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## **YALE DAY OF SERVICE AT SARASOTA COUNTY'S "STAND DOWN"**

Participating in the 2015 Yale Day of Service will be at least thirty-four members of the Yale Club of the Suncoast, their spouses, family members, and friends who have volunteered to serve at the annual Stand Down on Saturday morning of April 25. Organized and directed by the Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc., this annual event, which takes place in the building of the Sarasota County Department of Health and in the auditorium in nearby Payne Park, will provide an anticipated 200 homeless veterans in Sarasota County with equipment, supplies, clothing, and services.

The items that Yale Club volunteers will be distributing are to be trucked to Sarasota by the U.S. Department of Defense. These supplies include boots, tarps, hats, first-aid kits, and clothing. In addition, through Yale Club members' generous contributions to a boot fund, volunteers at the "Stand Down" will distribute additional boots to veterans to supplement the government's shipment. The presence of representatives from a variety of local organizations will acquaint veterans attending the "Stand Down" with numerous social services available to them in Sarasota County.

Those who have registered by March 10th to serve at the "Stand Down" are Bruce and Eleanor Ballard, Nick Baskey, Hana Boed, Dan and Joan Conway, L. Domonkos, Pablo Estevan, Peter French, Phil and Sue Gaynes, Elaine Gustafson, Mark Magenheim and Adriana Herrera, Oliver Janney, Clarence Jones, Catalina Kaiyoorawongs, Brian and Susan Kelly, Rick Lannamann, Ron

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As part of our Yale Club's efforts on behalf of local veterans, we have undertaken to raise funds to purchase footwear for homeless and otherwise challenged veterans in this area. A portion of our goal has been achieved through the sale of arts and crafts created and graciously donated to the cause by Yale Club members and friends over the past several months. For those who have not yet participated, we are seeking a \$25 donation per member payable by check to the Yale Club of the Suncoast, P.O. Box 753, Sarasota, FL 34230, Attn: Dan Conway. With these funds, we hope to be able to acquire at a discount a considerable war chest of footwear and vouchers to distribute at the annual Veterans' "Stand Down", to be held Saturday morning, April 25. We are also looking for more members and friends to assist, as last year, with the operation of the "Stand Down" itself (more information to follow). Thanks for your help with this worthy endeavor.

### **Tribute to Veterans - May 29**

One of our Yale Day-of-Service partners is the Jewish Family and Children's Services agency of Sarasota-Manatee Counties. In conjunction with the ongoing Operation Military Assistance Program of the JFCS, your Yale Club of the Suncoast is volunteering with others at the Veteran's Stand-Down on April 25, 2015, (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).

As a separate Tribute to Veterans, the JFCS is honoring four special veterans at a luncheon to be held Friday, May 29, 2015 at Michael's on East in Sarasota.

You may recall that one of our own (Captain Stephen Wilberding, Yale '63) was one of four honorees at the inaugural luncheon in 2013. If you wish to attend this year's event, please contact Ms. Monica Caldwell at the JFCS, Tel. 366-2224, ext. 142 or via her e-mail at [mcaldwell@JFCS-Cares.org](mailto:mcaldwell@JFCS-Cares.org).

## **Yale Club of the Suncoast Special Event Announcement**

### **Sunset Cruise – Sarasota Bay**

**When: Sunday, April 26**

**Where: LeBarge at Marina Jack Plaza**

**Time: 6:15pm Arrival; 6:30pm Boarding; 7pm Departure**

**Return: @9pm**

**Event Coordinator: Capn' Brian Kelly**

Let's enjoy a "rediscovery" of our beloved Sarasota Bay with a sunset cruise aboard the "floating tropical island" the daughty HMS **LeBarge**.

Entertainment features Jimmy Buffett-style musicians as well as cruise-ending renditions of *The Whiffenpoofs Song*, etc. by the YCS Glee Club (that means you!). You may order from a well stocked cash bar as well as a light fare menu.

Camaraderie with fellow Yalies combined with good cheer and a superb sunset will add to our vast Yale Club of the Suncoast memory bank. Mates, make your reservation today!

