

Candidacy Statements for ASCIT Positions President (3)

ANDRE COMELLA
President Candidate

Let's talk about ASCIT.

In my too-long time here, ASCIT has largely been composed of people who failed to represent the will of the people they were supposed to serve. I've seen ASCIT Presidents ignore the plights of entire Houses and sell out to Admin for good will and a pat on the head. I've seen a Treasurer neglect to refund clubs for months, if ever. I've seen ASCIT Formal subsidized to insane amounts while money promised to Houses for their own events got cut. Student government is largely divided into the IHC and ASCIT, but only the former group gets (or earns) respect. And I think it's time for a change.

ASCIT was created to organize and protect students, but has fallen out of that role, and that's terrifying. Many people of great power at this Institute aren't familiar with undergraduate culture or government. You cannot overestimate how much titles mean to people like this. A title tells people that its wielder has power, popularity, and the support and consent of the governed. There could not be a more dangerous misconception. The ASCIT President has serious codified power as well, being one of the few students who has the right to

speak and be heard at faculty board meetings. The President is a point of contact with administration, along with the IHC chair, one of the first opinions they ask for, and a frequent member of ad hoc meetings and committees.

The election for ASCIT President, as well as for most ASCIT offices, is little more than a popularity contest. A good deal of ASCIT officers have been friendly faces who said nice things at House dinners in the week leading up to the election. But how many times had you seen them before? How many times since? Officers have often failed to stay connected to the people they claimed to represent. Regardless of what you think of their Houses, we can all agree that there is something inherently wrong with holding an office tasked with representing the campus while only interacting with one's own House. As the construction of Bechtel continues, this year's President will have a large role in discussions on the most fundamental aspects of student life, so make sure they understand your life.

Let me be clear, I don't want to be ASCIT President. I won't even be here beyond fall term. This is about making a statement, and hopefully, a difference. If you do, for some reason, decide to elect me, I'll do what I've always done:



work hard for the student body to make this place better in whatever ways I can. Those of you have known me, who have seen me work for this campus, have seen me fight for the students here, will know that that's a genuine promise. One that I'll keep not because it got me elected, but because that kind of service is as core and vital to me as the beat of my heart or the breath of my lungs. I'm not asking you to vote for me (honestly, mostly the opposite), just to only vote for people that can guarantee you the same commitment I would. If that's no one, then remember that No is on every ballot, and is a drastically underutilized option. Leadership is more about serving than leading, and we all need to remember that. Let's make a commitment, all of us, to elect people who will genuinely serve us and to hold the elected accountable to their duties and their promises.

ROBIN BROWN
President Candidate

We, as undergraduates, owe it to ourselves to protect our own interests in light of the changes being brought to Caltech. We can do so by electing student government officials who will listen to us, and make our voices heard to administration. This is exactly what I would do as ASCIT President. I plan on regularly publishing updates on issues concerning undergraduates, and hosting office hours, during which students are encouraged to bring up issues they would like addressed, and voice their concerns.

Many of us, myself included, chose Caltech for the unique undergraduate experience. As ASCIT President, it would be my primary goal to preserve this experience for future Techers. With decisions about Bechtel looming in the future, it is important for us to engage in thoughtful discussions with administrations about what makes Caltech so special to us. It is also necessary for us to listen to the concerns of administration so we can respectfully address and dispel them as necessary. To achieve this, first, I will create more forums for productive conversation; for example, small group lunches with administrators in Student Affairs (in addition to the current town halls). Secondly, I would create a committee to work with the Caltech Alumni Association to gain a better understanding of the Caltech undergraduate experience, and how it has evolved in time. Most importantly, I will bring complete transparency to this process by publicizing the timeline for these decisions, who is making the decisions, and what conversations are being had about Bechtel.

The recent reforms to the UCC (soon to be Peer Advocate) program is the result of a several yearlong effort to strengthen the mental health network. The program will standardize the role and selection of students functioning as supportive resources and provide access to a more in-depth training; this is meant to address an apparent lack of confidence in the UCC program. However, this program fails to take into consideration the very



different, and important roles UCCs currently play in the Houses. As ASCIT President, I would work with the IHC, Head UCCs, RAs, RLCs, and the Counseling Center, to determine the unique needs that UCCs meet in each house, and further refine the Peer Advocate program to meet these needs without sacrificing the improvements to the program.

