

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2018



ABDULLAH ALMIQASBI LIBYA UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Born in Benghazi, Libya, Abdullah Almiqasbi opened his first business in solar energy with no capital at the age of 19. As the civil war broke out in 2011, he was determined to contribute to the re-birth of his country. This decision brought him to the University of Nottingham Ningbo, China, to study Business with Communication Studies. At UNNC, he became the first foreign president of the student union, where he is currently running *Integration*, a university funded project aiming to foster an inclusive campus life for both domestic and international students. Abdullah is now seeking a career in international affairs and diplomacy. Abdullah is 22 years old and from Libya.



ADAM TYNDALL UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Adam Tyndall majored in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Hertford College, University of Oxford where he specialized in the political history of the UK and China. As an undergraduate he co-founded the China-Britain Youth Association to develop understanding and engagement between young people in those two countries. He worked in communications and policy roles both for the Shadow Infrastructure Minister and for major transport projects – latterly the campaign to expand Heathrow Airport. Adam recently co-edited a Young Fabians pamphlet on the future of the China-Britain relationship and, as a Schwarzman Scholar, he hopes to develop his ability to shape public policy debates. Adam is 27 years old and from the United Kingdom.



ALEXANDER KREMER

GERMANY BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

Alexander Kremer graduated from Berlin School of Economics and Law with a Bachelor's degree in International Business, while employed with IBM in Germany and China. Currently he is a junior project manager with McKinsey & Company in their Business Technology Office. Prior to attending university, he used to be a semi-professional console video game player. While at university, he supported the university's cross-cultural mentoring program, helping students to connect through an online platform. In the future, he hopes to start his own business in the space of social/technology. Alexander is 26 years old and from Hamburg, Germany.



ALISTAIR KITCHEN AUSTRALIA UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Alistair Kitchen graduated from the University of Sydney with a Master of Arts in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in English Literature. He helped author Out On the Fields, a ground-breaking report into homophobia in the sporting environment, and launched the Good Lad Initiative - a program that delivers workshops on masculinity and consent - in Australia. Before that, he led initiatives that increased access to university to students from underrepresented backgrounds. He hopes to use these experiences in social ventures to find new ways of making societies more equitable and compassionate. Alistair is 25 years old and from Australia.





ALIX DE MONTS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Alix de Monts received her Master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she also received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Passionate about addressing the pressing geopolitical and technical challenges of the energy sector, Alix has had a wide range of international leadership experiences. She's raced the MIT solar-car across Australia, and interned with ExxonMobil in Houston, TX, and ENGIE in Paris, France. Her research, developing techno-economic models of the electricity grid to advise governments on policy decisions and market design, has brought her to Saudi Arabia and China. Through Schwarzman Scholars, she hopes to build partnerships and policies for driving global energy transitions. Alix is 25 years old and from the United States and France.



ALY MADHAVJI CANADA INSEAD, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Aly Madhavji recently received his MBA from INSEAD and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto. He is an internationally acclaimed author, publishing 3 books as part of the "Your Guide to" Series. Aly continues to energize and develop tens of thousands of generation Z and millennials through motivational speaking and mentorship globally. Aly served as a Governor of the University of Toronto where he was a member of the Executive Committee and Academic Board of the institution. He's been featured in *The Medium* and *The Varsity* newspapers, the *Ismaili Magazine*, *Mississauga Magazine*, and University of Toronto Press. Aly is 26 years old and from Canada.



AMOS WITTENBERG UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Mossy Wittenberg studied English Literature at the University of Cambridge, where he helped set up and run the *Cambridge Globalist*, a student-led current affairs magazine. After graduating he spent four months as a British Council scholar in Beijing studying Chinese language, and now works as a financial journalist. He hopes that developing an understanding of China—its history, language, culture and politics—will inform a career in journalism. Mossy is 23 years old and from the United Kingdom.



ANATOL KLASS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARDVARD UNIVERSITY

Anatol Klass recently graduated from Harvard University with a joint concentration in History and East Asian Studies. He has conducted research in archives from Cambridge to Shanghai to Beijing to Taipei, publishing several articles and presenting research at graduate student conferences. In addition to his academic pursuits, he was an active member of the Ultimate Frisbee team at Harvard, as well as the hiking community and the International Relations Council. Anatol is 21 years old, grew up in New York City and is from the United States.





ANDREW ERTL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Andrew Ertl graduated from Columbia University in May 2017 with a degree in History and a specialization in Modern Military Studies. In January 2008, he joined the United States Marine Corps. After deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrew was selected for the elite Marine embassy program and spent his last three years in Tbilisi, Beijing, and Budapest. As a Schwarzman Scholar, Andrew looks forward to researching the intersection of public opinion and military deployments abroad, as well as the interaction between civilians and military personnel. Andrew is 28 years old, was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin and is from the United States.



ANITA LIU CANADA

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Anita Liu majored in Computer Science and Engineering and Brain and Cognitive Sciences with a minor in Political Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She dreams of a world in which children are cared for and guided to achieve their full potential. She has participated in multiple policy internships in child care, and she is the Executive Director of a non-profit dedicated to dual athletic-academic mentorship for under-resourced Boston high schoolers. Through Schwarzman Scholars, Anita hopes to develop both leadership skills and a refined understanding of policy. Anita is 18 years old and from the Canada.



ANNE GAVIN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MACALESTER COLLEGE

Anne Gavin graduated from Macalester College with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, minor in Political Science and concentrations in Human Rights & Humanitarianism and Community & Global Health. While in college, she co-founded MacHOPE: Helping Open Peaceful Exchange to personalize the peace process between American and Iraqi students. In 2013, she conducted comparative research on participatory development models in six countries and in 2014, published research on Dutch refugee law. Anne spent ten months traveling along the EU portions of the Balkan Route, responding to the European refugee crisis and researching innovative avenues to improve humanitarian responses. Anne is 23 years old and from the United States.



ANUSHKA PRASAD UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Anushka Prasad graduated from New York University with Honors in Economics. After working in strategy consulting at a Swiss financial services company in New York, she moved to New Delhi to help build India's first liberal arts university, Ashoka University. At Ashoka, Anushka worked with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees on strategic initiatives building Ashoka's governance structures, government relations, university policy, research capabilities, women's leadership and India's first archive focusing on contemporary India. At Schwarzman College, she hopes to learn from China's major reforms in education to eventually lead education and research institution-building across Asia. Anushka is 26 years old and from the United States.





ASHLIE KOEHN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Ashlie Koehn is a University of Kansas Economics and International Studies graduate with a minor in Environmental Studies. Prior to and throughout her undergraduate career, Ashlie served as a staff sergeant and intelligence analyst in the Kansas Air National Guard. A Truman, Udall, Boren, and Gilman scholar, she studied abroad three times, including a year studying Russian and economics in the Kyrgyz Republic. Ashlie is passionate about the intersection of climate change and international trade and finance, fueling her aspirations to be an environmental economist. She most recently worked as an Economist at the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Ashlie is 26 years old and is from the United States.



BENJAMIN DOWDLE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Ben Dowdle graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor's degree of Commerce and Arts at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Ben is a social and environmental entrepreneur, founding and leading a campaign for the mandatory labelling of palm oil across Australia and New Zealand called 'Unmask Palm Oil.' He has been named a semi-finalist for Young New Zealander of the Year and the Regeneration Trust Young Change maker of the Year. Through the Schwarzman Scholars program, Ben hopes to build his understanding of China and the public policy challenges that we face. Ben is 22 years old and from Auckland, New Zealand.



BENJAMIN LYONS UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Ben Lyons graduated from University of Oxford in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in History. He founded a not-for-profit for fair internships, doubling the proportion of interns that are paid in the UK. He also developed a global project with The Guardian on millennials, and researched voter turnout in the USA. He worked as an Associate Director in public policy and communications at FleishmanHillard Fishburn, and as Senior Communications Manager at Virgin Media. He also interned at the Center for American Progress. He has been recognized by the World Economic Forum as a Global Shaper, and is a Churchill Fellow. Ben is 27 years old and from the United Kingdom.