Please send your reservation today with a **check for \$23 per person** – payable to the **Yale Club of the Suncoast** to:

Brian T. Kelly

1624 Caribbean Drive

Sarasota, FL 34231

For further help contact Capn' Brian at: [btk1000@aol.com](mailto:btk1000@aol.com)

## UNDERSTANDING THE UKRAINE, THE CRIMEA AND PUTIN'S DILEMMA

The speaker for the November meeting was Dr. Robert Barylski, retired professor of political science from the University of South Florida. A widely acknowledged expert on Russia, Eastern Europe and southwest Asia, Dr. Barylski has appeared on NPR and participated in a number of seminars at Southern Command in Tampa as well as having a reputation for outstanding teaching at USF. He has personal awareness of the Ukraine and the Crimea from family ties to the region.

Dr. Barylski began his talk by linking American naval patriot John Paul Jones to the Crimea. Jones served as an admiral in the navy of Catherine the Great and was responsible for the victories that drove the Turks and the Ottoman Empire out of Crimea in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Subsequently, the Ukraine and Crimea were considered a part of Russia although Russians thought of it as "little Russia." Needless to say it has always been important to Russia and has now become the focus of modern Russian foreign policy.

Russia today is less and less a democracy as the Putin regime has taken on the trappings of the age of the Czars in practice and pageantry. Increasingly, authoritarian rule has replaced early hopes for a true democratic nation as Putin advances his theory that nations need strong authoritarian leadership. This approach has been applied in Russia and helps define the approach to seizing the Crimea in the summer of 2014 and the subsequent support for separatists in eastern Ukraine seeking to align more closely with Russia and break the link to the Ukraine government. The Russian support of the

separatists has fueled dissent from the Ukrainian army and tightened Russian influence in eastern Ukraine.

But all of this has left Putin with problems. “Russifying” the Crimea is a legal nightmare for the Putin government. There is no land access directly to the Crimea from Russia and the surge of Russian influence into eastern Ukraine stopped short of creating a land route south through Donetsk to Crimea. The reason for Putin agreeing to a cease-fire and halting operations for making a route to Crimea is one of the great current mysteries, possibly something that will be solved in the spring of 2015 with a renewed military effort more forcefully supported by Russia.

The current stage of events in Ukraine help illustrate the problems when an oligarch like Putin or a Hitler takes actions totally dependent on personal power and without considering the consequences of countervailing power that can be exerted by other nations. The sanctions that have been imposed on Russia because of its adventurism in Ukraine are having an increasing impact on its main source of revenue from oil and gas and capacity to have access to western bank capital for economic growth.

Dr. Barylski concluded his presentation by noting the need for more pressure to be brought by European allies and indicating that the US approach has had an impact on Russian adventurism.

Submitted by Peter French

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT TOUR AT THE RINGLING MUSEUM: DECEMBER 15, 2014



Beth Mattison Yale '14 – Ringling Intern

Over the past ten years the Yale Club of the Suncoast has regularly sponsored a private tour of a special exhibit at the John and Mabel Ringling Museum. The most recent tour took place on the morning of December 15, 2014, when 53 members and their guests arrived to view the exhibit entitled “Beyond Closed Doors: Art in the Spanish American Home, 1492-1898.” We were greeted in the visitors’ center by Beth Mattison, a fellow Yalie. Beth graduated from Yale College in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a major in the history of art. She is currently spending a year as an intern at the Ringling Museum before beginning graduate study in the history of art. Beth provided us with a knowledgeable and lively introduction to the exhibit and then accompanied us into the exhibition galleries. There, she discussed in fascinating detail some of the major pieces of the exhibit, which consisted of paintings, sculptures, prints, textiles, and decorative art objects. The exhibition, which was made up



primarily of works from the Brooklyn Museum, was an extremely interesting one and Beth Mattison's comments greatly enhanced our appreciation and enjoyment of it.