Finally, I would like to address concerns about career support for undergraduates in all fields. During the most recent Student Faculty Conference, the Industry Opportunities Committee recommended creating formal student committees to liaise with the Caltech Career Development Center and Caltech Alumni Association, and the formalization of mentorship programs within the Caltech community. As President, I would work closely with the Academic Review Committee to see these projects through to completion.

I have had the privilege of serving the student body since I first became involved with ASCIT my frosh year. In that time, I have developed the strong, longstanding relationships with members of administration necessary to being an effective President. But most importantly, I hope I have demonstrated my commitment to improving student life. If elected, I would continue to devote my time and energy to serving the undergraduate community.

Feel free to reach out to me at rabrown@caltech.edu with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your time.

SAKTHI VETRIVEL
President Candidate

Hello everyone! My name is Sakhthi Vetrivel, and I'm running to be your ASCIT President. *waves aggressively*

this past year, I served as the ASCIT Director of Operations, managing clubs, publications, and ASCIT equipment. As a member of the ASCIT Board of Directors, I've had the privilege of contributing to discussions surrounding student life with the deans, Vice President of Student Affairs, and the rest of our student leadership. Through these conversations, I've not only gained the trust of our administration, but also context surrounding decisions such as Bechtel and the Hameetman Center. Given the opportunity to continue on the Board of Directors, I'm excited to continue these conversations to fight for big changes, like maintaining control over our UCC systems, and for the little details, like keeping a deep fryer in Chouse when it moves to Hameetman.

If elected as ASCIT president, I'd like to host drop-in hours every week for every student to voice their concerns. I'd also like to set up opportunities for more of the student body to interact with members of administration, such as lunches hosted by the Deans for a rotating assortment of students, since they currently only regularly interact with a few select student groups.

I will also open up channels of communication between students and our Security team to make sure we're on the same page to work towards a memorable college experience. Part of that plan is to work to reduce the severity of alcohol policy by offering to implement more alcohol education programs from students. I believe that will help us rebuild the trust with admin that we need for campus to flourish. I'd also like to advocate for more streetlights on campus, so students are safer walking back to their houses after a late night. I would also like to work with our environmental team to refill Millikan Pond and run our fountains as the drought lessens.

I was lucky enough this year to join the Prefrosh Yield Committee to work with all of the houses to coordinate Prefrosh Weekend. Meeting the newest members of our community has reminded why I fell in love with this campus. And as terrible as it is sometimes, I'm glad I'm here. I've worked to cultivate a welcoming and compassionate community as a member of groups such as the Title IX Advisory Board. And through coordinating Techstock and various other social events, I've worked to make Caltech (at least marginally) more fun. And I'd like to continue that by bringing back Big I next year, which I believe to be an important, long-standing tradition.

I believe in protecting students. And I believe that we as students have the power to change Caltech for the better. If you have any questions or any changes you'd like to see implemented, I encourage you to email me at svetrive@caltech.edu. I'd love to hear from you!



Let's take charge of our campus.

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Upcoming Events

Poster Making for March for Science

Thursday | April 20th | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Avery House Courtyard/ Dining Hall

Join teachers preparing signs for the LA and Pasadena science marches while enjoying the talents of Magic Castle magician Rmax! Rmax will do strolling magic during the sign-making and will have a stage performance to round out the night! Refreshments and Sign-Making Materials Provided.

Caltech Y Spring Friends Dinner with Dr. Charles Elachi

"The Golden Age of Exploration"

Thursday | April 20th | 6:00 PM | The Athenaeum | \$85 pp

Please join us for our upcoming Friends Dinner with our guest speaker Dr. Charles Elachi who will be speaking on the topic:

"The Golden Age of Exploration"

JPL missions have visited every planet in our Solar System. Over the last fifteen years, three rovers have explored Mars in coordination with a number of orbiters. Samples have been brought back from a comet tail and the solar wind. Saturn and its satellites have been studied extensively with Cassini. Planets around neighboring stars were discovered. Many new insights in our planet's environment have been acquired.

Dr. Elachi will describe, from first-hand experience, the excitement and impact of these discoveries and the challenges and risks for the next 15 years.

Limited spots available, please call the Caltech Y office on 626 395 6163 to secure your seat!

