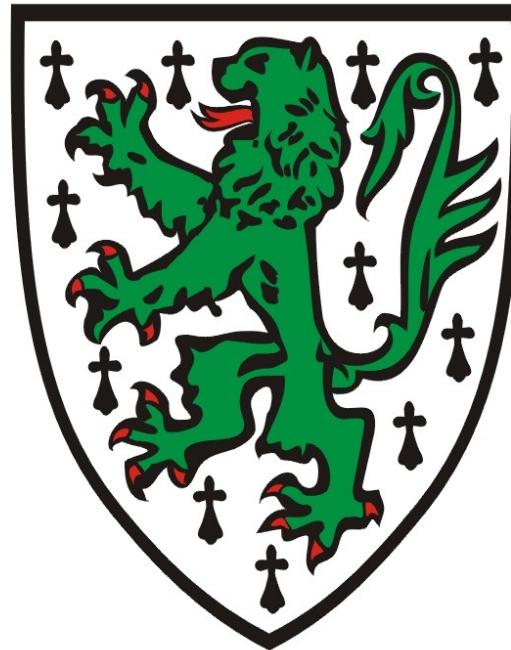


# Jonathan Edwards

FRESHMAN HANDBOOK



# WELCOME 2019!

Dear JE Class Of 2019,

If you asked the Admission Office why Jonathan Edwards College is so much better than the eleven other colleges of Yale University, they would probably say: “No college is better than any other college. Colleges are randomly assorted communities. No one college is better, *per se*, they’re just different”. But we in Jonathan Edwards College know this is not only a political fabrication, but an absolute lie. We know this because we—and that now includes you—are incontrovertible proof that there is one college that is supreme to all others.

Of course, most colleges would make the same point. They, however, would justify this claim using gut feeling or perhaps various fixtures such as lipstick statues or garden gnomes. But when we claim to be first among “equals,” we actually have the hardware to prove it. Just ask around. You’d be hard-pressed to find an undergraduate who doesn’t envy our facilities (still only five years since renovation) or our events—when other Yalies speak of JE’s Spider Ball or Culture Draw, expect to hear a quiver in their voices. And for those who demand something beyond any shroud of relativism, we simply point to the fact that the Tyng Cup—the chalice of the college intramural championships—resided in JE for 3 consecutive years, from 2010 to 2012.

But, rather than sell you on JE’s advantages now, we’d much rather you come join us to discover, celebrate, and sustain our great legacy. It’s well-known here that colleges and their accolades live and die on the strength and pride of their freshman class. That may seem like a lot to expect from you. However, one of the beautiful things about JE is that we don’t have to expect; we can be certain that you all will find a niche here.

When you walk toward Farnam this coming August, we’ll be waiting there for you with open arms, ready

to take your questions, your furniture, your hugs—whatever it is we can help you with. And don't expect this communal feeling to die out as Camp Yale winds to a close. Sit with us in the dining hall. Stop by the Master's Office and meet the loving JE staff. Play IMs any or every season of the year. As soon as you step onto Old Campus—before you meet your friends, pick your classes, or even unpack your bags—you are a member of Jonathan Edwards College.

Get excited. Be ready. And welcome home.

Sux et Veritas,  
The Jonathan Edwards Class of 2018

Welcome to Jonathan Edwards College!

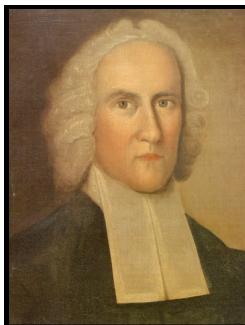


Farnam Hall: Your New Home

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# THE BASICS



Jonathan Edwards: the Yale graduate and fiery preacher who is our beloved namesake.

The year 1932 saw the construction of the first of the original seven “residential quadrangles” under the direction of architect James Gamble Rogers. Jonathan Edwards College, named for the child prodigy and brilliant Yale alumnus (1720) and

arguably the greatest theologian of The Great Awakening came into its glorious being.

## Spiders

We are JE Spiders and proud of it! If you’re up on your 18th century literature, you might guess that our mascot derives from our namesake’s most famous sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.” Not one to shy from fiery rhetoric, Edwards wrote: “The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a *spider*, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked...” Inspiring huh? So there you have it. Spiders.

## Why JE SUX!

Don’t be fooled by the seemingly self-deprecating sound of our battle cry, “JE SUX!” It kind of worried us when we first heard it but we quickly learned that it’s the best slogan of any college. It has a long and colorful history dating back to the 1970s. It all began when a group of JE students devised a plan to win at a former Yale tradition: Bladder-ball. Each year, students celebrated the end of the fall mid-term by trying to push a large water-filled ball from its origin on Old Campus to

the gates of their college proper. One year, some enterprising Spiders built a crane-like machine atop an Old Campus building that was designed to snatch up the ball and hoist it over to a crowd of JE students awaiting victory. Unfortunately, the hook on the contraption burst the ball, and their plan was instantly thwarted. Angry participants began shouting, "JE sucks!" a chant that became popular at Yale football games.

The magnificent JE IM hockey team of the 1976-'77 year began to call itself the "Sux," spelled S-u-x. At a time when the College stood near the bottom of intramural Tyng Cup rankings, the JE Sux turned the tide and the College rallied behind them chanting with exuberance and renewed pride, "JE Sux!" The team rolled on undefeated — not only that year, but for the next three years to come. They broke the record for the longest undefeated streak in the history of Yale intramural sports and then kept on winning, forging a new record of 55 games that still gloriously stands. They won four straight championships — and it was all to the chant of "JE Sux!" The moniker "Sux" spread to other JE teams and then became a rallying cry for the College as a whole.