After leaving the exhibition galleries, we went the Ringling's Treviso restaurant, where the day's events concluded with a leisurely lunch and much good conversation.

Frank N. Samponaro'62

["Much Ado About ....Theatre"](#)



The January 2015 YCS luncheon hosted Yale Professor Murray Biggs in a full-house gathering. His informative and entertaining presentation included a preamble, video clips, and discussion of various film treatments over the years of "Taming of the Shrew," from Douglas Fairbanks to Richard Burton and their respective Kates. Professor Biggs's keen insights and thorough knowledge of his subject illustrated the irony of how variations of a timeless text are always reflections of the mores and values of the specific times in which they are produced. Awareness of this reality renders our experience of different

productions of the classics all the more interesting, in that presentations and interpretations of the unchanging text are constantly changing with the times in which they are produced. Following a lively discussion, many members felt motivated to revisit both of the classic texts and their video treatments over the years. On a related note, there is also interest for YCS to host a Yale theatre program in 2016.

Following on the structure of the Yale Theatre program now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year in venues such as the Shakespeare and the Shaw Festivals in Ontario, as well as the Yale London, NYC, and San Diego Theatre Week-ends, a new Yale program will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Shakespeare Festival May 8-10, 2015 in Montgomery. Based on this model, there is potential to inaugurate a “Yale Theatre in Sarasota” with local theatre groups tentatively in early 2016 with Professor Biggs and area colleagues. See the “Hold the Dates” notice elsewhere in this edition of [BlueLines](#) for further details.

### **Hold the Date!!!**

For all of you YCS theatre buffs, hear ye, hear ye: We are in the preliminary stages of planning the inaugural "Yale Theatre in Sarasota" for 2016.

Following on Professor Murray Biggs's excellent and entertaining presentation to the YCS in January 2015 comparing film versions of "Taming of the Shrew", there is interest in a potential Yale in Sarasota week-end of local theatre with Yale lectures, panels, food, and wine events, patterned on similar Yale offerings in NYC, London, San Diego, and Alabama. While organization of this new venture is just getting started, we invite you at this time to hold the dates of January 28-31st, 2016. Details to follow....

## And Now for a Word about ...Capitalism



The joint Yale-Harvard-Princeton Luncheon was held Friday February 13, 2015 at Michael's-on-East, hosted this year by the local Harvard University Alumni Club, Mary Lou Winnick, President. Over sixty Yale alums and friends joined over 150 colleagues from Harvard and Princeton to share fellowship and to hear Professor of Economics Dr. Philip Kotler of Northwestern University. He cleverly identified it as one of the Midwest's "Ivy League" schools along with the University of Chicago, Washington University in St. Louis and a number of other excellent liberal arts colleges. In addition to his academic career, Professor Kotler and his wife are part-time Sarasota residents who have recently donated their substantial glass art collection to the Ringling Museum, to be housed in a new wing to be constructed.

Dr. Kotler's Y-H-P lecture was entitled "Capitalism: Its Strengths, Shortcomings, and Solutions". His remarks were based on his forthcoming book called *Confronting Capitalism: Real Solutions for a Troubled Economic System*, to be published in April 2015 and available by pre-order through Amazon. In his presentation, he listed a "Letterman's Top Ten" of the current features of the global economic system and implications of the growing disparities between the "1%-ers" and the rest of the world's population. His presentation included an overview of the amassing of wealth by fewer and

fewer proportionately, and the quickening rate of accumulation and concentration of resources among a powerful oligarchic elite across international borders. The consequences of the majority of the world's growing population to become increasingly unable to afford basic goods and services were identified, as well as the effects of pollution and unsustainable wage inequities on personal and economic health.

In a lively discussion afterwards, a number of the audience challenged the speaker's favorable position on the impact of the union movement on liberty and prosperity, and he was further questioned on some of his proposed solutions to current and expected global economic issues. All-in-all, those in attendance were treated to a fascinating, troubling, and provocative presentation by a well-prepared, credible, and knowledgeable speaker. We look forward to Princeton's hosting the annual Y-H-P luncheon in 2016.