March for Science

Saturday | April 22nd | Pasadena and LA

Join Caltech students in demonstrating support for science and science funding in the US. Groups of students will be attending both the Pasadena March for Science and the LA March for Science. Also look out for March for Science t-shirts and a banner that you can sign outside of Chandler during lunch.

The Pasadena March will start at Beckman Lawn at 8:00 am and walk to Memorial Park. Visit www.facebook.com/MarchForSciencePasadena for more details.

Students wanting to attend the LA March can meet on campus at the parking lot north of the Beckman Auditorium and receive a free shuttle to the Gold Line, more details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/366097583784693/>. For general information on the LA March see <http://marchforsciencela.com/>.

Your world awaits... will you act?

The Caltech Y Advocating Change Together (ACT) Award

Applications are due by Friday, April 21st no later than noon

Visit www.caltechY.org/programs_services/commservice/ACT/index.php for applications and more information

Optional Info Dinner – Tues. April 11th - 6 pm - Hosted By Tom Mannion.

RSVPs by April 7th to <http://tinyurl.com/Y-Awards>

Got an issue or cause that warrants attention? Explore the issue - by attending a conference, training, or workshop, or choosing to immerse yourself with a mentor or organization that is addressing your issue – then plan some programs to raise awareness on campus. Awardees can receive up to \$4500 to cover expenses for their educational experience, including registration and program fees, travel, lodging, food, and incidentals.

Local, national, or global travel - as well as one day, multi-day, and even multi-week experiences - are all eligible. The Caltech Y ACT Award, made possible with generous support of the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, offers students an opportunity to pursue an issues through service or advocacy.

Stop by the Caltech Y or contact us to learn more about this exciting opportunity! Contact Greg Fletcher gregf@caltech.edu or Liz Jackman ljackman@caltech.edu for more information.

The Studenski Memorial Award

Proposals are due Friday, April 21st no later than noon

Visit www.caltechY.org/programs_services/areas/Studenski/index.php for proposal guidelines

Optional Info Dinner – Tues. April 11th - 6 pm - Hosted By Tom Mannion. RSVPs by April 7th to <http://tinyurl.com/Y-Awards>

Are you wondering about the next step in your life? Have you reached a crossroad where you would benefit from an opportunity to explore? Would a trip, an opportunity to volunteer with an organization, or a chance to try a new skill or interest this summer help you gain clarity? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Studenski Award might be for you.

The Studenski Memorial Award is a grant of up to \$6000 established in the memory of Paul Studenski, a Caltech student who was killed in an automobile accident while traveling across the United States in 1974. It is awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who, having reached a crossroads in life, would benefit from a period away from the academic community to obtain a better understanding of self and to explore possible directions for the future.

Studenski proposals (1 to 2 pages maximum) are due Friday, April 21st no later than 12:00 noon to caltechY@caltech.edu (in word format). Contact Athena Castro athena@caltech.edu or Greg Fletcher gregf@caltech.edu if you have questions.

Caltech Y Photo Contest

Deadline May 10th

The Caltech Y Photo Contest is on again! If you have participated in a Caltech Y program and are a current student, submit your photos for a chance to win. We're giving a \$100 prize to the winner of each of the five photo contest categories. The 5 categories come from the Caltech Y pillars of:

- Perspective
- Adventure
- Service
- Civic Engagement
- Leadership

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LECTURE SERIES

HOW CLEAN IS THE CLOUD?



Computing "in the cloud" may seem like something ephemeral, but the cloud actually has a physical presence. Wierman will describe Caltech research that seeks to build a sustainable computing infrastructure.

ADAM WIERMAN

*Professor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences;
Director, Information Science and Technology
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Photos should demonstrate the pillar in action. Photos of people are preferred, but exceptional scenic pictures will also be accepted. After the deadline, we select the finalists, upload them to our Facebook page, and our fans vote for their favorites to determine the winners. Winners will be announced on June 1st.

Deadline to Submit Photos: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Hathaway Sycamores

Every Wednesday | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Highland Park

Volunteer at Hathaway Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. There are a variety of ages and subjects being tutored. The service trip includes about an hour of travel time and 1.5 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included.