## WHY YOU'RE LUCKY

Any honest Yalie would agree that JE is hands-down the most spirited college on campus. Why?

- Maybe it's because we're one of the smallest, most recently renovated residential colleges.
- Or it just might be that unlike *some* colleges (cough, Branford, cough), we don't have a huge stone tower and a quote about our courtyard by some dead poet (Robert Frost) to rest all of our pride in. So we rest our pride in our spirit instead.

Whatever the reason, this means that JE has the most and best traditions of any Yale College. Here's a short list to get you prepared:

**JE Gear:** JE famously has wonderful gear: Hats, nalgenes, gloves, ties, scarves, T-shirts, sweatshirts, gloves, headbands, rugby shirts, bathrobes, flip flops, socks (JE sox), croakies — you name it. We've got it all, and it's all JE.

**Culture Draw:** As the classiest college, our Master sponsors a draw each semester to give away tickets to New York opera, ballet and Broadway shows. Complete with a meal with a JE Fellow at one of New York's finest restaurants, don't miss the chance to win a trip.

**Study Breaks and Food Nights:** Late night snacks sponsored by JE. Your FroCos will buy pizza for you weekly. SAC will buy food for you monthly. During reading period, the Master, Dean and Fellows each will host study breaks. Protein Break anyone?

**Hating Branford:** We do this a lot. They are our rivals. Arch-nemeses if you will. We fight them in duels. It's that serious.

**Tulip Day!:** In the fall, Spiders young and old get together for much merriment and tulip planting and pumpkin carving in the JE courtyard. Musical performances by the Men of JE are a highlight.

**Winter Lights:** We deck out Farnam and JE for the season (see across).

**Wet Monday:** Farnam Frosh invade JE proper with anything water at midnight on the Monday after Easter. Everyone gets wet and so everyone wins!

**Spider Ball:** It's the swankiest party on campus all year. A JE exclusive: Spiders and their dates only.

JE 2014 GATHERS FOR ONE FINAL CHEER AT THE END OF FRESHMAN OLYMPICS.



A GROUP OF JE 2014ERS SHOW OFF THEIR COLLEGE PRIDE AT THE ANNUAL FRESHMAN OLYMPICS.

OUR LOVELY STUDENT MASCOT, THE JE LION.



2014 CONTINUES THE ANNUAL TRADITION OF STRINGING FAR-NAM WITH LIGHTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

# WHO'S WHO IN JE



Your JE support system!  
From left to right:  
Jill, Teri & Gygi

## GYGI JENNINGS

### OPERATIONS MANAGER

Gygi works with Teri and the Master's Aides to manage college activities as well as the bustling Master's Office. Gygi is the College's point person for any problems with Facilities. She is also the first person to contact for inquiries about organizing a social or scholarly event. Gygi is the key czar;

## JILL HAINES

### DEAN'S ASSISTANT

Jill is going into her eighth year this fall. If you need to talk to the Dean, she can help you out. She got her History graduate degree at Yale and will be glad to write your papers for you if it is a slow day. (There are never slow days.)

**PENELOPE LAURANS****MASTER**

Master Laurans is the head of JE and is responsible for the overall life of the college-academic as well as administrative. A member of the English department since 1973, whose field of is poetry (Greek, Latin, French & English from Anglo-Saxon through contemporary), she also holds the current position of special assistant to the president. Master Laurans is Yale's NCAA athletic representative, has long been active in the Yale arts community. A JE fellow since 1975, she loves hosting & advising students and is partial to all Spiders.

**Joseph Spooner****DEAN**

Dean Spooner has held various teaching and administrative positions at a community college, a public research university, and a small liberal arts college. A first-generation college student from a small family farm in northern Florida, he has not forgotten how overwhelming and foreign Yale can be, and hopes that his varied experiences in higher education will benefit all of those fortunate enough to call JE home.

He hopes that, over time, many in the JE community will come to share his profound appreciation for the revitalizing powers of sleep and quality downtime.

Know these fine people. Love them. Because they already love you. Doesn't it just give you the warm fuzzies?

# FARNAM 101

*Many of the questions you (and probably your parents) are asking right now probably concern what (Henry) Farnam Hall is like. After all, it is extremely important to make your dorm room your own little New Haven safe haven: You'll want to create a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere that is conducive to both studying and social interaction.*

## OVERVIEW

As you may know, only two residential colleges house their freshmen alongside their upperclassmen: Silliman and Timothy Dwight. The rest of Yale's freshman make their homes on Old Campus, where Farnam Hall is located.

JE only wants the best for its freshman, and that's why we house our little Spiders in Farnam Hall. About two-thirds of Farnamites find themselves in singles and the rest are in doubles of palatial proportions.

You'll quickly discover Farnam's charm; it really is an awesome building and the setup is ideal. Its system of interconnected suites lends itself to lots of interaction with your JE classmates. And although small disturbances are sure to arise over the state of the in-suite bathroom or who's to take out the trash, your suitemates often become some of your closest friends.



FARNAM'S FABULOUS FALL FOLIAGE

## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Use the information that follows as a guide only for what to expect. We have done our best to provide you with the information we can so that you can better plan for your suites.