Submitted by Mark Magenheim



On Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Maestra Anu Tali, the new Music Director of the Sarasota Orchestra, made her first presentation to a private audience outside of the symphony when she spoke to the Yale Club of the Suncoast at our regular March meeting at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Ms. Tali is an exceptional young woman who has already demonstrated remarkable creative and artistic abilities in her beckoning and exploding career. Born in Estonia, Anu Tali began her music career as a pianist, graduating at the Tallinn Conservatory in 1991. She then trained as a conductor at the Estonian Academy of Music with various conductors, including Roman Matsow. Described by the [Herald Tribune](#) as "charismatic, brilliant and energetic", Ms. Tali is just wrapping up her first year as the conductor for the Sarasota Orchestra while accompanied by enormous praise for her performances and also for her

unique talent in persuading world- renowned musical artists and guest conductors to visit her and share the Sarasota stage this season. One of her outstanding personal efforts resulted in the appearance of harp soloist, Xavier de Maistre, performing in early March with the Sarasota Orchestra. She continues in the “off season” as Chief Conductor of the Nordic Symphony Orchestra, which she founded in 1997 together with her twin sister, Kadri Tali, in order to develop more cultural contacts between Estonia and Finland and to help unite musicians around the world. In addition to her ongoing duties in Sarasota, Anu Tali made her debut this season with the Finnish National Opera and with the Manhattan School of Music Orchestra, as well as conducting engagements with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the Bochumer and Duisburger Symphonikem.

Her remarks to the Yale Club were filled with tales of fine music and interspaced with some political concerns about how music might play a larger role in keeping people connected despite disturbing events such as those in the Ukraine. She obviously feels strongly about the necessity to maintain independence from Russia for her native country as well as for the other countries subject to Russia’s sphere of influence. She came across as very intelligent and strong- willed, as well as creative and very well educated. Hopefully, her appearance at the Yale Club will excite a new or renewed interest in the orchestra by our members, for as the Herald Tribune has so aptly put it, lately “Anu Tali and the Sarasota orchestra have been putting this self-respecting music critic in a bit of a pickle. With performances consistently at such high levels, what is there to write but endless words of praise.” Submitted by Nick Gladding

## Yale School of Nursing and Yale College in Nicaragua



During Spring Break I had the privilege of working with students from Yale School of Nursing and the St. Thomas More Catholic Center at Yale on a service trip to Trohilo, Nicaragua. Among the students was one of our own, Juan Pablo Gonzalez of Sarasota, a graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School and a sophomore at Morse College.

The students participated in various health and educational activities during the week culminating in a fiesta on the final day. Over three hundred children participated in the activities and many adults also took part in the educational offerings. In addition the students learned about the history and culture of Nicaragua.

This was my seventh trip to Nicaragua but my first with Yale undergraduates. They were a great asset to the program, full of

energy, creativity and enthusiasm. Many hope to return again to support this very impoverished community.



Juan Pablo Gonzalez '17

### **Updated Membership Report, March 20, 2015**

The Yale Club of the Suncoast published its updated membership directory in December 2014. At that time, the Yale Club had 141 members. Since then four new members have joined the Club. They are: William Keane '68 MD, Richard Lannaman '69, Edward Nalebuff ('53-'54 medical internship), and William Shatz, '89 MPH, bringing the Club's total membership count to 145. We extend a very warm welcome to these new members.

Beverley Wadsworth, Membership Chair



## AYA ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Suzanne and I spent a fascinating four days in New Haven for the Association of Yale Alumni annual Assembly in mid-November.

On Wednesday we participated in a Yale GALE (Global Alumni Leadership Exchange) conference with alumni leaders from universities in 11 countries to discuss best practices in alumni relations. At the end of the day, President Salovey addressed the group on the importance of alumni for making an institution a university of consequence. He stressed the importance of alumni administrators' being involved in alumni affairs, of nurturing students with an eye to their eventual status as alumni and creating traditions that bind students and alumni together in a life-long community. He explained that, by creating traditions, the university shows students how to relate to community, and by making them good alumni, the university makes them better citizens of the United States and better global citizens. In response to a request for his advice to universities seeking to expand their alumni relations, he urged universities to provide the capacity for life-long education. He stated that the purpose of teaching is to create passions, to light fires rather than to fill buckets.