BETHANY RUSSELL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Bethany Russell recently graduated from the United States Military Academy with a double major in International Relations and Chinese. She intends to serve as a military liaison between the United States and China, pursuing increased understanding and improved relations between the two countries. Bethany studied abroad at Peking University while at the Academy. She also worked with the Institute for Defense Analyses to find better ways to increase and utilize the cultural understanding of soldiers and led efforts at the Academy to increase cross-cultural competence. Bethany is 21 years old and from the United States.





BO SEO AUSTRALIA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Bo Seo graduated from Harvard University in 2017. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, his studies focused on political theory and literature. He has held positions with the Australian Human Rights Commission, with a former Australian Prime Minister and a former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He won both the World Universities and the World Schools Debating Championships and most recently was National Coach for Australia. He edited an anthology of diasporic writings on North Korea and has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He hopes to pursue a career in Australian politics. Bo is 22 years old and from Australia.



BOB WU AUSTRALIA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Bob Wu graduated from Harvard College where he majored in Economics. He is a founding member of the Behavioral Economics Team of Australia (BETA), where he set up a government unit dedicated to advising policy makers based on the insights from psychology and economics. While at Harvard, Bob was a Class Marshal and led the World Model United Nations Conference, the largest and most diverse international collegiate conference of its kind. He also served as a liaison and research assistant to the Hon. Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia. He aspires to apply the insights from behavioral economics to global economic policy, especially to address the challenges of retirement savings and the social protection of labor. Bob is 23 years old and from Australia.



BRIAN DROUT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIM-MADISON

Brian Drout graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At Wisconsin, he led a service learning trip to the Dominican Republic and worked summers as a canoe guide in northern Minnesota. He has been published for both creative writing and academic research. Brian has most recently worked as a consultant for New Oriental Overseas, the largest education firm in China. He speaks Spanish and Mandarin and is an avid marathoner. Brian is 24 years old and from the United States.



BRIAN YOUNG TAIWAN, CHINA NATINATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY

Brian studied Quantitative Finance at National Tsing Hua University. He worked at EdSurge (an EdTech startup in Silicon Valley) and IBM Taiwan. Most recently, Brian founded an education technology startup called The Future of Learning (FoL) to promote coding education in Taiwan. In the future, he hopes to use education technology to provide high-quality education for everyone at an affordable cost. Brian is 27 years old and from Taiwan, China.





CAIWEI HUANG CHINA EMORY UNIVERSITY

Caiwei HUANG graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Political Science from Emory University in May 2017. She has developed her broad interest in the political economy in China through research fellowships at the Carter Center China Program, and Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy. Caiwei is passionate about China's lowcarbon development in the energy sector and has led the Emory delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris and Marrakesh. At Schwarzman College, she is eager to explore national and local solutions to low-carbon energy system transition. Caiwei is 23 years old and from China.



CHANG ZHAO CHINA UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Chang ZHAO graduated with honors from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, and most recently worked as a Global Academic Fellow at NYU Shanghai where she conducted research and taught undergraduate students. An aspiring anthropologist who wants to combine ethnographic research and policymaking, Chang has carried out fieldwork on urban renewal projects and cultural heritage preservation, and has presented her results at multiple academic conferences in the United States. During her time at UNC, Chang was a member of the Order of the Grail-Valkyrie, and also held the Joint Senate Critic position of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, the UNC literary and debate society, as the first-ever Chinese student. Chang is 25 years old and from China.



CHARLES VITRY FRANCE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Charles Vitry graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2016 with a Double First degree in Manufacturing Engineering, and has attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on exchange. He aspires to unlock opportunities in industry through transformational programs; has recently implemented a 30% supplier lead time reduction model at Amazon Spain; and, launched a factory production control system in Apple's Soft Goods factories in China. As a Schwarzman Scholar, he hopes to develop a deep contextual understanding of China's situation and outlook, to be best positioned in the next generation of Chinese industry. Charles is 21 years old, speaks fluent Spanish & Chinese and is from France.



CHIEN SHENG TAIWAN, CHINA TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Chien SHENG holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an international MBA degree from the Tsinghua-MIT program. He has worked in several fields including engineering, fund management and marketing. In 2014, he started his own 3D printing business. His passion and enthusiasm for business operations has motivated him to learn and understand the global market, and he hopes to continue to expand his knowledge at Schwarzman College. Chien is 26 years old and from Taiwan, China.





CHRYSTAL THOMAS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Chrystal Thomas is a recent graduate from Carnegie Mellon University, where she majored in biological sciences. She is both an Andrew Carnegie Society Scholar and a Gates Millennium Scholar. Chrystal is the founder of Colors@CMU, an organization that promotes open and honest racial dialogue amongst the Carnegie Mellon community. In the long-term, she hopes to bridge underserved communities and governmental representatives in the realm of public health on both a domestic and international scale. Chrystal is 21 years old and from the United States.



CLAYTON GARNER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Clay Garner recently graduated from Stanford University where he studied East Asian studies. His honors thesis investigated the ideological relationship between Cyber Maoism and the Chinese New Left. In 2014, Clay was awarded a Stanford Taiwan Democracy Project fellowship to research the Taiwanese media environment and shadow journalists at FTV News in Taipei. Clay's interests include China-Hollywood relations and United States-China cooperation on digital media challenges worldwide. As a Mandarin pop singer-songwriter and TV personality, he has performed on networks in China and Taiwan such as CCTV and Formosa Television and has also appeared as a cast member on the Beijing TV program "Beijingke." Clay is 22 years old and from the United States.



COLLIN PARKER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Collin Parker graduated from the United States Military at West Point with a Bachelor's degree in Management and concentration in Systems Engineering. He has spent time at the Korea Military Academy (ROK) and the Gordon Institute of Business Science in Johannesburg. At West Point, Collin led Air Assault School, Special Olympics Committee, and Student Conference on United States Affairs. Along with flying helicopters for the Army, Collin seeks to spend a career in organizational leadership, particularly in global non-profits. Collin is 22 years old and from the United States.



DANIEL CONCHA ZEGARRA PERU UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACIFICO

Daniel Alejandro Concha Zegarra ranked first among all Business Administration students enrolled at the Universidad del Pacifico. He most recently worked for the Government of Peru as the Supervisor of the Market Conduct Regulation and Financial Inclusion Office in the Superintendence of Banks, Insurance Companies and Pension Funds. He has held leadership positions in organizations ranging from micro-entrepreneurs' advisory, to university governmental affairs. One of his most rewarding challenges was assisting in laying the groundwork for financial technology policy. After the completion of Schwarzman Scholars, Daniel plans to join a top consulting firm before returning to Peru to continue expanding financial inclusion. Daniel is 23 years old and from Peru.





DANIELLE NEIGHBOUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE

Danielle Neighbour was a civil engineering major and Spanish minor at the University of Arkansas. A Truman Scholar, Danielle is passionate about increasing global access to clean water. She has developed water systems in Ecuador's indigenous villages, evaluated rainwater catchment techniques in Vietnam, and researched water purification methods for disaster relief in developing urban areas. Her interest in fluid dynamics also includes research on the viscosity of liquids on icy moons. Danielle held leadership positions with Arkansas' chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Chi Epsilon. Danielle is 22 years old and from the United States.



DAVID HARRIS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

David Harris is a graduate of the Northwestern University McCormick School of Engineering where he studied industrial engineering and management science. Previously, he worked at the Department of Energy in the United States Embassy of Beijing and sang on several China Central Television shows. Most recently, David was a consultant with McKinsey & Company in the Energy Insights group. Based in Malaysia, he focused on solving challenging problems for energy companies in Southeast Asia. David plans to leverage the teachings at Schwarzman Scholars to drive change in the energy industry. David is 26 years old and from the United States.