## THE SUITES

Farnam Hall has three Entryways — A, B and C — that are all accessible via the Old Campus side of the building using your Yale ID. Entryway A is adjacent to Battell Chapel, and C neighbors Lawrence Hall (for Stiles frosh), leaving B in between. Like most residential buildings at Yale, there are no traditional “hallways” in Farnam. Instead, the entryways open to reveal stairwells; your neighbors are the people above, below, and on the same landing as you, as there are generally two suites per landing: one on the right, and one on the left.

To determine where you'll be located in Farnam, look at your suite number:

example: **FA-22A**

- The *F* stands for *Farnam*.
- The letter that follows is your Entryway.
- The first number designates your floor. (Zero is the basement.)
- The second number designates the right or left suite on the landing. (Facing Old Campus, suites with a one here are on the right; twos are on the left.)
- The third letter tells you which room in the suite is yours.

There are four kinds of suites in Farnam :

<b>THE SEXTETS (9)</b>	Entryways B and C Floors 2, 3, and 4 4 Singles, 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room
<b>THE DECTETS (3)</b>	Entryway A Floors 2, 3, and 4 6 Singles, 2 Doubles 2 Bathrooms, 1 Common Room
<b>THE DOUBLES (3)</b>	Entryway A, Floor 1 <u>and</u> Two Basement Suites 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room FA 11 use the Common Rm in FA12
<b>THE QUINTETS (3)</b>	Basement Hallway Suites Entryway C Floor 1 3 Singles, 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room

Most  
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The dectets are actually regular sextets with quads attached (hence the slash in FA-21/22, for example). The partitioned space functions as one suite — there

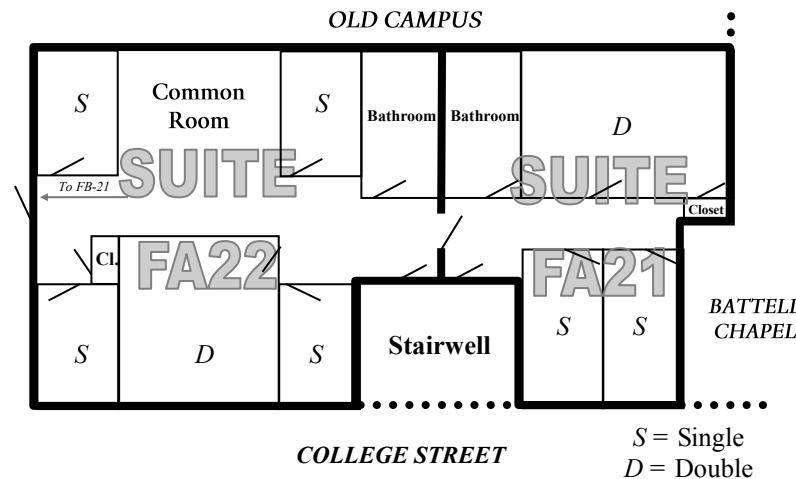
is only one regularly-sized common room—but it contains two bathrooms.

To give an example of bathroom facilities, those in sextets and quintets contain one shower, one toilet and two sinks. The extra bathroom in a decet is the same except with one fewer sink. Since all suites have in-suite bathrooms, you are responsible for keeping them neat (the University cleans them only once during Winter Break) and for procuring your own toilet paper. Yale provides this necessity and any cleaning supplies you may want to use. Ask your Freshman Counselors when and where you get it. It's best to take as many friends with you as possible. Limit six rolls a person per trip (but it's usually not enforced).

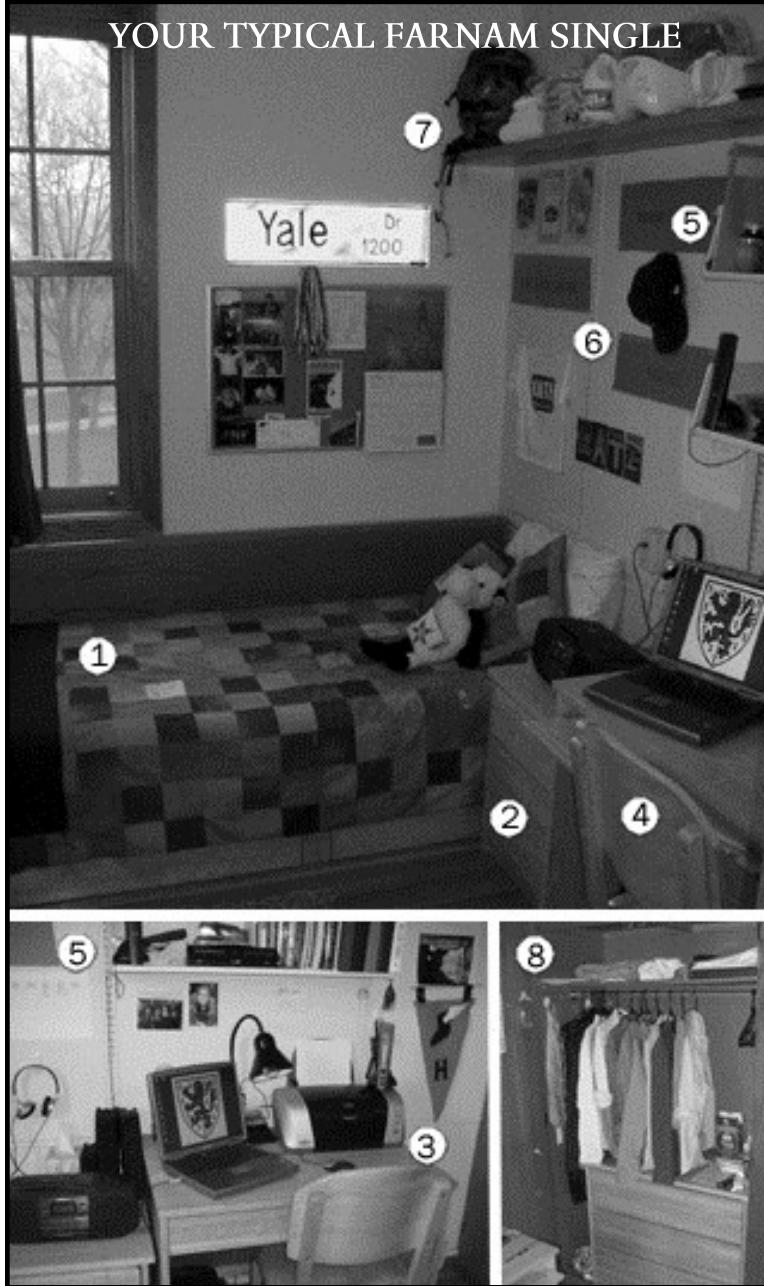
There are fire doors between suites on the same floor that — along with the stairwells — allow Farnamites to pass through almost all suites without hindrance. Living in Farnam is like living in a suite with every freshman in JE. Most suites leave suite doors unlocked to let Farnam traffic flow. Don't worry, bedrooms are all individually keyed.