For more info and to RSVP email Sherwood Richers at srichers@tapir.caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Pasadena LEARNS

Every Friday | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Pasadena

Come volunteer at Madison and Jackson Elementary School! We are partnered with the Pasadena LEARNS program and work with their Science Olympiad team or do regular tutoring along with occasional hands-on science experiments. Transportation is provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact azhai@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Mentoring For Life

Every Monday | 3:30pm | Wilson Middle School Pasadena

Stressed out by college life? Step outside the Caltech bubble and mentor tweens who've never even thought about college. Things you could do: Build a baking soda and vinegar volcano, read a book aloud, play sports or board games, teach the alphabet of another language, do a craft. Having a mentor makes an at-risk student 55% more likely to attend college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, and 130% more likely to hold a leadership position. Interested? If you have 180 seconds, you can watch this video and be inspired. If you have an hour a week, you can mentor someone and be their inspiration. If you feel unqualified, don't worry. Ultimately, mentoring is about being a consistent, dependable friend—not a surrogate parent or psychiatrist. To get started, contact noelle@caltech.edu.

Beyond the Y

Caltech Earth Week 2017 Events

April 15-22, various locations

Join the Caltech community for a week of events April 15-22 to celebrate Earth Day! There will be theater performances, opportunities to engage with local environmental organizations, and lunchtime speaker seminars on a variety of topics ranging from environmental justice to urban forestry. Visit www.earthday.caltech.edu for the full schedule of events!

ARC Chair: Role and Responsibilities

Timothy Liu
ARC Chair

With ASCIT elections coming up soon, I figured I'd write a short piece about what the ARC chair does and what (in my mind) are good traits for the position. As ARC chair, I've been pulled into a lot of miscellaneous tasks that I wasn't expecting (like moving pies and carting a thousand cardboard boxes). Nonetheless, the job of ARC chair can mostly be reduced into two areas: running the ARC and communicating with faculty.

Managing the ARC boils down to making sure the ARC runs the programs that it is responsible for and distributing the work among members. The ARC is in charge of a menagerie of programs including course concerns, software seminars, student faculty lunches, ASCIT teaching awards, and the option fair. The ARC chair is responsible for getting members to run these programs, but also for finding tasks that will interest the people on the ARC. Delegating tasks while ensuring that everything gets done is one of the key challenges of the job. Paying attention to details without micromanaging is another tricky balancing act.

The ARC chair is simultaneously the ASCIT Vice President of Academic Affairs, and is the primary student representative to faculty on academic issues. The ARC chair sits on the Council on Undergraduate Education, regularly meets with the deans, and often serves on academic faculty board committees. While ARC chair, I've also been included in discussions about academic issues such as the TQFR deadline when these topics sprung up.

Since the ARC chair regularly interfaces with faculty members, communication is an essential skill. I've realized as ARC chair that there's a large gulf of information between students and faculty. There are faculty concerns that students are oblivious about, and vice versa. An effective ARC chair needs to be able to learn and understand the position of faculty members, while clearly articulating student views and concerns. Students and faculty both want students to succeed academically, and this common goal can help smooth potential disagreements.

The ARC chair has the power to guide the direction of the ARC and shape campus wide discussions. My biggest goal for the ARC has been better

communication between students and faculty, in both directions. In the student to faculty direction, I've emphasized using survey data as a starting point for discussions and producing written reports that can be easily distributed. In the opposite direction, the ARC runs a mailing list that students can sign up for news about meetings with administrators and potential academic changes. After the election, I'll be stepping aside as ARC Chair and retiring to my log cabin in the sub-basement of Moore. The ARC Chair that follows will have the chance to create their own agenda and develop their own vision for the ARC.

Candidacy Statements for ASCIT Positions Social Director (3)

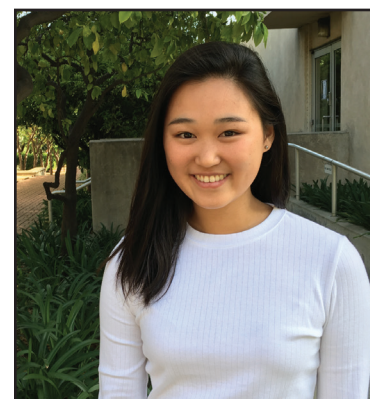
ALICE ZHAI
Social Director Candidate

Hey everyone! I'm Alice, a sophomore in Fleming and the current ASCIT Secretary. In the past year, I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in student government and representing students' opinions on campus policies. As Social Director, I would continue the tradition of planning fun activities like movie nights and parties as well as consider students' feedback while making decisions for social events.