DAVID ROBERTSON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DUKE UNIVERSITY

David Robertson is a graduate of Duke University with a degree in Public Policy studies. At university, he was involved in student government and helping coordinate the off-campus diversity retreat. David is interested in learning how to build better cities, which has led him around the world to work in India studying road design, Brazil working in favelas, and Kenya at the United Nations Habitat program. David's vision for the Schwarzman Scholars program is to build a community of leaders ready to reshape the world's urban future. David is 23 years old and from the United States.



DON STANLEY DALISAY PHILIPPINES UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Don Stanley Dalisay studied Economics, Operations Research, and Grand Strategy at the United States Military Academy. He is also a licensed medical technologist and holds a degree in Public Health from the University of the Philippines Manila where he captained its debate team. DS developed a passion for government while leading youth development projects as a municipal legislator in Tingloy, Batangas. This passion, combined with his eclectic interests, inspired him to enter the Philippine Military Academy- becoming president and top of his class. Most recently, he was an adjunct research consultant at the World Bank and hopes to join the Philippine Scout Rangers after the Schwarzman Scholars program. DS is 25 years old and from the Philippines.





EDISON HUYNH UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Edison graduated from the University of Oxford with first class honors and a Geography degree. He taught as a science teacher before being elected as Teach First President representing thousands of teachers working in challenging schools across the United Kingdom. Edison wants to establish a network of Sino-British ties in education in order to improve social mobility and give students from disadvantaged backgrounds the "best of both worlds". He is a Jeanne Sauvé Scholar and also a Winston Churchill Fellow. Edison is 28 years old and from the United Kingdom.



ELEANOR FREUND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Eleanor Freund earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, with highest honors, from the University of California, Berkeley in 2013. She studied Chinese at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing and was a Junior Fellow in China Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C. Since 2015, she has been a research assistant at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, working on United States foreign policy and security issues, particularly United States-China relations. In 2015, *China Hands* magazine named her one of "25 Under 25: Rising Stars in U.S.-China Relations." Eleanor is 25 years old and from the United States.



EMERY REAL BIRD UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Emery Ted Real Bird recently graduated from Princeton University where he studied politics, and also received a certificate in East Asian studies. He is half N'dee (Apache) and half Apsáalooke (Crow) from Arizona and Montana, respectively. As a child of two nations, Emery maintains a strong identification with his heritage. He is the President and Founder of Natives at Princeton--the only undergraduate American Indian organization focused on fostering dialogue and action on Native and Indigenous issues at Princeton. He hopes to help study and craft American Indian and ethnic minority public policy and governance capacity building around financial capacity, economic development, and water resource stewardship while respecting cultural boundaries. Emery is 22 years old and from the United States.



ERICK CASTIGLIONI COSER BRAZIL FUNDACAO GETULIO VARGAS, SAO PAULO

Erick Coser is an entrepreneur and a founding member of three companies in Brazil and the Philippines. He has a degree in Business Administration from Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo. A voracious and omnivorous reader, his interests revolve around technology, politics, economics, the cosmos and a way to use all of these to get practical results. He has lived in three different countries and visited 21. Erick is 24 years old and from Brazil.





FILIPPOS LEKKAS GREECE YALE UNIVERSITY

Fil Lekkas studied politics and economics at Yale University, where he competed with the Debate Association and led the Yale European Undergraduates. After working across Europe for BCG and the European Commission, he founded syn+praxis, a "21st century think tank" that activates the latent intellectual capital of the globally-dispersed Greek academic and professional community to produce actionable and accessible public policy research. Through Schwarzman Scholars he hopes to better lead European public and private institutions in developing strategies to manage China's daunting internal complexity. Fil is 24 years old and from Greece and Germany.



FREDERICK SUTTON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Erik Sutton is a proud Minnesotan who graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Quantitative Economics from the United States Naval Academy. He is interested in learning more about China and its economic relationship with the United States, and hopes to improve his language and cultural skills while in Beijing. Following his time at Tsinghua, Erik will serve the United States Navy as a submarine officer. At the Naval Academy, he was a squad leader, and was involved with the STEM Center and Midshipmen Action Group organizations and participated in intramural athletics. Erik is 23 years old and from the United States.



GREER ROBERTS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Greer Roberts graduated in May 2017 from Howard University with a Bachelor's degree of Business Administration in International Business and a concentration in Management. During her time at Howard University, Greer studied abroad in Beijing where she began teaching English to Chinese students, participating in International Business Negotiation Competition, and volunteering at an orphanage for children with incarcerated parents. Upon completion of Schwarzman Scholars, Greer hopes to leverage her degree and new network to provide support and solutions on a global scale for those who are underrepresented and overlooked. Greer is 20 years old and from the United States.



HALIMO HASSEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Halimo Hassen graduated from Dartmouth College in 2017. She possesses a passion for education that has led her to spearhead multiple community initiatives and serve as a community organizer. Using her social science background, Halimo aims to ameliorate the possible conflicts that foreign officials face when there are differences in ideology, background and world views. In the future, Halimo hopes to further engage in education, foreign policy and international development through a career in policy. Halimo is 21 years old and from the United States.





HANNAH ELTEN GERMANY INSTITUT D'ETUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Hannah Elten graduated cum laude from a Dual Degree Program in International Relations, Political Economy and Asian Studies between Sciences Po Paris and the University of Sydney. She is interested in Chinese Foreign Relations and Public Policy and has worked with a consulting company on corporate social responsibility in Hanover, the German Trade Office in Taiwan and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Tunisia. Hoping to become a diplomat, she is spending the current year at the German Mission to the United Nations as well as the European Union Delegation to Cambodia. She is a former Youth Ambassador for Oxfam Australia, and currently a Regional Director for South and East Asia at the "Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations", a German think tank for students and young professionals. Hannah is 23 years old and from Germany.



HONGYI CAO CHINA RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

Hongyi CAO received her Bachelor's degree in Economics at Renmin University of China, majoring in Taxation and minoring in Finance. She has studied at Cornell University and Taiwan Chengchi University and has done research in financial inclusion related to rural housing loans in Southern China. Hongyi is 22 years old and from China.



HOON IK CHANG SOUTH KOREA BROWN UNIVERSITY, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Hoonik Chang is a graduate of Brown University. At Brown, he pursued a dual concentration in computer science and visual arts. As an officer in the Republic of Korea Air Force, he served the nation's top military leadership as an interpreting officer. Most recently, he worked at the Office of the Minister, serving the Korean Minister of National Defense. In this capacity, he spearheaded the ministry's diplomatic efforts in engaging with defense ministers around the world to curb North Korean aggression. In the process, Hoonik has witnessed how leadership is channeled to promote multilateral cooperation and hopes to develop the global perspective and core leadership skills necessary to navigate through some of the most complex issues of the 21st century through the Schwarzman Scholars. Hoonik is 27 years old and from the Republic of Korea.



IRIS BLOM NETHERLANDS UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM

Iris Blom graduated in July 2017 from The University of Amsterdam with a Bachelor of Science in Medicine. After organizing international exchanges for two years locally, Iris was elected to become a national exchange coordinator in 2017. Within this function, she cooperated with 122 countries to exchange students, with the ultimate goal of improving global health. Iris plans to take on a role in the global governing of healthcare in the future, connecting China's fast developments with the rest of the world. Iris is 21 years old and from the Netherlands.





JACK HUEBNER CANADA UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Jack Huebner was a Presidential Scholar at the University of Southern California, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology with a minor in French. He worked as a student researcher at BC Children's Hospital, where he was part of a fivemember team that conducted epidemiology studies on burn incidence and care in Uganda on behalf of the hospital. At USC, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, assistant captained the USC Ice Hockey team and volunteered at Cedars Sinai Hospital through the Trojan Health Volunteers program. Through Schwarzman Scholars, Jack hopes to improve access to quality primary care in Africa as a physician. Jack is 21 years old and from Canada.