Common rooms are unfurnished and about 11' x 12' (a rough estimate). They each contain one phone jack and one cable jack. A couch or futon, two armchairs, and a television are suitable furniture for a nice common room. You might want to spruce it up a bit with colorful posters, a refrigerator, a coffee table, and a rug. **WARNING:** Decorate without holes in the wall. Those equate to fines at the end of the year.

The diagram of a typical decet suite is shown below. The FA22 portion is typical of all sextets.



## YOUR TYPICAL FARNAM SINGLE



Singles have roughly 7' x 9.5' of floor space, but expect variations of a foot in either direction. Built-in wardrobes are not included in floor dimension estimate.

## THE BEDROOMS

1. **BED** Bed dimensions are roughly 7' x 3'. Beds in singles differ from beds in doubles. Single-room beds are low to the ground and contain two shallow storage drawers beneath. Beds in doubles are of the bunkable variety. However, doubles in the sextets and dec-tets are large enough so that there's no need to bunk your beds. In these rooms, it is possible to adjust the height of the mattresses up to approximately 30 inches (see picture opposite). At full height, a bureau dresser will fit beneath such a bed.
2. **STORAGE UNIT** Small, two-drawer storage units (2' x 1.5') come as components of the desks. (The desks in Farnam each have only one shallow tray-type drawer.) They are very useful, but it can be difficult to find a place for them. Both the unit and the chair cannot fit under the desk at the same time. Try using it as a nightstand.
3. **DESK** The desks in Farnam are small — about 3' wide, 2' deep. If you purchased a desktop computer with a traditional monitor, that is probably the only thing you will be able to place on your desk. We recommend a laptop for space purposes. And if you're bringing a printer: the smaller, the better.
4. **CHAIR** The desk chairs provided are large, sturdy, wooden chairs that rock back. You may want to bring a pillow for it to cushion your tush.
5. **SHELVES** Most rooms have two adjustable metal or wooden shelves that fit into metal brackets that run along the walls. For some of you (keep reading) these may be your only shelf storage.
6. **WALL** At least one wall in most bedrooms is made from a fibrous, bulletin board-like material. Feel free to adorn your walls with posters, pictures and more. Use pushpins or adhesive putties to decorate; tape will take off paint that may get you fined.
7. **MORE SHELVES!** Many bedrooms (all those *not* on the fourth floor and those *not* in the doubles in FA-21, -31, and -41) contain shelving that runs a couple feet below the ceiling along two or three of the four walls in each room. Approximately 1- to 2-feet deep, this shelving will prove to be valuable storage for those students who are lucky enough to have it!
8. **CLOSETS AND DRESSERS** The closets are mostly of ward-

robe style, and you will find most of the dressers already placed inside of them for lack of space. Above the hanger rod is a deep storage shelf. High ceilings allow large items to be placed above the wardrobes.

## OTHER HOUSING INFORMATION

**COMMON ROOMS** They are large and empty; you will need to furnish them. You can plan ahead with your suitemates or play it



A typical Farnam double. It's about twice the size of the singles—about 11' x 13' (not including wardrobes). All furnishings are doubled: 2 beds, 2 desks, 2 wardrobes, 2 chairs, 2 storage units.

by ear once you get to campus. There's usually lots of cheap furniture for sale during the first few weeks of school, and Target and IKEA are nearby. All above-ground common rooms look out on Old Campus. Fourth floor common rooms have window seats.

**LIGHTING** Farnam has horrible overhead lighting. There will be none in your room or the common room, though suite corridors are lit. You'll want one floor lamp for a single bedroom, two for a double, and at least two for the common room. You'll need a reading lamp for your desk as well. Halogen lamps are dangerous, and illegal.

**AIR** A small fan is also nice to circulate the air in your room. There is no air-conditioning in Farnam and it can be hot and sticky in New Haven for a few (long) weeks before the weather cools. Also, the heat rolls out along the walls all winter and can make things really dry, so some students bring humidifiers. In the colder months, heating is inconsistent. Some of you will be sweating; others may want a space heater.

