

# HOMEWOOD STUDENT AFFAIRS

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at Homewood and beyond

  
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BEFORE ADDRESSING THE FINANCE CAREER ACADEMY, ALUMNUS, FORMER TRUSTEE, AND FORMER IBM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SAM PALMISANO SPEAKS WITH SIWEI BIAN, ENGR '18.

## Connections for early-career success

Networking with former CEOs of IBM and Pizza Hut. Behind-the-scenes looks at daily life in New York financial firms. Coaching from alumni working in corporate finance. Siwei Bian, Engr '18, knows that each experience, made possible through the Career Center's Finance Academy, helped prepare her for an internship with a major investment bank — an essential step toward an entry-level position. But she credits fellow students for her success, too. “The juniors and seniors went through the recruitment process step-by-step, from the informational and phone interviews to the offer,” Bian said of a peer networking event organized by the Finance Academy. “I was able to apply what they suggested directly to my recruitment process the following fall.”

## ACHIEVING A CRUCIAL BALANCE

Hopkins undergraduates are renowned for their academic rigor and love of research. Today, through the work of Homewood Student Affairs, they also enjoy an enriched student experience that provides a crucial balance to the classroom, library, and lab — an experience that not only strengthens their personal and professional development, but also helps rank Hopkins as a top destination for the great students of tomorrow.

You can help. Student Affairs programs are supported through the Krieger School

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of Arts and Sciences and Whiting School of Engineering, and through the Hopkins Fund, Parents Fund, Alumni Association, and Blue Jays Unlimited. Whichever path you choose, your gift will help us do even more to make the Hopkins undergraduate experience second to none.

## FACILITATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND CAREER READINESS

Hopkins students needing additional help to meet their academic goals have access to several collaborative learning, tutoring, and study consulting programs. HopReach and First-Year Experience help students transition to university life by educating them about resources and providing a community of support.

Even in the first year, students must begin preparing for professional life. The Career Center offers six industry-focused “career academies” of students, faculty, alumni, and family members that cover fields such as finance, health sciences, and arts, media, and marketing. These communities connect students

with each other and align academic experiences with professional pursuits. Incoming students join a cohort that grows and develops together, benefits from industry-specific resources, and connects with employers. Help us enhance these programs and enable our students to thrive at Homewood and well beyond.

## EMBRACING DIVERSE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES

To succeed in a world more interconnected than ever before, today's college students must learn to work with peers who possess different views and life experiences. At Hopkins, all first-year students participate in a Cultural Competency training that blends discussion and action, prompting students to consider their personal identities and the stereotypes they face, then explore how those dimensions affect the way they interact with others. Your gift will help us expand our suite of programming, training, and skills-building opportunities.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY, ACROSS HOMEWOOD AND BALTIMORE

Our students excel in a strong university community where they come together and learn from one another. Your gifts enable us to produce engagement programs such as the Lighting of the Quad, the Second-Year Garden Party, and Hop Art, as well as student-led lecture series that provide venues for the free exchange of incisive and challenging ideas, such as the Foreign Affairs Symposium and the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium.

Philanthropic support enables Hopkins students to participate in the larger community, too. The Center for Social Concern's Tutorial Project and Community Impact Internships Program allow Hopkins students to make a difference in Baltimore while exploring the complex challenges facing American cities. With your gift, we can foster increasingly meaningful relationships among our students and our neighbors throughout Baltimore.



## Celebrating the holidays as one community

Each December, students join the entire Hopkins community to usher in the holiday season with the Lighting of the Quad. Philanthropic support helps provide the hot chocolate, cookies, a cappella serenades, and glittering displays that delight thousands, giving students a moment to relax and recharge before tackling their final exams.

KRIEGER SCHOOL AND WHITING SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATES PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT TO NEARLY 100 BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOLCHILDREN EACH SEMESTER THROUGH THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERN'S TUTORIAL PROJECT, HOUSED ON THE HOMEWOOD CAMPUS.

## Managing stress through movement and mindfulness

Undergraduates gather weekly in the Mattin Center for Mindful Yoga for Students, a new program supported by Homewood Student Affairs. Based on a similar class that helps Blue Jay student athletes navigate the stressors of school and sport, Mindful Yoga gives students a brief vacation from the bustle of campus life. After 45 minutes of physical practice, instructor Nila Mechali leads the students in a discussion of yoga principles that can help them lead more balanced lives. “It’s unique for Hopkins because it’s completely removed from the academic environment; you can go in and forget about your test, forget about your homework,” said Mariano Pennini, Engr ’18 (pictured, left front). “You focus on your breathing, your body, and your peers in a different way. It’s been a benefit for me.”



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### One, two, three ... we want more!

When our athletic teams compete, Blue Jays fans come out in full force. Your gifts toward athletics — scholarships, coaching resources, and facilities — help continue our winning tradition and build pride among students and alumni. Your support also provides all students great programs and facilities to stay healthy and find release from their studies.

### TEACHING SELF-CARE SKILLS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

Hopkins students routinely request programs that focus on life skills, such as reducing stress, building resilience, and healthy living. The Counseling Center, the Center for Health Education and Wellness, and the Ralph O’Connor Recreation Center are answering that call with programs that teach techniques and strategies students can use throughout their lifetime. In addition to free weekly yoga sessions for students (see above), proposed future programs include offering mindfulness sessions in convenient locations across campus to give students easy ways to take short, rejuvenating breaks between classes or during long study sessions.

### HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

All gifts matter to the success of our students. You can give directly to the Krieger School or Whiting School, applying your funds to their specific programs. If you like to give annually, consider the Hopkins Fund. If you are a Hopkins parent, consider the Parents Fund. Sports fans can give through Blue Jays Unlimited.

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We look forward to hearing from you.