JACKO WALZ UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Jacko Walz is a recent graduate of the Inaugural Class at New York University Shanghai, the first Sino-American university. Jacko spent three years in China, where he founded an American football team, worked at a tech startup, and conquered intensive Mandarin study at Princeton in Beijing. Experiences like these, buttressed by semesters spent in Florence and London, have informed his profound interest in international relations and understanding distinct societies and cultures. After Schwarzman Scholars, Jacko hopes to leverage his global education by pursuing a career in political risk consulting. Jacko is 20 years old and from the United States.



JACOB CANNON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Jacob Cannon studied public and international affairs as well as Chinese language and culture at Princeton University. He is pursuing a career in public service, and aspires to serve as an ambassador to China, strengthening dialogues and relationships between the East and West. At Princeton, he was actively involved in undergraduate student government and other service initiatives. He has worked as an intern in the White House and has spent summers in both China and Israel, respectively studying Mandarin and working at PayPal. Jacob is 22 years old and from the United States.



JANET EOM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Janet Eom graduated from Harvard College with a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies. She was most recently the Research Manager at the China-Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins SAIS. At Harvard, Janet was Chief of Copy Board of the *Harvard International Review*, recruiting heads of state, policymakers, and academics to write on international affairs. Previously, Janet worked in the Office of the President in Rwanda. She aspires to cultivate the United States-China-Africa relationship to create new opportunities for economic development. Janet is 25 years old and from the United States.





JEESOO LEE SOUTH KOREA THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

JeeSoo Lee studied at the University of Hong Kong, with concentrations in Psychology and Business Design and Innovation. Passionate for social justice and public speaking, she has debated competitively in English since 2008. She was the champion of numerous international tournaments including the 2015 Canton Intervarsity Tournament and 2015 Macau Asian Parliamentary Debate Open. Through her work with Eureka Consulting Group, she provided pro bono consulting services to start ups and non-profit organizations in Hong Kong. She was awarded Best Consultant and most recently served as the comanaging director. JeeSoo is 22 years old and from South Korea.



JIALING JIANG CHINA UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Jialing JIANG studied Economics and Philosophy at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She founded the UNC International Ambassadors program and the first Chinese Cultural Month on campus. She also researched Africa-China relations at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. Besides promoting multicultural awareness, Jialing is also passionate about social entrepreneurship. She has conducted site visits and provided improvement coaching for 16 nonprofits in 8 cities. Eventually, Jialing hopes to be an agent for intercultural relations and international development by starting a social venture. Jialing is 22 years old and from China.



JING SU CHINA CHINA AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Jing SU graduated with distinction from Purdue University and China Agricultural University with a joint Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a concentration in Finance. Jing served as a Resident Assistant at Purdue, supporting both domestic and international students, and served as Vice President of Alpha Kappa Psi. She most recently worked in the Risk Assurance practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago. At Schwarzman College, she aspires to amplify her leadership and business skills as both a humanitarian and an entrepreneur to improve and empower the education of youth in developing regions. Jing is 24 years old and from China.



JINGWEN SUN CHINA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Jingwen SUN graduated in May 2017 from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor's degree in Computing and Business. She is passionate about innovation and entrepreneurship. She has worked with venture capital funds in Israel and China and also worked with Accenture and Analysys Mason as an analyst intern. Jingwen is excited to join the Schwarzman Scholars program to learn more about leadership within a global context. Jingwen is 23 years old and from China.





JONATHAN PADILLA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Jonathan Padilla is a graduate of Harvard College where he received a degree in Government. He received his Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government. Prior to his time at Oxford, Jonathan worked in local, state, and national politics including in the White House and for former California Controller Steve Westly. Outside of work, he is passionate about his involvement with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and its mission to train the next generation of Latino leaders. He hopes to pursue elected office in the not-so-distant future. Jonathan is 27 years old and from the United States.



JORDAN KRONEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Jordan Kronen graduated summa cum laude from Pacific University with a Bachelor's degree in Politics and Government and co-founded the College Democrats of Oregon. He interned in Washington, D.C. with the Democratic National Committee and for United States Senator Jeff Merkley. In Thailand, he externed for Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative. He performed in numerous theatre productions as an international thespian and played American football on Pacific's inaugural team. As a Fulbright Scholar, he taught English in Malaysia and aspires to reform education policy pertaining to the United States and China while strengthening intercultural understanding and exchange. Jordan is 24 years old and from the United States.



JORDAN METOYER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Jordan Metoyer graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The University of Texas at Austin where she double majored in Economics and Urban Studies. A Truman Scholar, Jordan most recently served in the Obama Administration as Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget and as a Staff Assistant in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as a liaison to local elected officials. Previously, she served in the Office of the Secretary at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In college, Jordan founded her university's City Relations Task Force, and filmed a documentary on suburban poverty. Jordan is 24 years old and from the United States.



JOSEPH WILSON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Joey Wilson earned a Bachelor's degree in Bioengineering with a minor in Global Politics from Clemson University in 2017, graduating with honors. He was Clemson's Student Body President, served on the It's On Us National Student Advisory Board, and was named an Astronaut Scholar. Joey has conducted bioengineering research in Clemson and Singapore – publishing papers and filing a patent for a cancer treatment device. He hopes to work at the intersection of bioengineering and politics through a career in scientific development and policymaking. Joey is 21 years old and from the United States.





JULIAN KEELEY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DUKE UNIVERSITY

Julian Keeley studied Economics with a Philosophy, Politics and Economics concentration at Duke University. On campus, Julian is was a leading voice on political and economic issues, serving as Chair of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) Executive Council. He worked as an intern in the House Budget Committee for Chairman Paul Ryan and as an Economic Policy intern at AEI. Julian also founded Cambodian Collegium, a program dedicated to ensuring Khmer students receive the necessary financial and community support to pursue university studies. After Schwarzman Scholars, he plans to complete a PhD in Economics and work for a multilateral organization that promotes inclusive, sustainable global growth. Julian is 21 years old and from the United States.



JUNYAN CHEN CHINA LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Junyan CHEN received a Bachelor's degree in International Politics from Tsinghua University and a Master's degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics. As a representative of China in the Y20 Summit in 2015, Junyan advocated the significance of education in spreading ideas of peace and inclusiveness. During her study at LSE, she focused on migrants, minorities and marginalized groups in Europe. In the future, Junyan aspires to research policy innovation in security management, and China-EU cooperation on counter-terrorism and migration problems. Junyan is 24 years old and from China.



JUSTIN BRYANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DUKE UNIVERSITY

Justin Bryant studied Public Policy and Information Science at Duke University. He has held internships in Legal and Government Affairs at Microsoft in Beijing, and the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union in Cape Town. In the fall of 2015, Justin attended Duke Kunshan University, where he chaired the Kunshan Student Ambassador Council, and founded Shockwave Acappella. At Duke, Justin was a Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholar, Marching Band Vice President, and a Teacher's Assistant in the Information Science department. He aspires to be a global leader in technology policy, and eventually a United States Senator. Justin is 21 years old and from the United States.



KAYLA CHEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Kayla Chen graduated from Harvard University in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Government. While at Harvard, she directed a leadership program for high school students and taught in an inner city community in Boston. She is interested in learning more about China's perceptions of civil society and human rights. She aspires to link resources and conversations between East and West on human rights, international law and civil society to combat global issues of inequality. Kayla is 22 years old and from the United States.





KEVIN BASSNEY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Kevin Bassney graduated from Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, in January 2013. A Fulbright Scholar, he graduated from University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law in 2014, with a degree in European Integration. A graduate of United States Army Ranger School, Kevin has served as an Infantry Officer in the US Army since 2013 and has held a variety of leadership positions. He is pursuing a Schwarzman Scholarship in order to pursue his next career as a diplomat in the American Foreign Service. Kevin is 26 years old and from the United States.



