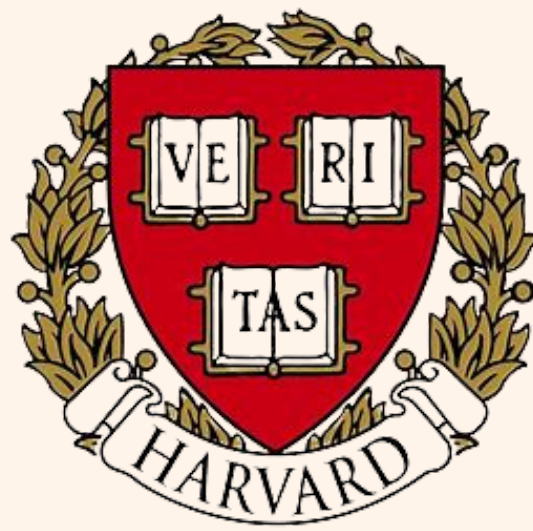


Harvard Debate League Mentors' Bio

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Jonada Shukarasi



Concentration : Government

Jessica is a rising junior at Harvard studying Government, with a special interest in the regions of Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

On campus, she has been involved with Model UN and the Harvard Albanian Students Association. She spent a gap year exploring her interests in public health, gender equality, leadership, and entrepreneurship.

Jonada loves and has tons of experience with mentoring young students on leadership and related topics, mentoring three YLC conferences the past summer.

She is passionate about women's rights and educational equity and in her spare time she loves to read, journal, and travel.

Kuma McCraw



Concentration : **Mechanical Engineering**

Kuma is a junior living in Kirkland House originally from Oakland, California.

In addition to studying for his engineering classes, Kuma enjoys conducting robotics research at a lab on campus, travelling the world and discussing international affairs through Harvard World Model United Nations, and playing intramural basketball.

He hopes to inspire confidence in his mentees and help them improve at public speaking and debate. In his free time, he enjoys gaming, eating sushi, and playing Spikeball.



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Maeve Brennan



Concentration : History and Literature

Maeve is a junior in Quincy House from Brooklyn, New York.

She concentrates in History & Literature, in order to spend most of her semester reading new books.

At Harvard, she writes for The Crimson, the campus newspaper, and volunteers with Phillips Brooks House.

In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her roommates, going on runs, and exploring Boston.

She is looking forward to visiting India and working with younger students as they explore their voices and their passions!

Sam Powell



Concentration : Economics

Sam Powell, from Westport, CT, now based in Miami, FL, is a rising senior at Harvard College in Cabot House, majoring in Economics with a focus on macroeconomic research and labor markets.

A dedicated cellist since age 7, Sam is a member of the Harvard Radcliffe Orchestra and recently toured Seoul, South Korea.

He studied abroad in Vienna and interned at Farallon Capital and Blackstone, where he will join full-time after graduation.

Sam is also passionate about mentorship, having tutored students since high school.



