

# THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN'S EXCELLENCE FUND

“The College of Arts and Sciences offers a wide variety of majors that enable our students to pursue their passions or discover a new one. Thank you for supporting our devoted students and faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences and making an impact on their learning experience. We continue to strive for the next big idea and work on interdisciplinary projects that will affect society in a significant way. We couldn't do this without you, so thank you!”



Shaily Menon, Ph.D.  
Dean

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

Support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives in the College including activities related to a new “Diversity and Social Justice” core course and programs in “Gender & Human Sexuality” and “Race & Ethnic Studies.” We have a [podcast series](#) where DEI experts within and outside the University are interviewed. Students help with the production of the podcasts in our recording studio.

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biology students have received training in Lyme disease-related research.

### INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We are launching programs for transformative student experiences and developing programs and [credentials](#) for workforce development to upskill and reskill adult learners. Support will help us develop industry connections including **tours of companies, job shadowing, and paid internships** for all students.

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students involved with WNHU 88.7 FM, the University's radio station.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

The goal is to support professional development of department chairs, faculty, staff, and students. Support would allow us to offer training seminars, produce interactive theatre, launch entrepreneurial courses, [offer student mentoring by peers and alumni](#), and fund student participation in off-campus conferences and cultural activities.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

We are engaging the local community in workshops, bootcamps, and other educational programs. For example, as part of the [Long Island Sound Futures Fund project](#), donor funding would allow us to supplement funds for [training members of the community](#) about marine biology and the dangers of sea-level rise.



## STUDENT VOICES



Psychology

### MEET SKILYN GAY '23

Skilyn majors in psychology on the Pre-Med track and received the Bartels Education Fund Scholarship during the 2021-2022 school year. She came across psychology through Yale Splash while in high school and felt an immediate connection. For her, psychology provides a path to help people and understand how people “work” — two of her life goals. After graduation, Skilyn plans to continue her education and become a pediatric oncologist. Being a recipient of the Bartels Education Scholarship has helped alleviate some of the financial stress and allowed her to get an internship this summer. Skilyn credits much of her success to her professors in the College of Arts and Sciences who continue to encourage her and help her combine her passions to create a path to a selfless career.

## SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S MISSION

The College of Arts and Sciences is a leader in innovative curriculum through engaging courses in the core curriculum and interdisciplinary degree programs. Proposed tracks include “Humans and Machines,” developed in partnership with faculty in the Tagliatela College of Engineering, and “Crime and Culture,” developed in partnership with faculty in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. New courses are being designed to help students find connections between their disciplines and core courses. Such collaboration also fuels exciting new degree programs, such as those in “Interdisciplinary Studies” and “Game Development and Interactive Media.”

## GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Undergraduate biology students collaborate with professors on important and relevant research projects. Here's just one example: Students working under Dr. Eva Sapi have conducted in-depth research on Lyme disease — the bacteria responsible for it and the biofilm that forms on the bacteria that renders it resistant to antibiotic treatments.