KEVIN WONG CANADA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Kevin Wong was a Davis Scholar at Princeton University, where his work centered on the intersection of moral philosophy and public policy. In the past, Kevin has worked for the publishing company Atlantic Media, a UK think-tank called the Global Priorities Project, and a New York based financial services firm. At Princeton, Kevin founded a non-profit that develops and delivers humanities curricula in New Jersey's state prisons. Through the Schwarzman Scholarship, Kevin hopes to develop the policy skills that will allow him to advance social change in Canada. Kevin is 22 years old and from Toronto, Canada.



KHISHIGJARGAL ENKHBAYAR MONGOLIA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MONGOLIA

Khishigjargal Enkhbayar graduated from the National University of Mongolia in 2015, majoring in International Journalism. She has been deeply involved in volunteer youth organizations, such as the United Nations Youth Advisory Panel and Rotaract, initiating and implementing over one hundred small and large scale projects on youth participation, developing local economies, and improving international relations. She is interested in public diplomacy and hopes to improve Mongolia's public relations to increase international investment to Mongolia. Khishigjargal is 22 years old and from Mongolia.



KIM CHANG UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STANFORD UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Kim Chang is a graduate of both the University of California, Berkeley (Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering) and Stanford University (Master's degree in Management Science & Engineering). She currently works in global supply management at Nest Labs where she establishes and manages relationships between American technical teams and Asia-based mechanical suppliers. Kim has previously worked at Apple, Boeing, and GE. While in graduate school, Kim was a DFJ Entrepreneurial Leadership Fellow and served as the inaugural lead TA for Hacking for Defense, a class applying entrepreneurial problem-solving to government challenges. Kim is 27 years old and from the United States.





KOFI GUNU GHANA AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY

Kofi Gunu recently graduated from Augustana University where he was the founding president of the Augustana Peace Club. He combined the study of political science and economics with internships at the Council on Foreign Relations and the United States Senate. He looks forward to developing a more nuanced understanding of Sino-American relations in the 21st century and its impact on international stability and prosperity. Kofi is 20 years old and from Ghana.



KWOK WAI CHRISTOPHER NG HONG KONG SAR, CHINA LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chris Ng studied International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science graduating with honors. He interned at the Delegation of European Union to China and organized volunteer projects in Burkina Faso, India and mainland China. These experiences drove him to explore innovative strategies to increase the effectiveness of development work. Chris is 24 years old and from Hong Kong, China.



LARA CONNAUGHTON IRELAND TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Lara Connaughton holds a first class honors degree in Economics and Business from Trinity College Dublin. At Trinity she was Auditor of the Business and Economics society and founder of the Undergraduate Chamber of Commerce. Lara has interned for the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council, and is currently working as a Management Consulting Analyst at Accenture. She also has experience working for Ernst & Young's tax service line. Lara has toured with the internationally renowned Druid theatre company and is interested in economic policy and strategic communications. Lara is 22 years old and from Ireland.



LISA HO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Lisa Ho recently graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a major in computer science and mathematical economics. She plans to develop an international network of researchers dedicated to improving education, using economics and machine learning together to devise intelligent policy. Lisa has taught students in Oklahoma City and Boston, ran MIT's Educational Studies Program (which annually teaches over 3000 students), developed engineering education software for Google, and examined principal management practices as a researcher for the Harvard Economics Department. Lisa is 21 years old and from the United Kingdom, Singapore and the United States.







Lorem Aminatha graduated from Yale University in 2015 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. Upon graduation, he launched an agri-business startup in Kenya, which seeks to integrate small-scale farmers into the regional agricultural value chains through contract farming. In June 2016, he moved to South Sudan where he took up a job with a local radio station to teach financial literacy on a radio show. Lorem plans to return to South Sudan to contribute to development. He is 26 years old and from South Sudan and Kenya.



LUKAS SCHMELTER GERMANY LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Lukas Paul Schmelter grew up in the Middle East and South Asia before returning to Europe for his university studies. He graduated from the London School of Economics (LSE) with a Bachelor's degree in Government and History, and most recently completed a Master's degree in Modern European History at the University of Cambridge. Parallel to his studies, he led large-scale student conferences, worked for a political think-tank focused on European integration, and completed internships in the German Bundestag, the German Foreign Ministry and the European Parliament. He hopes to use the Schwarzman Scholars program as an opportunity to build his leadership potential and prepare him for a career in public service. Lukas is 22 years old and from Germany.



MADELINE BAUER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA YALE UNIVERSITY

Maddie Bauer studied History and East Asian Studies at Yale University. Outside of the classroom, she served as Vice President of the Yale College Council, is a violinist in the Yale Symphony Orchestra, and is an editor of the student publication, *China Hands*. Maddie is 21 years old and from the United States.



MADELINE SEIBERT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Madeline Seibert is a December 2016 graduate of Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs. Madeline has led several community projects focused on engaging communities around pressing environmental issues. She has conducted research at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Beijing and at the United Nations on international energy policies, food supply systems, and the environmental impacts of global disarmament. As a Schwarzman Scholar, she is excited to continue her development as an interdisciplinary environmental leader addressing global resource challenges. Madeline is 22 years old and from the United States.





MARC CHEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Marc Chen graduated from Vanderbilt University, concentrating in economics and mathematics. He most recently completed his honors thesis in economics, comparing public transit accessibility and its effect on employment in mid-size United States cities. Marc is an active leader in the Vanderbilt Asian American Students Association, having organized large-scale cultural performances to promote inter-cultural understanding. He has interned with a national education non-profit and was a Mount Vernon Leadership Fellow. As a Schwarzman Scholar, he wants to gain insight into urban policy in China. Marc is 21 years old and from the United States.



MARK MCGINNIS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Mark McGinnis was a Management major with an Environmental Engineering track at the United States Military Academy. He is interested in global public health issues and ultimately hopes to become the United States Secretary of State, applying his new understanding of China, while shaping polices with many other nations in the Pacific. With experience working for the United States House of Representatives, United States Senate, and United States Supreme Court, he plans on reflecting on those experiences in order to make a difference in the executive branch. Mark is 22 years old and from the United States.



MATTHEW PRUSAK UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Matthew Prusak graduated summa cum laude from the University of Southern California in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. While at university, he served as editor-in-chief of both the *Southern California International Review* and the *Social Justice Review*. He most recently worked as a management consultant with Bain & Company's Southeast Asia office, where he focused on finance, technology, and social impact projects. Following the Schwarzman Scholarship, Matthew plans to complete an MBA at Stanford's Graduate School of Business before pursuing a career in international trade. Matthew is 23 years old and from the United States.



MATTHEW ROJAS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Matt Rojas graduated from the University of Delaware as a double major in Economics and Public Policy, with minors in Political Science and Religious Studies. At UD, Matt founded a nonprofit that helps people experiencing homelessness find jobs, which has now expanded to several universities across the United States. Matt also serves as Student Body President and once ran 2,000 miles across the United States to raise \$20,000 for veterans. He hopes to pursue a career as a United States Marine Corps officer and create strong United States-China military cooperation. Matt is 21 years old and from the United States.





MAX GOLDBERG UNITED STATES OF AMERICA YALE UNIVERSITY

Max Goldberg graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. At Yale, Max founded the Financial Literacy and Justice Task Force, a non-profit campus organization that teaches financial decision-making and raises awareness of predatory lending in New Haven public schools. As a Liman Fellow of Yale Law School, Max worked in San Francisco and Hong Kong to promote legal reform dialogue between the United States and China. As a Schwarzman Scholar, Max seeks to build relationships that will further his work to foster China-United States cooperation on matters of law. Max is 21 years old, grew up in San Francisco and is from the United States.



MELODY LIU

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Melody Liu studied mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her vision is to innovate in the space of manufacturing robotics within industry, working with international companies. Throughout her undergraduate career, Melody has done research in robotics, developing a gel robotic fingertip and building an instrumentation robot for people with prosthetics. She has been an active tinkerer, building her own electric scooter, and setting up a makerspace for her dormitory. For Melody, Schwarzman Scholars is an opportunity to build connections with Chinese businesses and to enhance her leadership and business skills, in order to lead a research division. Melody is 22 years old and from the United States.



