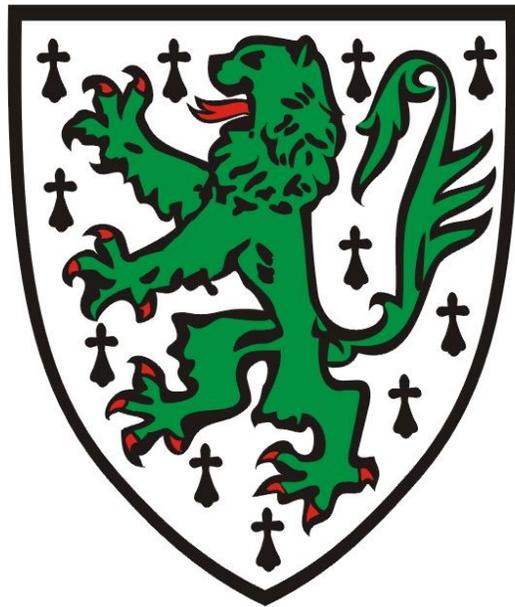


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Dear JE Spiders - Class of 2020!

If you were to ask the Admission Office why **Jonathan Edwards College** is best of all the other eleven residential colleges of Yale University, they would likely recite: “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 JE know the truth and soon, you too will know the incontrovertible proof that JE is the best college!

Of course, the other colleges will attempt to make this same claim by mentioning something about their lipstick statues or their garden gnomes. However, when Yalies speak of JE events - like our Spider Ball or Culture Draw, expect to detect the quiver in their voice and a wistful look in their eyes. Moreover, should the topic of IM’s arise, be prepared for unbridled displays of envy, due to the fact that the Tyng Cup (the chalice of the college intramural championships) resided in JE for three consecutive years, from 2010 to 2012!

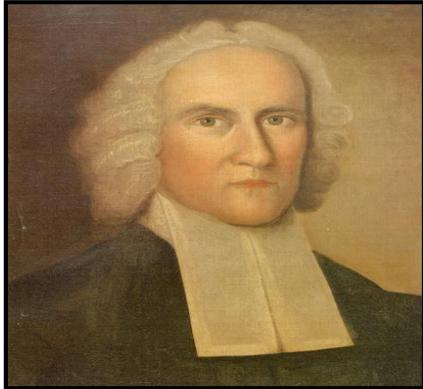
But, rather than sell you on JE’s advantages now, we’d much rather you discover, celebrate, and sustain our great legacy. It’s a well-known fact that colleges and their accolades live and die on the strength and pride of their freshman class. Is this too much to expect?! Perhaps elsewhere but we have faith that you are up for this task—look at what you’ve accomplished thus far!

With that, we are excited about your arrival and will be there waiting for you with open arms—ready to take your hugs, your questions...and your bags!

We look forward to dining with you in the Great Hall, chatting with you in the Admin Offices and cheering you on during IM Sports! You are now members of the JE community—welcome home Spiders!

Sux et Veritas,  
The Jonathan Edwards Community

# THE BASICS



**Jonathan Edwards** – Class of 1720 - was among the foremost theologians and philosophers of his time. He was a fiery preacher who is our beloved namesake.

## Residential Colleges

In 1931, University administration borrowed a housing idea from Oxford and Cambridge (the only good idea to come from a college in any city named Cambridge). The result was a development plan that forever changed the face of Yale College: the Residential College System.

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: Bladderball. 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. 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 (after the obligatory nod to their own college).

It's probably because we're one of the smallest, most intimate and manage to have the most and best traditions of any other college.

Here's a short list to get you prepared:

**JE Gear:** JE famously has wonderful gear: Hats, nalgens, 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?

**Intense Dislike of Branford College:** We do this a lot. They are our rivals - arch-nemeses if you will. Think Hatfields and McCoys.

**Winter Lights:** Spider Frosh beat all other Frosh to the punch by being the first to hang lights outside Farnam and get Old Campus in the festive mood.