**ELECTRICITY** When Farnam was renovated, very little thought was given to the number and spacing of electrical outlets throughout the building. Bring surge protectors/extension cords for your room and common room, but avoid overloading circuits, or you'll be whammied by the Fire Marshal. When you move in, look for plugs hidden by furniture. Also check which plugs are controlled by switches and which are not. You'd hate to accidentally turn off the fridge when you turn off the lights.

**CEILINGS** Farnam is vertically generous; ceilings are over 11' high.

**SPECIAL CLOSETS (A ENTRYWAY)** The doubles in sub-suites FA-21, -31, and -41 do not have wardrobe closets. Instead, they have small traditional closets (see diagram, pg. 14) that must be shared by both students — about 30" wide, 36" deep. However, the rooms themselves are slightly larger than the other doubles in Farnam (12' x 13').

**EXTRA FURNITURE** Be advised that there is little room for extra furniture in bedrooms. A set of stacking crates or a small refrigerator is the only thing that will fit.

**REFRIGERATORS, ETC.** Farnam suites do not contain kitchenettes of any kind and so a small, dorm-sized refrigerator is a must-have for each suite. They can be rented on campus, bought nearby, or brought from home. We also recommend bringing food supplies and preparation items for late-night snacks. And remember, there is a kitchen for student use in the basement of JE if you feel like really putting your culinary expertise to work.

**PHONE** There is one operational telephone jack in the common room of each suite. Though some suites use phones, you'll find most do not.

**WIRELESS INTERNET** Farnam is outfitted with wireless routers. Both secure and guest networks are available, and student techs will be on hand during move-in week to help set you up. Occasionally there are wireless outages, so think about packing a trusty Ethernet cable (ports available in every room).

**LAUNDRY** One of the two Old Campus laundry facilities (and the nicer of the two) is located in the basement of Farnam Entryway B. Washer cycles are \$1.25, and dryer cycles cost the same. Your Yale ID card will allow you to pay.

**ENTRYWAY A SINGLES** The singles in suites FA-21, -31, and -41 are longer (15') and narrower (6') than the other rooms in Farnam yielding a bit more precious floor space. Yay!

**BASEMENT DOUBLES** FAo1 and FCo1 have a common room, double and bathroom. The bedroom is roughly 9' x 12', the common room is also 9' x 12' and has a curved wall with a raised bench.

**FOURTH FLOOR** The fourth-floor bedrooms have slanted ceilings. This means that 1) They do not have the overhead shelving, and 2) they have slightly reduced volume. However, the fourth floor suites have pretty window seats in their common rooms and doubles.

**PROPERTY** Some students opt for low-cost property insurance (we hear there's one offered by Haylor, Fereyer, & Coon). This covers theft, which can happen anywhere, but is unlikely to occur in your bedroom which has its own lock.

**SECURITY** Three levels: Entryways are ID card-access only; only Farnamites can enter Farnam. Suites have common keys for all members, but most suites opt to leave their front door open to let Farnam frosh pass through. Individual rooms have individual keys. In addition, at night, all gates of Old Campus are made ID card-access only.

# WHAT WE HAVE

*There is a dominant JE spirit on the Yale campus; our biggest asset is our pride. But it doesn't stop there. Here's a list of our facilities:*

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>The Butt</b>                     | It's "officially" called the Butterty and it serves up scrumptious food and great movies late-night Sunday through Thursday. The food is cheap and the movies are free.                                 |
| <b>Computer Cluster</b>             | Several PCs, a couple of Macs, a photocopier and a fax machine.   |
| <b>Curtis &amp; Curtiss Library</b> | Holds non-circulating editions of JE Fellows' writings, Yale memorabilia and current magazines. A cozy place to study.  |
| <b>Dance Studio</b>                 | Practice your moves in JE's new practice space.   |
| <b>Game Room</b>                    | Complete with two pool tables, wall-mounted TVs, new couches, ping-pong and foosball tables, and anything else you could ever want in life.   |
| <b>Great Hall</b>                   | Known commonly as the JE Dining Hall. The Great Hall also hosts social events, dances and concerts.   |
| <b>Gym</b>                          | Houses state-of-the-art exercise equipment, a television and a water dispenser.   |
| <b>JE Press</b>                     | The oldest, most elaborate and recently renovated printing press in Yale College. Get involved!   |
| <b>Laundry Room</b>                 | The hot spot for getting upperclassmen's brights their brightest and whites their whitest.  |
| <b>Lower Taft Library</b>           | Maintains a general subject and reference collection, study carrels, tables and chairs. Officially, the <i>Robert Taft Library</i> .  |
| <b>Skype Room</b>                   | JE has a newly refurbished room in the basement, entry H adjacent to the Dance Studio which can be used for video and private interviews for internships, jobs or fellowships. See Gygi to gain access. |
| <b>Pianos</b>                       | Beautiful twin grand pianos adorn the JE Common Room; multiple practice rooms also house pianos.  |
| <b>Student Kitchen</b>              | Located in the basement; comes complete with a large refrigerator/freezer, stove, microwave, oven, sink, appliances, and plenty of counter space.   |
| <b>Theatre</b>                      | Perfect for student productions and equipped with a projector for movie-watching, the theatre is a space for JE students to turn for entertainment.   |
| <b>Upper Taft Library</b>           | The upper level of Taft Library with tables, chairs and awesome lighting. Officially the <i>Beekman Cannon Reading Room</i> .   |



LOOKING EAST IN  
THE COURTYARD  
DURING SPRING.