MICAH PETERSEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Micah Petersen graduated in May 2017 from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Mandarin, and a Master's degree in Geography. He ranks in the top 10 percent of Army ROTC Cadets nationally and will commission as an Infantry Officer. Petersen is the founder of Reviresco, Inc., a non-profit which works to bridge the civilianmilitary divide. He is also the founder of an online bowtie company, has run across the United States three times, and is completing his Master's thesis on Sino-African race relations. Micah is 23 years old and from the United States.



MIRANDA GOTTLIEB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

Miranda Gottlieb graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in political science and Hispanic studies. President of Pi Sigma Alpha, she promoted civic education on campus. Her research in the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy focused on drug policy reform and led her to research opportunities in South America. Miranda has interned with the Drug Policy Alliance, both the United States Senate and House of Representatives to prevent drug overdose and racial disparities in the criminal justice system. She hopes to work for the United Nations on drug policy reform to promote health and human rights. Miranda is 22 years old and from the United States.





MOHAMMED OMAR SOUTH AFRICA NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Mohammed Omar graduated with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from New York University in 2015. He was also part of NYU Abu Dhabi's first cohort, double-majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics. Mohammed was elected student body president twice and was appointed co-president of NYUAD's Engineering Honors Society. He has published research and has been issued one patent by the USPTO with three more filed. Most recently, he spent two years at a high-growth company where he played a role in shaping their Middle Eastern operations. Mohammed is 24 years old and from South Africa.



MOLLIE SALTSKOG SWEDEN YALE-NUS COLLEGE

Mollie Saltskog graduated as part of the inaugural class of Yale-NUS College, majoring in Global Affairs. While at school, Mollie actively contributed to building a new learning community- she founded three student organizations and developed the freshmen counselor role. Mollie's specific interests in counterterrorism and geopolitics have led her to pursue a career in international security and she recently interned at The Soufan Group. As a Schwarzman Scholar, Mollie aims to develop the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to lead change in international counterterrorism efforts. Mollie is 23 years old and from Sweden.



MOLLY REINER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Molly Reiner studied international development and Chinese language at Princeton, and has been studying Mandarin for ten years. She is particularly interested in the intersection of diplomacy and business in China, a topic she explored as a reporter for the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei and as an intern at The Harbour Group, a PR firm that represents Chinese firms acquiring American companies. At Princeton, Molly was the editor-in-chief of *American Foreign Policy* magazine, Princeton's student-run foreign affairs publication. She hopes to use her Chinese language skills and international experience to work in the private and public sectors. Molly is 21 years old and from the United States.



NAINA QAYYUM PAKISTAN MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Naina Qayyum graduated in May 2015 from Middlebury College with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Global Health. She is also a United World College scholar. During her time at college, Naina was the co-president of the Muslim Student Association and organized a program on diversity in Muslim identity, for which she received an innovation award. After college, Naina returned to Pakistan to work in the development sector. She worked for a local NGO, a private local consulting firm, and most recently worked at an international consulting firm on a countrywide monitoring and evaluation project. Naina is interested in policy research and has already published both a paper with a professor and her senior thesis on polio eradication in Pakistan. She ran design thinking workshops for youth in Pakistan under her organization, Design Soch Pakistan. Naina is 23 years old and is from Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.





NAISHAD KAI-REN I SINGAPORE BROWN UNIVERSITY

I Naishad Kai-ren studied History and Middle East Studies. At Brown University, Naishad served as Student Director of the Writing Fellows program and President of the History Departmental Undergraduate Group. He has experience working in an internet start-up, Singapore's embassy in Jakarta and Microsoft. Through the Schwarzman Scholars program, Naishad hopes to cultivate a better understanding of China and foster lasting ties across countries and cultures. He will commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Singapore Armed Forces and is a President's Scholar. Naishad is 22 years old and from Singapore.



NIKHIL SIDDHARTH RAGHAVA INDIA INDIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Nikhil Siddharth graduated in June 2017 from India's highest ranked research institute, The Indian Institute of Science, with a Bachelor's degree in Materials Science. He is very passionate about the water scarcity and sustainability problem in developing countries, and has worked on multiple research projects in order to come up with new water purification technologies. Through the Schwarzman Scholars program, he hopes to gain deep insights about China that will help him realize his goal of solving the pressing challenges of the 21st Century. Nikhil Siddharth is 21 years old and from India.



OLADOTUN OPASINA NIGERIA JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dotun Opasina is a 2013 summa cum laude graduate from Morgan State University in Electrical Engineering and recently received a Master's degree in Engineering Management from Johns Hopkins University. At Hopkins, he served as the Co-Chair of the JHU Graduate Representative Organization. He is passionate about technology and the role it plays in everyday life. Most recently, he worked at Goldman Sachs as a Technology Analyst. As a Schwarzman Scholar, he aims to study the role that technology plays in China and find parallels that can be utilized in his home country. Dotun is 24 years old and from Nigeria.



OPHELIA CAI UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Ophelia Cai graduated from the University of Oxford with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management. Since graduation she has acquired professional experience in Finance, Financial Technology and Journalism, through her roles at Hentsū, BlackRock and Nouvelles d'Europe. She has also been engaged in the promotion of Japanese culture and sake, through organizing collaborations between Sake brewers and Western institutions including the Saatchi Gallery, London Design Festival and the Red Cross. She is passionate about the building of cross-cultural bridges, particularly through cultural and educational exchange. Ophelia is 23 years old and from the United Kingdom.





PAUL WASSERMAN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA YALE UNIVERSITY

Paul Wasserman graduated from Yale in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in History and a focus on Russian and East European studies. He was the Research Associate for Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Through his work, Paul has become interested in the shifting power dynamics between the United States, Russia, and China and its impact on the global order. Previously, he lived in Samara, Russia for one year as the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship. Paul is 24 years old and from the United States.



PAUL WEISSEND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Grey Weissend studied Finance at Virginia Tech, graduating as an Honors Global Scholar. He founded two successful businesses before college. In his undergraduate career, he was CIO for one of the nation's largest, student-run, investment funds and held influential roles in the Business Leadership Center and the Corps of Cadets, a senior military academy. He also traveled to Europe and Africa, conducting research and publishing an essay on entrepreneurship within refugee communities. He plans to utilize financial tech to empower developing classes in emerging markets. Grey is 21 years old and from the United States.



PAULA MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ MEXICO BROWN UNIVERSITY

Paula Martinez Gutierrez recently graduated from Brown University, majoring in International Relations and History. Paula has worked as a columnist for the *Brown Political Review*, worked as a research assistant for the Watson Institute, was a Latin American Undergraduate Fellow, and recently interned at the Washington Office on Latin America. Her primary interest is drug policy in China and Latin America. After earning her Master's degree in Public Policy, Paula hopes to enter the international public service and promote alternative drug policies at an international level. Paula is 22 years old, spent her last years of high school in Hong Kong, and is from Mexico.



PENG ZHOU CHINA PEKING UNIVERSITY

Peng ZHOU was ranked amongst the top in his class at Peking University School of Economics. He has focused on researching rural reform of China and has participated in over 5 field surveys in over 10 villages in 4 provinces, interviewing over 600 people. He was appointed Academic Organizer of the China Youth Economic Forum and also served as the President of the Student Union of the School of Economics and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Students' Congress. Peng is 22 years old and from China.





PRESTON LIM CANADA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Preston graduated in June 2017 from Princeton University with a major in Near Eastern Studies and a minor in History and the Practice of Diplomacy. He has a passion for languages and travel; he speaks Turkish, French, and Chinese and has studied and worked around the world, from Istanbul to Hong Kong. At Princeton, Preston served as President of the Princeton University Orchestra, as Editor-in-Chief of the Princeton *Historical Review*, and as Chargé D'Affaires of the Princeton Model United Nations Conference. He hopes to examine China's One Belt One Road Policy, focusing on Chinese investment in Central Asia. Preston is 21 years old and from Canada.