Being ASCIT secretary has taught me how to be well organized, successfully balance my responsibilities with my workload, and communicate well with administration and my fellow officers. I am reliable, approachable, and extremely dedicated. As secretary, I responded to people quickly, updated the Olive Walk display case and Donut with information about ASCIT and campus positions, and always delivered meeting minutes on time. Now that I had a year of being in student government, I am well prepared to play an active role on the Board of Directors.

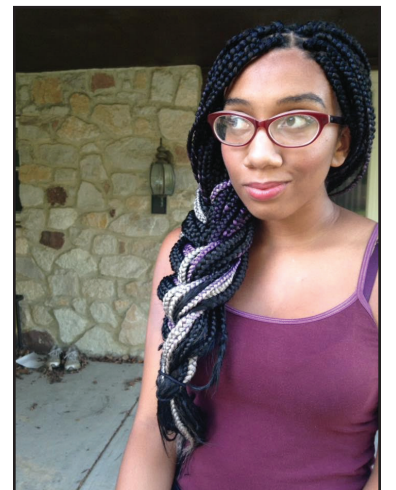
Planning large-scale social events is a time consuming and challenging task, but it is a commitment that I am very excited to take on. I have many ideas for future social events, such as a campus wise Halloween party, Rath nights, and subsidized trips to local museums or theme parks. I am treasurer of the Caltech Racing club and was fundraising officer in high school, so I will be fiscally responsible with event expenses. I truly value input from students, so I'd love to hear what other suggestions you all have! I plan on surveying the student body on what events interest them the most and what they are looking for in ASCIT formal or Big I. This way, I can tailor campus events to what students want and maximize campus participation.

Caltech can be a stressful environment, so I would love to make student life more fun and bring people together through social activities. If you have any questions for me, please let me know!



ALYSSA POLETTI
Social Director Candidate

For those who don't know me, I'm a sophomore in Ricketts who's about to convince you to vote for me for ASCIT Social Director. For nearly the past year, I've worked as the undergraduate events coordinator for the feminist club. Previously inactive, I've played a significant part in reviving the club, planning weekly meetings, movie nights, and speakers. Organizing these events took significant time and logistics on my part, including club artwork, club fair tables, and International Women's Day events. I've also helped set up a Ricketts house event where we fed and educated thirty students about healthy relationships and mental health. Considering my involvement with the Title IX Undergraduate Advisory Board, the Feminist Club, the Admissions Office, the Hixon Writing Center, Challenges and Choices, and Ricketts House social team, I have the skills and commitment to be the ASCIT Social Director. My experience sets me apart from other candidates, but so does how much I've enjoyed planning each one of those events. Now, I want to bring that dedication to ASCIT.



CARLOS SOSA
Social Director Candidate

No statement or photo submitted.



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Section 1: Friday, April 28th, 12:00 - 1:00

Section 2: Wednesday, May 17th, 4:00 - 5:00

Location: 229 Sherman Fairchild Library

More information: counseling.caltech.edu

Candidacy Statements for ASCIT Positions

ARC Chair (2)

KAVYA SREEDHAR
ARC Chair Candidate

Greetings Caltech,

**What rhymes with leader?
tldr; the last sentence has
the answer. Also, you can just
skim the bold parts for the
highlights :)**

I'm Kavya Sreedhar, a sophomore in Avery, and I'm running for ARC Chair. I've been on the ARC since October of my frosh year, serving as a **Frosh Rep** ('15 - '16), an **At-Large Rep** ('16 - '17), and a **Co-Interim Secretary** (Fall '16).

One of my initial goals as part of the ARC was to introduce programs that taught computing skills like Mathematica and Matlab. Thus, as a Frosh Rep, I started the software seminar series with the **Mathematica Workshops**. There will also be a data analysis workshop coming up this term, so keep an eye out for that!

I also wanted to ensure that there were updated resources for frosh before the ARC's Option Fair winter term. For that reason, I played an active part in updating the **ARC's Frosh Guide to Academics** with advice on option-specific classes to take and more details about frosh seminars. I also spoke during the **How to Succeed Panel** for frosh at the beginning of the year.