JE'S ILLUSTRIOUS,  
VAULTED GREAT HALL.  
NOT ONLY DO THEY  
SERVE BREAKFASTS FOR  
CHAMPIONS, BUT  
BRUNCHES, LUNCHES,  
AND DINNERS, TOO.

THE JE COURTYARD IN  
WINTER. LIGHTS ARE  
STRUNG THROUGHOUT  
THE COLLEGE.



## OUR \$0.02

*Some advice from some older and (questionably) wiser Spiders.*

**Erica Wachs:** “As cheesy as it sounds, I never expected to find the community I did in Jonathan Edwards. From “Wet Monday,” to Spider Ball and the famous tulips, everything about this place has made me so grateful to be a part of this incredibly special place. Farnam is special. My suite mates made my freshman year. You’re lucky to be at Yale, but you’re even luckier to be in JE.”

**Jennifer Chen:** “Don’t bring too much stuff! This was one of the most important things I realized, and I had to learn it the hard way. JE provides storage for a few boxes, but focus on bringing the essentials and cutting back on all the other stuff, especially clothing and storage bins, because those are a pain to store over the summer. Also, refrain from packing regular t-shirts because college is free t-shirt central and you won’t know what do to with all of them by the end of the year.”

**Patrick Sullivan:** Of course JE is the best college. Your fellow students, however, are the best part of the Yale experience. If I had to give one piece of advice to incoming freshman it would be to overwhelm yourself with the people of Yale. Introduce yourself, ask questions, and take time to make meaningful and thoughtful connections to the people around you. Those relationships will teach, inspire, and move you.

**Rafe Chappel:** “Don’t be afraid to reach out to talk and meet new people because they could end up being your best friend(s) for the next four years or for the rest of your life.”

## YOUR FROCOS



Cynthia Campos

A native of sunny Los Angeles, California, Cyndi is pre-med and majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. On campus she is involved with Math and Science Familias, volunteers as an interpreter at HAVEN Free Clinic, and conducts microcephaly research at the Yale School of Medicine. A big ancient Roman art and architecture fan, she likes watching all sorts of documentaries and getting lost exploring new places. She can’t wait to share Yale’s amazing nooks and crannies with all of you!

### Angela Chen



Angela is a native Canadian who was raised in the Big Apple. She is an MCDB major interested in pursuing medicine after Yale. When she's not frocoing for the best freshmen in the world, she's involved in American Red Cross, the Yale Undergraduate Society for the Biological Sciences and Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Angela goes green for JE as both JE College Council President and active IM player (favorite IM sport: bowling).

### Tyler Blackmon



Tyler grew up on a cattle farm in a small town in Georgia and is currently double majoring in Economics and Political Science, and serves as the President of the Yale College Democrats, writes opinion columns for the *Yale Daily News*, and volunteers as a tax preparer for VITA. Talk to Tyler if you need help transitioning to campus life as a low-income, first-generation, or LGBT Yalie!

### Dave Harris



Dave is a Theater Studies major focusing on playwriting and African American performance. He was born in Los Angeles, raised in West Philly and currently lives in El Dora(y)do, Arkansas...the geography of his life makes no sense. When he's not writing plays or acting, he's performing spoken word with WORD and Yale's slam poetry team. When he's not onstage, he's beating you at Super Smash Bros. When doing none of the above, he's dancing bachata/salsa with Sabrosura. His hips have never lied."

### Joe Giammittorio



Joe is an economics major from Falls Church, Virginia. When not “studying” in Curtis-Curtiss, he spends his time selling ads for the *Yale Herald* or racing down the slopes with the Yale Ski and Snowboard Team. Originally a member of the Class of 2015, he spent last year in frigid Harbin, China, on a Richard U. Light Fellowship.

### Ester Soma



From South Sudan & Kenya Ester as a sophomore studied Human Rights in Nepal, Jordan & Chile, so if you have questions about study abroad - talk to her! At Yale she sang with Living Water and Asempa!, & served as a peer liaison. Ester is involved with Yale Faith & Action and the Yale African Students Association. Ester enjoys music, writing in her journal, chilling with friends, eating chocolate & watching movies. She can't wait to meet you all in your new home - Farnam!

### Leon Jiang

## YALE LINGO FOR THE JE SPIDER

*You can imagine that moving to any new place requires learning the local tongue. Yale is no exception. The Yalie language can be a bit confusing at first. Therefore, we have provided you with this (by no means exhaustive) glossary of terms to prep you for assimilating right away. Study this well, and you may pass for a sophomore!*

**Annex Housing:** Where upperclassmen live on campus when there is no room for them to live in their colleges. JE's annex housing is in McClellan Hall on Old Campus, about a 30-second walk from JE. Almost all occupants are juniors (freshmen, sophomore and senior housing is guaranteed).

**Bursar Bill:** Yale College's way to "buy now; pay later." Swipe your ID at the bookstore, Durfee's, and other locations to simply accumulate a balance payable on your next tuition bill.

**Buttery:** A facility open Sunday through Thursday nights for movies and greasy—but incredibly tasty and cheap – food. Often affectionately called The Butt.

**Commons:** A great place to eat lunch when far from home. They also have hot breakfasts on weekdays! Many of your meals with student groups and sports teams will take place here.

**Dead Week:** The week after exams and before commencement, usually applicable only to seniors and those involved in certain extracurricular activities.