QUYNH-NHU LE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Quynh-Nhu Le graduated in 2017 from Harvard University, where she studied gender and development as a Social Studies concentrator. She was Director of a student-run afterschool program for immigrant children, Staff Writer on gender and sexuality for the *Harvard Crimson*, and President of the Harvard Vietnamese Association. She also interned at Fulbright Economic Teaching Program in Vietnam and in 2016, founded a nonprofit summer camp for Vietnamese youth. She intends to pursue a career in academia studying social change in the Asia-Pacific. Quynh-Nhu is 22 years old, was born in Vietnam and is from the United States.



RACHEL WALKER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Rachel C. Walker graduated in 2016 from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She is a composer and an arts administrator. As the Co-Founder of Cincinnati Soundbox, she advocated for contemporary composers from across the United States and engaged new audiences with classical music. She plans to use the Schwarzman Scholars program to better understand public policy in order to implement greater cultural dialogue between China and the United States. Rachel is 22 years old and from the United States.



RAN NIU CHINA FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Ran NIU graduated from Fordham University with a Master's degree in Global Finance. She was responsible for following a number of intergovernmental processes and deliberations at the United Nations Headquarters. Most recently, she completed her fifth year of serving Harvard College Association for United States-China Relation (HAUSCR); Ran has been leading the core content design of the flagship programs that promote transitional dialogue between young leaders of China and the United States. She also interned at the United Nations Regional Commissions New York Office (RCNYO), under the Economic and Social Council. As a Schwarzman Scholar, Ran hopes to build business incubators that enhance business and cultural exchanges between countries. Ran is 26 years old and from China.





RHEA MALIK UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Rhea Malik studied regenerative biology and education policy at Harvard College. She has established a system of virtual classrooms in rural India and directed Harvard College Alzheimer's Buddies, leading her to found a national non-profit for Alzheimer's care. Rhea served on the Executive Board of Harvard's Political Polling Project and has worked at the United States Department of Education. An aspiring physician-economist, she works at Harvard's Stem Cell Institute, developing analytical tools for Schizophrenia research. Rhea is 21 years old and from the United States.



RILEY SHEARER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Riley Shearer graduated from Montana State University in May 2017 with Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics, Chemical Engineering, and Biochemistry. He began college interested in biomedical engineering to improve health. After helping to develop a novel MRI contrast agent, he realized that through health economics research he could have a greater impact by addressing health inequalities around the world. As a Schwarzman Scholar, he is excited to engage with fellow students and communities in China. Eventually he would like to work in international health policy. Riley is 23 years old and from the United States.



ROBERT MCCOMB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Robert Alexander McComb graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. During his undergraduate studies, Robert held numerous leadership positions in student organizations and founded a local service and social organization. Additionally, he has interned with a NATO partner non-profit. Robert has cultivated a diverse interdisciplinary perspective and understands the importance of international partnerships. He would like to work to facilitate the exposure of United States students to world cultures in order to cultivate the human capital needed to forge new global partnerships for the future. Robert is 21 years old and from the United States.



ROSS GILCHRIEST UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Ross Weldon Gilchriest graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2017 with a degree in History. He was a four-year member of the varsity Sprint Football team, and also participates in the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, the Jewish Midshipman Club, and *The Profession--*a student-run publication. Upon graduation, he plans to commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, intent on serving as an Infantry Officer. Ross is 21 years old, proudly claims the small town of Silsbee, Texas as his home and is from the United States.





ROXANNE ROMAN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Roxanne Roman is a first generation Filipino-American from a military family. She recently earned her degree at New York University Shanghai as part of the university's inaugural class. She studied social science with a political science focus. Roxanne served as a founding member of student government as well as Student Body President. She also studied in Abu Dhabi and Washington D.C., where she interned at the White House. Roxanne is passionate about student leadership, empowering women, and the performing arts. Roxanne is 22 years old and from the United States.



RUBY HOLMES UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Ruby Holmes graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2016 with a double first class Bachelor's degree in Politics and International Studies. She is an internationally recognized debater and public speaking coach and organized a women's public speaking association while at Cambridge. In the future, she hopes to use these skills to pursue a career in foreign policy in government or at a think tank. Ruby is 21 years old and from the United Kingdom.



SAMUEL MARON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Sam Maron studied neuroscience at Princeton University and wrote his thesis on the business and regulatory environments for neurostimulation technology. His international education began with a year in the Middle East before beginning college. Accepted to attend medical school as a sophomore, he has spent time in healthcare and entrepreneurship on three continents. On campus, Sam co-founded a camp for children affected by cancer. Through Schwarzman Scholars, he looks forward to delving into the unique opportunities and challenges of Chinese healthcare and business. Sam is 22 years old and from the United States.



SIN-YUN LI TAIWAN, CHINA NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY

Sin-Yun LI received her Bachelor's degree in Economics and Master's degree in Technology Management from National Tsing Hua University and was awarded the 2014 Excellent Youth Award. With rich academic and internship experience in innovation and entrepreneurship, Sin-Yun aims to pursue a concentration in Economics and Business at Schwarzman College to help her become a top professional consultant. Sin-Yun is 23 years old and from Taiwan, China.





SOPHIA LUGO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Sophia Lugo graduated from Harvard University in May 2017 with a degree in History and Science, minoring in Global Health and Health Policy. Having served as the president of the world's largest Model OAS conference, former chief strategist for Harvard's largest student-run organization (International Relations Council), and co-founder of the Harvard College International Negotiation Project, Sophia has a passion for intercultural negotiation and policy. Interested in how nations use science to wield bio power under different political systems, Sophia is excited to explore how business and politics interact with the production of knowledge in China, a world power in scientific research funding. Sophia is 22 years old and from the United States and Mexico.



STACEY-ANN PEARSON JAMAICA LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Stacey-Ann Pearson graduated Sigma Xi from Lafayette College with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and an Economics minor. At Lafayette, she conducted research in renewable energy, co-founded an LGBT safe haven, won several social activism awards, and was a liaison to the Board of Trustees. A Richard B. Fisher Scholar and, most recently, a Risk Analyst at Morgan Stanley, she served as Board Director and Development Chair of a youth development non-profit, Life Coach at Ali Forney Homeless Center, and Mentor at Big Brother Big Sister. As a Schwarzman Scholar, she will develop an understanding of Chinese business and national culture, to become a leader in China-Jamaica investment relations. Stacey-Ann is 25 years old and from Jamaica.



STEPHANIE JACKSON UNITED KINGDOM UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Stephanie Jackson graduated from the University of Oxford with a Bachelor's degree in Experimental Psychology, specializing in cognitive neurobiology. She was most recently the Education Communications Manager for the British Council in Beijing. Stephanie founded the Generation UK: China Network, which aims to connect 20,000 British nationals with experience in China by 2020 and aims to support student skills development and employability. During the Schwarzman Scholarship, Stephanie plans to focus on international education policy and implementation, building on her experience in China, Nicaragua and Myanmar in this field. Stephanie is 24 years old, speaks five languages, and is from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.



SUSAN WEBSTER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Susan Webster graduated from the University of Florida with a Master in Science and Business Management and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a focus on Chinese language and literature. As student body President, Susan represented 52,000 students, managed a \$21 million dollar budget and served as a voting member of the highest governing body of the University of Florida, the UF Board of Trustees. Susan is 22 years old and from the United States.





TENG WANG CHINA PEKING UNIVERSITY

Teng WANG received his Bachelor's degree in English Literature from Xiamen University in 2011. He spent his senior year studying political science at American University in Washington D.C. as an exchange student, and received his J.D. and Juris Master from Peking University School of Transnational Law in 2017. He served as editor-in-chief of the *Peking University Transnational Law Review*, received the National Scholarship for graduate students, and interned at King & Wood Mallesons Beijing office. He is interested in reforming the judicial system and improving social justice in China. Teng is 28 years old and from China.



TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Timothy McLaughlin is a recent graduate of the United States Military Academy, with a major in American Politics and a minor in Grand Strategy. He was the Cadet-in-Charge of the Academy's Sandhurst Military Competition, which brings together approximately fifty Academy and International teams to test physical fitness and military skills. Tim served as a fellow at the Center for Study of Presidency and Congress, was a student leader at the Student Conference for United States Affairs, and served as an intern at the White House National Security Council. Tim is 22 years old and from the United States of America.



TONATIUH LIEVANO BELTRAN MEXICO HARVARD UNIVERSITY, YALE UNIVERSITY

Tonatiuh Lievano Beltran studied Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Economics at Harvard College, where he developed medical devices, was a student government representative, and worked on water sanitation and antipoverty policy. Following graduation, Tonatiuh spent a year as a Michael C. Rockefeller fellow in Brazil and Mozambique, delving into public health, education, and advocacy. He speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French and hopes to study Chinese cities and the ways in which the public and private sectors are working to address their policy and livability challenges. Tonatiuh is 25 years old and from Mexico and the United States.



WILFRIED BUIRON FRANCE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Wilfried Buiron graduated from the University of Warwick in June 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in International Management. Passionate about entrepreneurship, he has experience working in startups from Paris to Beijing and speaks fluent French, English and Mandarin. Part of Freshminds recruitment company's UK top 100 graduates, Wilfried has the ambition to become a future global role model in entrepreneurship. As a Schwarzman Scholar, Wilfried plans to further his knowledge of China with a view to connecting China to the rest of the world through business. Wilfried is 21 years old and from France.





XING MA CHINA RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

Xing MA is a recent graduate from the School of Journalism and Communication at Renmin University of China. He most recently worked at The Emirates Literature Foundation in Dubai. While at university, he supervised volunteers for the Youth Ambassador Program for Minorities, organized more than ten cultural preservation camps in Western China, and co-founded a social enterprise startup aiming to preserve the heritage and traditions of Chinese minority groups. Xing has been recognized as a United States-China Dialogue Young Scholar of Asia Society, and a Young Change Maker by the British Council. Xing is 23 years old and from China.



XINGHAN WANG CHINA TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Xinghan WANG received his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering at Tsinghua University in 2016, where he ranked amongst the top in his class. His area of focus has been the sustainable development of China's industry, and he wants to promote more reform and cooperation in the future. He has also been a member of Tsinghua's Red Cross Society. Xinghan is 23 years old and from China.



XINRONG LU CHINA CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Xinrong LU received her Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in May 2016, majoring in Industrial and Labor Relations and minoring in Business and East Asian Studies. Xinrong is passionate about education equality and has spent her time at Cornell exploring means of elevating low-income workers' working and living conditions. She has previously interned at the International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and most recently worked at a global investment bank in Hong Kong. Through the Schwarzman Scholars program, Xinrong hopes to combine her experiences in business and international development to work as a social entrepreneur and further explore ways of engaging the private sector in education and vocational training. Xinrong is 24 years old and from China.



XIZI JIA CHINA FUDAN UNIVERSITY

Xizi JIA recently received her Ph.D. at Fudan University, majoring in organization behavior. She developed her passion for youth development through her various international activities. Standing out of over 3,000 contestants, she was selected as the youth delegate representing China in the 2015 Philippines APEC meeting. In 2014, she was awarded the Most Valuable Participant in China-United States Youth Leadership Symposium, the highest honor during the event. During her studies at Fudan, she served as the Student Union President in the Management School as well as the Postgraduate Students Association. Xizi is 27 years old and from Beijing, China.





YAMINI BHANDARI UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Yamini Bhandari received her undergraduate degree at Cornell University, majoring in Industrial & Labor Relations and minoring in Business, Law & Society and Inequality Studies. As the undergraduate student-elected trustee on Cornell's Board of Trustees, Yamini has spearheaded a campaign to establish an academic diversity requirement. She also worked at J.P. Morgan as an Energy Investment Banking Summer Analyst. Yamini is passionate about international labor relations and hopes the Schwarzman Scholars program can serve as a platform to launch a career at the World Bank. Yamini is 21 years old and from the United States of America.



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Yaoqing NI holds a Master's degree in Communication and Information Engineering from Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT). He received the National Scholarship and published several patents and international research papers. He and his partners designed the smart wheelchair system which can be controlled by brainwaves, winning the champion of National Youth Science Innovation Contest, an event that was covered by China's Central Television and China Youth News. He also served as the Vice President of Student Union at HIT and President of Student Union of Electronics and Information Engineering School at HIT. In the past years, he traveled to several rural areas of China for volunteer teaching activities, and won the second prize of the National Social Practice twice for his excellent work. Yaoqing is 23 years old and from China.



YE YUAN CHINA NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Richard Ye YUAN graduated in 2011 from Northwestern University with a double major in Economics and Mathematics. At Northwestern, Richard also received the Kellogg Certificate for Undergraduate Students. Richard most recently worked at BlackRock as a portfolio manager in fixed income where he focused on credit and Macro investing. Upon completion of Schwarzman Scholars, Richard hopes to pursue a career in the pension industry in China and improve the pension landscape amid the challenge of an aging population in the country. Richard is 28 years old and from China.



YIWEI XU CHINA UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA CHAMPAIGN

Yiwei XU graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering and Construction Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in December 2016. After witnessing severe environmental issues in China, he found himself dedicated to the renewable energy sector, aiming to improve energy efficiency and to build a quality living environment for China. He is excited to enhance his social and leadership skills as a Schwarzman Scholar. Upon graduation, he hopes to pursue a career in the sustainability field. Yiwei is 24 years old and from China.





YUE WU CHINA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Yue WU holds an honors degree in Real Estate from the National University of Singapore. While at NUS, she served as a student ambassador, led the peer advisory committee of the International Relations Office, received the Dean's Honor List award and participated in an exchange scholarship. Through Schwarzman Scholars, Yue hopes to cultivate her leadership potential and build lasting partnerships. Yue is 26 years old and from China.



ZAHRA BAITIE GHANA YALE UNIVERSITY

Zahra Baitie was born in the United Kingdom, brought up in Ghana, rooted in her Arab Heritage, and educated in South Africa, the United States and China. She considers herself a globally minded citizen with a pan-African spirit. She studied Global Affairs at Yale University with a focus on East Asia and African Studies and is passionate about the development of emerging countries. Determined to catalyze transformative growth on the African continent and fluent in Mandarin, she hopes to positively shape Sino-Africa affairs. She most recently was an Associate Consultant at Dalberg Global Development Advisors and hopes the Schwarzman Scholars program can help her further realize her career aspirations. Zahra is 23 years old and from Ghana.



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Zheng GUO is a Ph.D. candidate in Power Engineering at Tsinghua University. He received his Master's degree in Nuclear Energy from the University of Cambridge and Bachelor's degree in Energy and Power Systems from Tsinghua University. His research focuses on energy systems modelling, and the development of sustainable and clean energy. Zheng has published several original research papers in international journals and is a student counselor at Tsinghua University. He interned with local government in a state-level poverty-stricken county in China and volunteered in Kenya as a teacher. Zheng is 27 years old and from China.



ZIHAO ZHANG CHINA EMORY UNIVERSITY

Zihao ZHANG graduated with the highest honor from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University. He double majored in Finance and Mathematics & Economics. He is a recipient of the Atlanta Society of Financial Analysts' Award and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Omicron Delta Epsilon. Zihao founded the first bilingual student newspaper in Atlanta and served as the president of the Emory Media Council, a university-wide governing body of 15 media organizations. Zihao most recently worked as a consulting analyst in human capital and benefits at Willis Towers Watson in Atlanta. He aspires to contribute to the strategic growth of small business in China. Zihao is 22 years old and from China.





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