That evening we dined in the Presidents' Room at Mory's with four of the seven students from our area: Andrew Grass, Kate Flanders, Juan Pablo Gonzalez and Aiste Zalepuga. Kate is on Yale's crew team, and all four were enthusiastic about their Yale experiences. All of the many pictures on the walls were of Yale alumni who founded or

were the first leaders of other colleges and universities. We encountered Aiste again and again over the next few days, as she was the delegate for the Class of 2016 to the Assembly, which was a great honor. She said it allowed her to envision her life beyond graduation as an alumna.

Thursday's program was devoted to presentations on entrepreneurship at Yale. 30 percent of this year's entering freshman class expressed an interest in becoming entrepreneurs. During the past ten years, Yale has spun off 150 new businesses, which have raised over \$5 billion. In the opening address to the Assembly, Vice President Linda Lorimer reminded alumni that President Salovey in his inaugural address had urged that all department of the university foster entrepreneurship. This includes commercialization of faculty members' research and assisting faculty and students to get inventions to the marketplace, in order to improve the lives of mankind. With half of the ventures spun off by Yale operating in the New Haven area, one effect has been to expand New Haven's economic base. Examples of new products invented at Yale include a drug for myeloma, which has resulted in Yale's receiving royalties from drug companies and thousands of people getting help in treatment for cancer. In China a system developed at Yale is beginning to remove pollutants from coal-fired plants. Lorimer described entrepreneurship as a tradition for Yale for most of its history, including Daniel Webster's development of the common textbook and Eli Whitney's development of the production line. Yale's firsts include the following:

- Awarding the first PhD in the U.S.
- The first university art museum in the U.S.
- The first nursing graduate program in the U.S.
- The first scholarships for graduate school
- The first Chinese student in a Western university.

She posited that other entrepreneurial universities, such as Stanford and M.I.T., don't have Yale's rich tradition in the arts. Then various Yale entrepreneurs described the support that Yale had given them to get their businesses off the ground. The Yale Entrepreneurship Institute (YEI) provides formal training to undergraduates and graduate students in

entrepreneurship. Its programs include intensive summer fellowships in which seasoned entrepreneurs work with the ten best student teams over a 10-week period to incubate new businesses.

Friday's session focused on celebrating achievements of alumni. Mark Dolhopf, Executive Director of the AYA, asserted that the purpose of alumni associations is to change lives through helping people continue to learn and pursuing personal relationships to create community. He asserted that the happiest people are those who give of their talent, time and treasure. He then projected pictures of Yale's firsts over its history and described how they translate into activities that alumni are currently pursuing. He began with Yale's charter, which was the first of an Ivy League institution to include the concept of service. This concept is reflected today in to the Yale Day of Service, in 2014 chaired by George W. Bush and Hillary and Bill Clinton, and in 2015 by Sonia Sotomayor, as well as the Yale Club of St. Louis' close involvement with several Yale professors in this year's celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Louis. Other pairing of first include the following, among many others:

- Yale was the first institution to promote class identity. The Rev. Cotton Mather put together biographies of his classmates in 1792. This year 54% of the class of 2009 attended their fifth reunion.
- Eli Whitney, a member of the class of 1792 invented the cotton gin and interchangeable parts. His first factory in Connecticut still stands. This year Yale Tech, a shared interest group (SIG), held a conference in San Francisco that drew two hundred persons from around the world.
- In 1900 Yale was the first university to offer a forestry program. Today the Yale Forestry and Environmental Studies scholarship program addresses the needs of all of Yale's schools in a program limited to 200 students. The program includes planning for the career stage of life in mentoring and networking.
- In 1850 the first student came from China to study at Yale. Yale welcomed over 15,000 visitors from China last year.