**Freshman Counselors (FroCos):** Seniors chosen by the residential college Deans to live with and counsel their colleges' freshman classes. They are super people. Love them.

**Freshman Olympics:** Freshman from each residential college compete for pride, honor, and glory. Luckily, JE already has all that so

winning the Freshman Olympics is just a bonus. After years of last-place finishes, 2012 and 2013 have restored JE to glory. 2012 took 5th place; 2013 took 3rd. 2014 saw a drop down to sixth, but hopefully 2016 will return the college to its rightful glory!

**Green, The** (New Haven): New Haven public area; large and green. Your bedroom window in Farnam may look out onto it.

**House of Payne:** Payne-Whitney Gymnasium, Yale's shrine to athletics; it is the second-largest indoor athletic facility in the world.

**Lower Taft:** One of several library spaces in JE. Comfy couches, spacious study carrels, and a cramped spiral staircase—everything you'd expect in a residential college.

**Math/Science Tutor:** Scholars hired by each residential college to aid in the study of natural sciences. JE's Math/Science tutor is invaluable for all your math problem sets and questions. If you think his areas of expertise might not be exactly what you're looking for, feel free to explore other college's math/science tutors.

**Master's Tea:** Event for which a well-known or influential politician, movie star, artist, scholar, or other is invited to speak to small gatherings of Yale community members. Go often!

**Men of JE:** JE's comedic response to the proliferation of Yale's a cappella groups. The Men (now co-ed) recruit unsuspecting freshmen every year with intense auditions and teach them the irreverent "Men Song"—all about life in JE.

**Minibus:** The safest way to get around at night. Good to use if you are far from campus, and great to use when you don't feel like paying for cab.

**JE Movie Rentals:** JE's Blockbuster. Why pay when JE has a collection of its own movies on VHS and DVD that you can borrow for free? Sign them out in the Receiving Office. Please return them, or

suffer some terrifying consequences.

**Other School, The:** Hahvahd. Love to hate it.

**Phelps Gate:** Yale's gateway to New Haven located on the south-eastern side of Old Campus. This is where to send taxis, have pizza delivered, and feel the wind's frosty wrath in winter.

**Reading Week:** The week before exams, during which most classes do not meet in order to give students time to study and write final papers. Also known as Reading Period.

**Room Draw:** The game devised by each college, whereby upper-classmen (and upperclassmen-to-be) define the order in which they will choose suites for the coming year. JE's version is a variation on High Card Draw; it comes toward the end of the year.

**Rush:** The period of time (within the first two months of school) when students audition for a cappella groups; it begins with a concert in Woolsey Hall and ends with Tap Night.

**Screw:** A formal dance that most people attend with a blind date set up by their roommates. In addition to the Freshman Screw, each college hosts its own Screw every fall.

**Shopping Period:** A week-and-a-half period at the beginning of each semester during which you may attend any classes that interest you before you submit your formal schedule. Everyone shops; it is highly encouraged! Just remember that anything covered during Shopping Period might show up on an exam.

**CPA Funding:** AKA Creative & Performing Arts Awards is an opportunity to receive funding for independent artistic projects including plays, art shows and creative writing publications. .

**Tap Night:** The night when students are selected to join certain extracurricular groups and clubs. A cappella groups and secret socie-

ties have the two most active Tap Nights.

**The Game:** The Harvard-Yale football game: a must-see. This year it's at home!

**Tomb:** Home of a secret society.

**Transfer:** To eat in a Dining Hall that is not your own.

**Upper Taft:** Technically the Beekman C. Cannon Reading Room. Ideal for studying—well-lit and a focused atmosphere.

**Weir Hall:** The southwestern quadrant of JE; home to the Great Hall and JE's libraries. Legend has it Weir Hall was bought by Yale from the Skull and Bones Society to build JE.

**Writing Tutor:** Scholar hired by each of the residential colleges to aid students in writing papers in all subject areas. JE's writing tutor is the fabulous Kate Hunter. She is the nicest person you have ever met in your life, and making an appointment with her is highly encouraged.



STUDY CARRELS IN LOWER TAFT

## FUN WITH ACRONYMS

*Acronyms abound at Yale, and they can be overwhelming if you’re not prepared. Use this guide as a primer, and—before you know it—you’ll be leaving an FCC meeting in SML to play an IM on OC for JE, but keep it on the DL, OK?*

**BASS:** *Bass Library.* The underground “study” library that has its own organic café, which is great if you like working in a coffee shop atmosphere.

**DUH:** *Yale University Health Services.* A place to go when you’re feeling ill. The name changed (from *Department of University Health*), but the old acronym stuck. It will be in a brand-new facility on Lock Street this year.

**DS:** *Directed Studies.* A comprehensive freshman humanities program. DSers are best left alone (unless you’re bringing them coffee) Thursday nights. The rest of the week, they are perfectly normal and often quite friendly.

**FCC:** *Freshman Class Council.* An elected body that organizes and executes fun freshmen frivolities like the Freshman Screw and the Freshman Olympics. You vote for two representatives from your class at the beginning of the year.

**IMs:** *Intramurals.* Sports played competitively between residential colleges for the coveted Tyng Cup. There are three IM seasons with different sports each season. Oh, and did we mention that we were 2010 & 2011 & 2012 champions?

**ITS:** *Information Technology Services.* Responsible for your Ethernet, long-distance telephone and other telecommunications.

**JE:** *Jonathan Edwards College.* We hope you got that one...

**JECC:** *Jonathan Edwards College Council.* JE’s student government. JECC is your source for JE gear and your voice in how JE is run.