**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. Exclusive to Spiders and their guests only.

# Farnam Hall: Your New Home



# 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.

## **NOTA BENE**

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

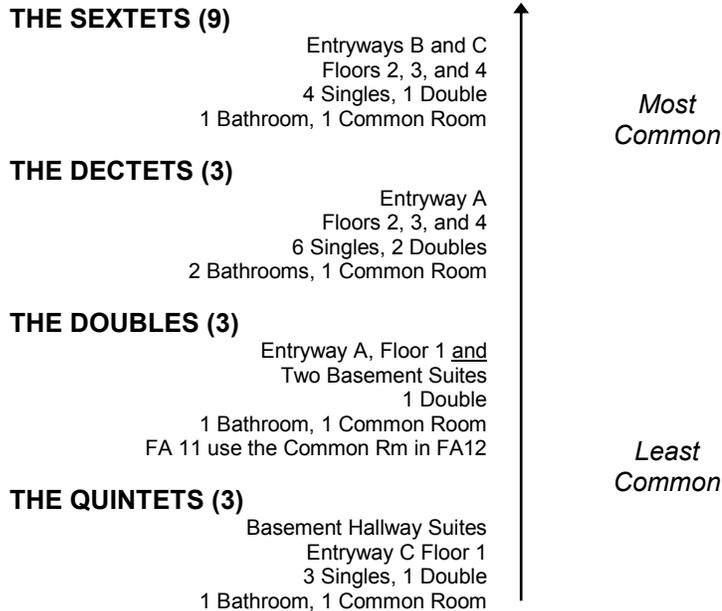
Farnam Hall has three Entryways — A, B and C — that are all accessible via the Old Campus side of the building using your Yale ID. Entryway A is adjacent to Battell Chapel, and C neighbors Lawrence Hall (for Stiles frosh), leaving B in between. Like most residential buildings at Yale, there are no traditional “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 **A** 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:

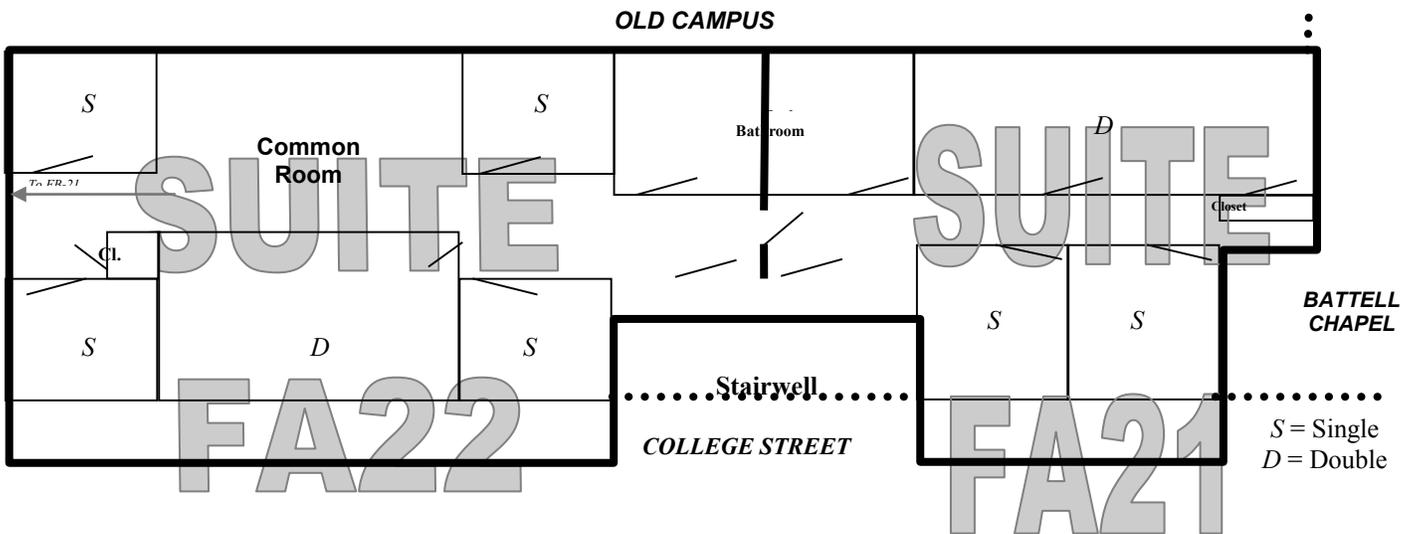


To give an example of bathroom facilities, those in sextets and quintets contain one shower, one toilet and two sinks. The extra bathroom in a dectet is the same except with one fewer sink. Since all suites have in-suite bathrooms, you are responsible for keeping them neat (the University cleans them 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 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. The diagram of a typical dectet suite is shown below. **The FA22 portion is typical of all sextets.**



