with a secondary in Global Health & Health Policy and has a language citation in Arabic. On campus, Maryam volunteers at a student-run young adult homeless shelter, is an Emergency Medical Technician for Crimson EMS, and works for the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative. Since high school, she has had a deep passion for mentorship and is excited for the opportunity to be a resource for high school students at the Youth Leadership Conference as they navigate the next steps in their journey's. In her spare time, Maryam enjoys reading, travelling with friends, and mountaineering.

# Laila Nasher



## **Concentration : History and Anthropology**

Laila is a junior in Mather House raised in Detroit, Michigan and originally from Aden, Yemen. On campus, Laila is extremely active in advocating for first-generation students, girls education, and researches Arab-American experiences and women in Yemen. She is dedicated to expanding education access to all young people, and so is excited to join you all this June. You can often find her cafe hopping and visiting new libraries.