

Dear CAS Students, Alumni, and Families,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to all of you. My name is Genesis Bellot (CAS '18) and I am excited to serve as the CAS Student Council President for the 2017-2018 academic year. While it is bittersweet to see some of our Student Council members move on as they graduate and take on new adventures, we are also excited to work with a new team and plan events for the CAS community.

CAS Student Council has been working hard all summer long to kick off the Fall 2017 semester. We have been focusing on a welcoming event for the CAS Class of 2021 and all incoming transfer students. We hope to host a game night that will allow students to get to know each other, while enjoying their favorite childhood games and learning more about how to get involved in student government.

Class Presidents, Sana Husain (CAS '18), Nicole Sunderlin (CAS '19), Emma Patton (CAS '20), and their respective class boards have also been planning their own kickoff events to welcome back students. These events include a trip down memory lane for the Class of 2018, a relaxing movie night for the Class of 2019, and a Culture Carnival that aims to celebrate the diverse identity of the Class of 2020.

Vice President, Lauren Nazarieh (CAS '18) is working on an election timeline for the Fall semester to fill our vacant seats, which include Alternate Senator and First-Year Class President. She will continue to work closely with the Class Presidents and Class Boards to ensure a successful partnership between Student Council and the College Cohort Program.

Senator, Max Pau (CAS '19) will serve as the official voice for CAS within the University Senate and will continue to update us on relevant matters happening across the University. Advocacy Chair, Allie Monck (CAS '20) is planning a Meet and Greet that will give students the opportunity to meet the new CAS Dean, Gene Andrew Jarrett, and the new Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Lisa M. Coleman. This event comes at a crucial time for the future of CAS concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Club Council Chair, Jahnavi Singh (CAS '20) and Treasurer, Esme Brooker (CAS '19) will be working closely to allocate the CAS club budgets and student council committee budgets as the new academic year approaches.

Our Secretary, Jay Gupta (CAS '18), is planning to revive the Student Council tradition of Bagel Fest. This is a time where students can grab a bagel, some coffee or tea, and learn more about our upcoming events and initiatives.

Our Public Relations Chair, Lizzie Voigt (CAS '20) is hoping to revamp our social media presence through platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter. She also plans to further establish the CAS Student Council brand through the launch of our new website in the beginning of the fall semester.

Our Curriculum Chair, Jay Ganesh (CAS '19) is planning the annual Student-Faculty Banquet that will be held in November, while Alumni Relations Chair, Mihir Punji (CAS '19) is beginning to plan the annual Student-Alumni Banquet that will be held in February 2018. These events aim to create a welcoming space for students to interact with faculty and alumni.

Our Transfer Student Representative, Marina Xu (CAS '18), is developing a mentorship program that will facilitate the transition process for CAS transfer students. Community Service Chair, Kosar Kosar (CAS '20) will plan service events that aim to engage CAS students to give back to the community.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming year and hope to uphold all Student Council traditions while at the same time create new ones. Our goal as a Council is to find unity within the diversity of the College. We hope you will join us in all our efforts, whether it be through joining us at our weekly General Assembly meetings, our kickoffs and other events, or supporting us through the alumni network. Follow us on Facebook at NYU CAS Student Council, for more information on our upcoming events and initiatives.

Best Regards,
Genesis Bellot