# THE BEDROOMS

**FARNUM DOUBLE** typically is 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.

**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 dectets 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.

**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.

**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.

**DESK CHAIRS** provided are large, sturdy, wooden chairs that rock back. You may want to bring a pillow for it to cushion your tush.

**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.

**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.

**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

**CLOSETS AND DRESSERS** The closets are mostly of wardrobe 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** are large and empty; you will need to furnish them. You can plan ahead with your suitemates or play it 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** in 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** 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** in Farnam are 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** FA01 and FC01 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.

# YALE / JE LINGO

*The Yale 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 straight 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:** Affectionately called "The Butt" is located in JE's basement, open Sunday through Thursday nights for movies and greasy, yet incredibly tasty cheap food.

**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.

**Computer Cluster:** located in the Lower Taft, near the study carols. It has several PC's, a couple of MACs, a photocopier and a fax machine. Very Handy!

**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. .

**Curtis Curtiss Library:** located in JE Entryway K; very cozy place to study

**Dance Study:** Bust a move, strike a pose, practice Yoga, meditate

**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, 2015 and 2016...well...let's just say, we're counting on YOU!

**Game, THE:** The Harvard-Yale football game: a must-see.

**Game Rm** Two pool tables, wall-mounted TV's, comfortable sofas, ping-pong and foosball tables...perfect cave!

**Great Hall:** Commonly known as the JE Dining Hall; The Great Hall also hosts social events and dances. Be sure to check it out during Halloween (think Hogwarts).

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

**Gym:** located in JE basement; exercise equipment, TV, water and red floor

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

**JE Press Rm:** JE has bragging rights here...our printing press is the oldest, most elaborate in all Yale College. JE prints its own diplomas for Commencement.

**Laundry Rm:** located in JE basement; the place where your color clothes get bleached and your whites get stained

**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.

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

**Phelps Gate:** Yale's gateway to New Haven located on the southeastern 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 upperclassmen (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.

**Skype Rm:** located in Entryway H; to be used for video and private interviews for internships or fellowships

**Student Kitchen:** located in the basement; reservations made through JE website

**Tap Night:** The night when students are selected to join certain extracurricular groups and clubs. A cappella groups and secret societies have the two most active Tap Nights.

**Theatre:** Perfect for student productions or movie night (if available)

**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.

# 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 named changed (from *Department of University Health*), but the old acronym stuck.

**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. JOIN and PARTICIPATE.

**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 here.

**LC:** *Linsley-Chittenden Hall.* The center for English studies at Yale, located on Old Campus.

**OC:** *Old Campus*. The heart of Yale, where you'll be living.

**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 exactly *precise*, nor do they necessarily *march*, but they sure are funny to watch at half-time.

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

**Some Yale building are known by indecipherable acronyms. This site will help:**

<http://www.yale.edu/sis/building.codes.html>

## THINGS TO CONSIDER...

### **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) or 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 in JE’s Receiving Office, once you get to campus in order to store it in the college’s courtyard.

### **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 can be beautiful, but they are long, cold and wet. Come prepared with suitable clothes. Listen up, Southerners and West Coasters...get a big coat, hat, scarf and gloves!

### **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 and costumes.

### **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. At the end of term, JE offers summer storage – you’re able to purchase up to (5) boxes that will be stored on West Campus.

## **NEW HAVEN FOOD**

The Yale Campus is very nuclear; there really isn't a great need to leave. Dining Hall food is plentiful; junk food is available at Durfee's (on Old Campus); Off-campus, there's cuisine of almost every type imaginable, including a plethora of world famous (not kidding) pizza and Thai options. There's a Stop & Shop on Whalley Avenue for your groceries.