**JECP:** JE Philharmonic. An amazing orchestra, which gives 3 concerts yearly in Battell Chapel. Check out <http://www.jecollegephilharmonic.com>.

**KBT:** *Kline Biology Tower.* The highest building at Yale with the highest dining facility at Yale. Students with classes on top of Science Hill can grab lunch



**OC:** *Old Campus.* The heart of Yale, where you'll be living.  
(see above picture)

**LOM:** *Leet Oliver Memorial Building.* The main Math Building.

**SAC:** *Social Activities Committee.* Each college has one; pronounced sack. JE SAC plans food nights, dances, ski trips, and other events to pass the time outside classes.

**SML:** *Sterling Memorial Library.* The main branch of the Yale Library.

**SSS:** *Sterling, Sheffield, and Strathcona Hall.* Home to a main lecture hall and the Yale College Dean's Office.

**WLH:** *William L. Harkness Hall.* A Cross Campus building that houses multiple disciplines' classes, including music and history.

**YCC:** *Yale College Council.* The highest level of Yale undergraduate student government.

**YPMB:** *Yale Precision Marching Band.* They aren't precise and they don't march, but they sure are funny during their half-time shows.

**YSO:** *Yale Symphony Orchestra.* Flutes, violins, timpani...

Some Yale buildings are known by indecipherable acronyms. This site will help:  
<http://www.yale.edu/sis/building.codes.html>

## THINGS TO CONSIDER...

*A few more tips you'll want to look over before you leave.*

- **BANKING** You will most likely want to set up some kind of banking account in New Haven during your first couple of days here. The University banks with Bank of America; therefore, all ATMs on campus are affiliated with that bank. A “B of A” ATM is located in Durfee’s (on Old Campus) very near Farnam and in Bass Library. Many banks are within walking distance of Old Campus. For more information on banking and branches, refer to *The Yale* guide.
- **BIKES** Science Hill is the farthest point on campus from Farnam, approximately a 15-minute walk. You may take a Yale bus from near Old Campus or Commons (the main dining hall). You may prefer the freedom of a bike. If you do have a bike on campus, be sure to purchase a U-lock; these are the only locks that prove to be effective against New Haven bike thieves (they *do* exist)! You will need to register your bike once you get to campus in order to store it in the College.
- **LAPTOPS** If you have a laptop computer, you might want to purchase some kind of portable computer lock. A few seconds of diverted attention can cost you several hundred dollars and a semester’s load of work. It is also wise to register your computer with the Yale Police—you’ll receive more information on this at the Safety Talk your first week at school. And need we say: back up your work, back up your work, back up your work!
- **WINTER** New Haven winters are long, cold and wet. Come prepared with suitable clothes. (Note to Southerners and West Coasters: You don’t know what 10° highs for two weeks feels like until you’ve lived it ...get the big coat).

- **CLOTHES** While you’re at it, pack some clothes for out-of-the-ordinary occasions, such as Screws, Halloween and theme parties. Yalies are big on all three. Think formal, semi-formal, costume, and various decades (for some reason we love the ’80s a whole lot here).
- **PACK LIGHT!** *Essential* if you’re not within driving distance! It’s cheap to ship clothes and books from home by US Post and you can bring things back at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. But there is very limited storage space in JE over the summer and only a few furniture items can be stored. If need be, paid storage is available in New Haven.
- **NEW HAVEN FOOD** The Yale Campus is very nuclear; there is not really a great need to leave. Dining Hall food is plentiful; junk food is available at Durfee’s (on Old Campus); a larger selection of high-quality, but overpriced consumables can be purchased at Gourmet Heaven on Broadway at all hours. Off-campus, there’s cuisine of almost every type imaginable, including plethora of pizza and Thai options. A new Stop & Shop also just opened on Whalley for your larger grocery purchases.
- **IMPORTANT: MOVE-IN** If you are driving to New Haven, be sure to get to campus early on move-in day. You can park on the street/sidewalk for a short period of time while you unload. You will see signs on the street designating where you should park for all college, and students with *JE Moves* t-shirts to help you unload. When you’ve emptied your vehicle, you will be required to move it. Yale Police will watch your belongings while you take them onto Old Campus. The traffic became very bad last year. Be quick and early. Look for Upperclassmen wearing JE green.

## MAIL TO YALE

An application for your Yale Station post office box will be mailed to you during the late summer. Regardless of size, mail and packages should be sent to you at this address:

Your Name  
PO Your Number  
New Haven, CT 06520-\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*= last four digits of your PO Box

This includes any items sent using the USPS Priority Mail and/or Delivery Confirmation service. They MUST be sent to your P.O. Box number. UPS and FedEx DO NOT deliver to the post office, so DO NOT send items there, or you won't get them for ages (and they may or may not be sent back).

Yale Mail Services strongly prefers that you use the US Postal Service (USPS), however, if you must send something via a private carrier during the year (i.e. perishables), send them to JE:

Your Name  
Jonathan Edwards Master's Office  
68 High Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

Anything sent through UPS will go to the UPS office in Hendrie Hall. You'll get an e-mail notice as soon as your package reaches the office.

For the beginning of the year, you should bring all your essential items with you and have the rest sent soon after to your P.O. Box. Again, if you have any questions, e-mail one of us (see next page).

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## ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any lingering questions about JE, Yale, or the fine city of New Haven feel free to contact one of these friendly JE upper-classmen who will be around all summer and are happy to help you out:

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