- In 1865 Wolsey Hall was constructed as the first memorial to the dead on both sides of the Civil War. This year the Yale Club of Washington, D.C. organized presentations and battlefield tours of the Gettysburg battlefield site.
- In 1866 Dwight Hall was founded as the first Yale organization devoted to community service. Last spring the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance held a successful conference in New York City.
- In 1909 the *a capella* group known as the Whiffenpoofs was founded. A Yale alumnus has this year set up a choir in Jerusalem comprising 50% Jews and 50% Palestinians with considerable fanfare on television.
- 1933 marked the beginning of the construction of Yale's residential colleges. This year marked the first residential college reunion in Jonathan Edwards.
- In 1961 Yale alumnus Sargent Shriver founded the Peace Corps. This was the inspiration for the founding of the Yale Alumni Service Corps in 2008, which operated as a "mini Peace Corps" in the Dominican Republic. Other areas of the world in which the YASC has offered opportunities for service include Ghana and, this past summer, India. The service trips have been popular with alumni of all ages, and many alumni have brought their children for this special experience.

Later that morning, Jeremiah Quinlan, the Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, and Bowen Posner, the Director of the Alumni Schools Committee program, discussed admissions trends. Quinlan remarked that the same number of students are being admitted as in the past, but that applications have increased from 19,613 in 2011 to nearly 31,000 for 2014. Yale's peers have experienced a similar increase. He acknowledged that this situation creates strain on the alumni interviewing system. To decrease that strain, the model for the ASC is changing from the gatekeeper to the ambassador model. The goals are to simultaneously widen and deepen the ASC. This fall the Admissions Office has dramatically changed the ASC. In recruiting alumni who graduated during the past decade, they have doubled the volunteer base who graduated in the 2000s and have tripled it for those who graduated in the 2010s. The result is a cadre of 7,000 volunteers. With the advent of the "virtual interview," using Skype and other similar technology, available volunteers have expanded from local alumni to

alumni with other ties to the community, for example, an alumnus who graduated from a high school in Sarasota but lives in New York or Atlanta could interview students in Sarasota. 1,259 of the volunteers, or 15% of the ASC group, have joined the virtual recruitment effort. Another type of support offered by the new ASC Portal is an online toolkit of resources for orientation for new and seasoned interviewers. Quinlan then explained that reports of interviews are an increasingly important part of the admissions process. He noted that the interview reports are on the top of the documents most frequently reviewed by the admissions team, partly because student essays recently so often seem to have been manufactured by parents and consultants. The interview, on the other hand, is unfiltered.

At lunch on Friday, President Salovey announced that the two new residential colleges should open in 2017. He extolled entrepreneurship at Yale. He noted that the university's charter and even diplomas address responsibilities to society and that speakers at the Yale Tech conference last spring had declared that Yale alumni are the best synthesizers and team builders of any selective university. He asserted that every day there is something at Yale supporting entrepreneurship, with the bottom line being social improvement.

That afternoon, Nori Babbitt, the AYA's Senior Director for Club and Association Relations, held a working session on Yale Clubs. Among the information that she and her team imparted are that lots of clubs no longer have dues. Some have dues, but they are not mandatory. Some request contributions for particular events or activities. The recommendation was not to require dues as a condition of participation but for what they will make possible, such as book awards, subsidizing Yale students at club events or covering administrative costs for the website. Mixing up the time and location of events can provide more flexibility for members. Sending the newsletter to the entire local Yale community rather than just dues-paying members can go far to creating bonds among the entire group.

The Assembly concluded on Saturday afternoon with the splendid football victory over Princeton.

Submitted by Oliver Janney '67

## Winafred Nims Schoeffler

YCS member Winafred Nims Schoeffler passed away suddenly during a bridge game on September 30<sup>th</sup>. A 1951 graduate of Radcliffe, Winafred was the daughter of Professor Leslie F. Nims, Professor of Physiology at Yale, who studied the role of electricity in the bodies of humans and other mammals and participated in the Brookhaven National Laboratory project to find peaceful uses for atomic energy after World War II. An avid bridge player, Winafred played in several ACBA Master Point Tournaments around the country. She taught a number of bridge courses in local clubs and community centers. She was also an inveterate traveler and voracious reader. When she attended Yale Club events she was known as a probing conversationalist.