## **MOVE-IN**

If you're driving to New Haven, be sure to get to campus early on move-in day. You will see signs on the street designating where each college should park and look for JE Spiders with *JE Moves* t-shirts to help you unload. You can park on the street/sidewalk for a short period of time while you unload.

# YOUR FRESHMAN COUNSELORS (FroCos)



*(l to r) Rianna, Zach, Sara, Joe, Denzell, Stephanie, Cindy*

## Cindy Xue, Head FroCo

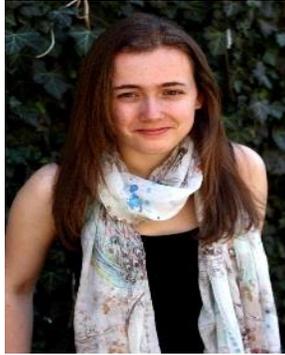


Cindy is a Cognitive Science major and member of the Education Studies special academic program. She is so excited to welcome the JE Class of 2020 and spend the next year living amongst the best kind of spiders. Most recently hailing from Buffalo, she spent the rest of her childhood in Boca Raton, two small towns in Ontario, two metropolises in China, and Singapore (in reverse chronological order). At Yale, she can often be found playing violin with her Yale Symphony Orchestra family, coaching a middle school MathCounts team, and playing "games" with kids in a developmental psychology lab. As a newly retired Harvest pre-orientation leader, she also enjoys frolicking at the Yale Farm and exploring green pastures across the state. She also bleeds green as a proud JE spider, college aide, and IM table tennis regular. You can also find her practicing yoga and knitting at all hours and in the strangest of places. After spending two wonderful summers working in New Haven, she looks forward to sharing coffee shops and reading spots off the beaten path in the great city she now calls home.

### Cindy's \$0.02

*"Try your best to leave your first impressions and expectations at the door. My freshman roommate and I had Skyped a few weeks before Camp Yale, and we learned later that we both felt weird vibes during that conversation. Our first few nights together were consequently awkward, and it took us a couple of months to realize that we had so much in common and our personalities really clicked. We're now the best of friends, but we could have saved ourselves the awkward beginning by being a little more open-minded. I experienced that first impression bias in many places during my freshman year -- as I joined new extracurriculars, as I sat in small classes, and as I met my fellow JE spiders. Remember that some part of each of you contains a thread of apprehension, one that perhaps forms the lasting ties of the freshman experience."*

## Stephanie Addenbrooke



Because Stephanie moved around a lot as a child, she doesn't really have a hometown. However, her accent (and love for tea and crumpets) will quickly identify her as British. At Yale, she has experimented with many different majors but eventually chose Political Science as her field of study. Most of her time outside the classroom has been spent at the Yale Daily News, where she is the outgoing editor in chief, and with Yale Faith and Action. She cannot wait to welcome you to Farnam, and talk with you about things like her latest TV show obsession or how to survive the New Haven winters. Just a note: She hates peas.

### Stephanie's \$0.20

*"Don't limit yourself to things you've done before or things you think you'll do well. Yale is a great place to embrace the unknown -- take a class in a discipline completely foreign to you or try out for an extracurricular you never dreamed you'd be a part of. Doing these kinds of things made me a much better person and provided me with so many more opportunities than if I'd just stuck to what I know. You never know, you may end up discovering a passion you never knew you had."*

## Zachary Blickensderfer



Zach is a Computer Science and Mathematics major from Los Angeles, California. Although he formally studies the design and analysis of algorithms, one can often find him trying to sneak into a literature class or two. Zach sang with the Alley Cats, then with the Whiffenpoofs, and now intends to helm the prestigious Men of JE. He's always down for some Ultimate Frisbee or Super Smash Bros. Talk to Zach if you need help transitioning to campus life as a low-income, west coast, singing, or STEM-inclined Yalie!