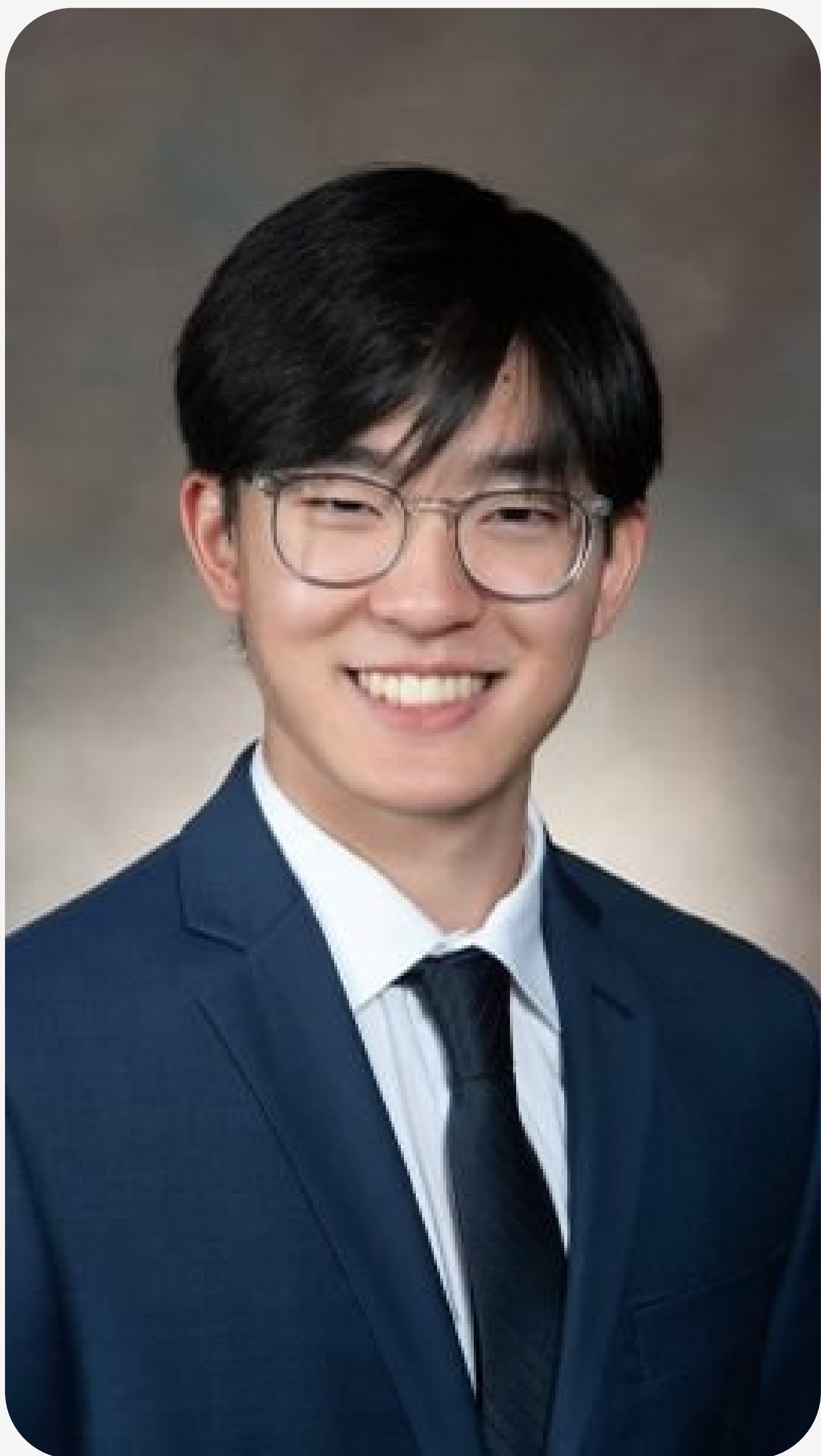
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Sol Kim



Concentration : **Computer Science and Social Studies**

Sol is a sophomore in Cabot House, originally from Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

At Harvard, he studies a double major in Computer Science and Social Studies, with a special interest in history and economics.

He enjoys singing as part of the Harvard Glee Club and contributing to The Crimson by performing data analysis on interesting things.

He was president of his high school debate team (Phillips Academy) and also taught students how to debate and do public speaking.

He has given talks about academics and college preparation where loved talking to audiences! Outside of class, he loves to teach, look at art, and explore the world.



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Samara Paliskara



Concentration : Psychology & English

Samara is a Junior in Currier House from Las Vegas, Nevada. At Harvard, she is concentrating in Psychology and English and loves learning about the human mind and experience. On campus, Samara is a member of Harvard's Undergraduate College in Asia Program, where she enjoys the incredible opportunity to connect with students from around the world. She also loves learning new design and media skills at Harvard's Learning Lab.

In her spare time she loves reading fantasy novels, exploring Boston, and spending time with her friends. Samara is dedicated to helping every student find their inner voice and build confidence in their public speaking.

Having been a part of Speech and Debate in high school, she understands how intimidating it can be to put yourself out there---but with practice, anyone can be a powerful orator!



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