## Regular Decision Release

The Admissions Office is excited to announce the release of admissions decisions for the Regular Decision round. We are pleased to welcome an incredible group of students to the Yale Class of 2019.

The entire Admissions Office staff is deeply grateful to you, our ASC volunteers, for your tremendous work over the past few months. With over 30,000 applications and so few admissions offers to make, the difficult decisions reached by the admissions committee would have been far more challenging without the meaningful insights gleaned from your ASC reports. Your efforts are a true testament to the strength of the Yale community, a vital facet of the Yale experience often cited by our applicants.

ASC members can view the admissions decisions for their assigned interviewees via the [ASC Portal](#). After logging in, you will notice that a new column has been added to your list of assignments that reads “Decision.” There, you will find decisions for the students whom you interviewed.

### Alumni Schools Committee Program

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 Round Preference: EA/RD  
 Virtual Interviews: Yes  
 Estimated Interviews: 4  
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**Welcome, Eli Yale**  
 Thank you for serving as the Director of ASC #0100, CT Greater New Haven.  
 Admissions decisions will be released shortly. You will be notified by email when they become available.

**My Interview Assignments**

| Name ▼          | Location      | School               | Round | Status    | Decision |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Applicant, Test | New Haven, CT | The New Haven School | RD    | Submitted | Admit    |

*The table of interview assignments now features a “Decision” column*

In light of how competitive our admissions process has grown, the Admissions Committee understands why it may be disappointing to learn that an applicant with a strong interview was not granted admission to Yale. We are lucky to receive more compelling applications (many of which also included very strong interview reports) than we have space on campus. We sincerely thank you for all your efforts in making the Yale ASC interview experience a positive and informative one for both our applicants and the Admissions Office.

## Interviewing Statistics

We hope you find these statistics on the 2014-2015 application and interview cycle interesting and useful.

**30,237**

total applications for the Class of 2019

**1,962**

students admitted

**1,529**

virtual ASC interviews conducted

**1,214** submitted

new ASC members

**3,097**

interview reports

**89.4%**

of assigned interviews completed

**6,857**

ASC members in total conducted interviews

**Total Interview Reach**

| Class Year    | # of Applicants Interviewed |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Class of 2016 | 17703                       |
| Class of 2017 | 17889                       |
| Class of 2018 | 18788                       |
| Class of 2019 | 19020                       |

*note: the figure for total interview reach describes the # of applicants who had an ASC and/or an in-office interview*

**Top Interviewers & Report Numbers**

|                    |              |    |
|--------------------|--------------|----|
| Chad Tillman '91   | Piedmont, NC | 94 |
| Natalie Holter '97 | Orlando, FL  | 49 |
| Nancy Keteku '08   | Ghana        | 46 |

## Bulldog Days and Yield Events

Now that we have admitted the Yale Class of 2019, it's time to yield these talented students! This year's Bulldog Days event will take place on **April 20-22, 2015**. Planning is nearly complete for what should be an exciting few days. Attendees and their families will enjoy a packed schedule featuring performances from student extracurricular groups, master classes taught by some of Yale's most cherished professors, a wide variety of panels regarding undergraduate life, and many, many more activities. Some admitted students who qualify for need-based travel assistance will be contacted by our office directly. If any of your interviewees reach out to you regarding this communication, please feel free to put them in touch [with our Fly-In team via email](#). In addition, we encourage you to attend local admitted student receptions in order to meet your fellow Yalies and of course, the recently admitted students! It comes as no surprise that Yale's alumni are often its best representatives, and who better than our ASC volunteers to convey the unique positivity and excitement of the Yale spirit? Many thanks in advance for your support, and here's to the Class of 2019!



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