### Zach's \$0.02

*"Engage with JE. Eat in the dining hall. Play a few IMs. Go to teas, shows, Mellon forums. Open the fire door. A strong group of friends in JE will be invaluable to you -- a family away from your family. It's wonderful to have people you can count on for a crew at dinner, a laugh in the common room, an edit for an essay, a shoulder to lean on. It's the best decision I made at Yale."*

## Joseph Garcia



Joe hails from San Diego, California and is double majoring in Economics and Political Science. When not lamenting the weather from November to April, he enjoys playing his guitar, debating in the Yale Political Union, participating in activities with Yale Faith and Action and Yale Chi Alpha, and binge watching shows with friends. He is so excited to meet you all!

### Joseph's \$0.02

*"Don't be afraid to ask for help! Seriously, it's ok. Looking back to my first year at Yale, I think the biggest mistake I made was not asking for help quickly or often enough -- for little things and big things. You wouldn't believe the problems and headaches that can be avoided by simply asking for some help with a paper, a pset, extracurriculars, or life in general. It's an amazing thing to see how kind, supportive, and caring people can be when you open yourself up a bit to them."*

## Denzell Jobson



Denzell is a political science major with a concentration in urban studies. Hailing from Brooklyn, New York, he attended Brooklyn Technical High School (for one year) and Saint Paul's School in Concord, NH. At Yale, he is a sprinter on the Varsity Track and Field team and a member of the Yale Black Men's Union. He has served as both a tour guide and a student ambassador for the Admissions Office. A lifelong reader of Japanese manga, Denzell studied Japanese abroad in Tokyo, Japan for 8 weeks in the summer of 2015 on the Richard U. Light Fellowship where he birthed his love of karaoke. "Great times," he proclaims. You can usually find him hanging out, talking to people on the paths, playing Fifa or Super Smash Bros, or napping, in his free time.

### Denzell's \$0.02

*"One part of the uniqueness of Yale is the experience outside of the classroom. Of course, do take in the world renown professors, the distinguished research opportunities, the appealing classes, and more! But also explore the extracurricular opportunities and engage the communities. Dive deep into them too! Step out of your comfort zones and do something you've never done. Be over-eager; it's good for you! Finally, in the midst of all that, continually search for the courage to be your authentic self."*

## Rianna Johnson-Levy



Rianna is a self-proclaimed New Haven late-night food expert, originally from Michigan. An avid realty television fan, she majors in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and African American Studies so she can claim the shows as research. On campus, she's involved with the spoken word poetry community and has recently retired from leading the Yale LGBTQ Cooperative. Come talk to Rianna about anything mentioned above but if you want to ask her about something she's really passionate about, talk to her about her miniature golden retriever, Sojourner Truth.

### Rianna's \$0.02

*"If you have some free time, getting off campus is a great thing to do. It doesn't have to be a hike to East Rock. There are lots of great options ranging from a day trip to New York or just two hours at the movie theatre a few blocks away, it's really nice to clear your head and get out of the bubble for a minute. Also, a good scary movie puts any exam stress in perspective."*

## Sara Yeonsoo Lee



Yeonsoo Sara Lee hails from Charlotte, North Carolina, where she attended Myers Park High School. She is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. In addition to being a FroCo for the undisputed best college at Yale, she is on the varsity women's crew team, co-president of the Undergraduate Society of the Biological Sciences, and in Pi Beta Phi. She also conducts research in epidemiology at the School of Public Health in the Krause Lab, as well as research in ecosystem dynamics of *Daphnia ambigua* in the Post Lab at Yale. Likes: JE, froyo and whitewater rafting. Dislikes: ripe bananas and the cold.

### Sara's \$0.02

*"There are a few things that freshmen in JE should know. Farnam doesn't have overhead lighting in rooms, so bring lamps. Froco pizza is a blessing that you will be able to flaunt over other freshmen from different colleges weekly. You probably won't win Wet Monday. We have the best tulips in the world! JE is an incredible place to begin your time at Yale, and the community here has been my support for the past 3 years. Branch out and get to know people in JE, because they could very easily become your friends for life - and some of the memories that I've had as a member of this college are the ones I imagine we will be laughing about for years to come."*

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