Lastly, as a frosh rep, I headed the **Course Capture Project** where previously recorded class lectures were posted online for students to view. The Course Capture website will roll out this month with new lecture uploads and updates on old lectures, since it's sometimes nice to go back again and hear what your professors said (especially for all those morning classes we sleep through :P). Through this project, I have **worked regularly**

AKSHAY SRIVASTAVA
ARC Chair Candidate

Hi everyone, my name is Akshay and I'm currently a sophomore in Ruddock. I've been a member of the ARC for over a year now during which time I've done a lot of different things. I've organized some of the more personal events that the ARC puts on like the Option Fair, argued for undergrads on topics like freshman pass/fail policies in front of faculty committees, and even helped run the ARC as an interim secretary. What really matters, though, is that I have good ideas that I know can improve life for undergrads, along with the experience and persistence to get them done. Here are just a couple of the things that I'd do as the next ARC chair:

-Fix Registration: In my opinion, our current registration system is not only inconvenient but fundamentally flawed. In the last few weeks, I've already initiated an effort that combines both students and faculty/administration to help revamp the entire registration

with the Vice Provost, Cindy Weinstein, as well as the **Center for Teaching, Learning and Outreach (CTLO)**. With the CTLO, I have also helped resolve issues such as a lack of office hours and vague collaboration policies through the ARC's **Course Concerns Subcommittee**.

As an At-Large Rep this year, I continue to work on these projects and also serve on the **Curriculum Committee (CC)**. Through the CC, I have been **involved in discussions regarding the pros and cons of removing select classes off pass/fail for the frosh**. I also helped organize the **Student-Faculty Conference (SFC)** last term.

Through my roles on the ARC, BoC, and Caltech Y, I have **worked with the deans, the CTLO, and faculty members** and am currently on the **Deans Advisory Committee**, a group of undergraduate students who regularly meet with the deans to discuss important campus topics.

As ARC Chair, a few of my goals include:

-Working with the new registrar to ensure more (hopefully all) of our midterm grades are up by Drop Day.

-Revamping the current TQFRs to be shorter with more precise questions (a bonus would be renaming TQFRs to PIE, Post Instructional Evaluation :D [name credits Tom Gallup]).

-Ensuring your opinions on staggered registration are heard as the process to improve registration moves forward.

-Realizing goals from the Student-Faculty Conference such as adding CS1 to core and revising Ma3.

-Implementing a mechanism aside from Donut to continually

process. It's a big change, but as chair I'd make sure that it's addressed.

-Increase Access to Faculty: Even with our small community, sometimes it's hard to get to interact personally with profs. I'd make sure to improve and extend our existing programs that encourage this interaction, and possibly introduce new ones that give students new ways to meet and talk to faculty.

-Introduce Programs to Help Find Research: The "R" in ARC literally stands for research, but the number of programs that we devote to helping students find research that interests them is close to none. As chair, I'd develop new events that encourage people to explore different research opportunities.

These are just some of the plans that I have for my term as ARC chair. If you elect me, I will work constantly to improve the quality of your academic life. Plus, I promise I won't send too many surveys.



get undergraduate feedback on ARC programs you have found useful to see what we should have more often and what we might take out.

-Creating an ARC's Guide on Contacting Profs through Donut and the ARC's website so that you have the resources to **work through course concerns** with the ARC's help.

Above all, I care a lot about the ARC. This committee was one of the first organizations I joined at Caltech and I really love working with the people on it. We have fun while getting work done and we genuinely enjoy each other's company; that alone, I believe, is what gives the ARC the ability to be one of the most effective and influential committees on campus, and I hope you will give me the opportunity to lead this amazing group of people.

I'm happy to chat more about the ARC and will be coming around to all the house dinners! If you don't catch me then, feel free to just Facebook message or email me at ksreedha@caltech.edu :)

Answer: Sreedhar rhymes with leader! (My last name is pronounced "Sree-dher.")

So, vote Sreedhar as ARC's leader!

Cheers,
Kavya Sreedhar



Treasurer (1)

SARAH CRUCILLA
Treasurer Candidate

The job of ASCIT treasurer is not only to budget, but also to be a liaison between students and administrators. I am confident I can excel at both.

In Blacker, I have had experience balancing our interhouse budget this year as well as working with others to determine the funds for some of our pranks, both of which taught me skills in monetary allocation. I am very proficient in Excel and plan to use this knowledge to reorganize the ASCIT spreadsheet and create more comprehensive templates for future years. I am organized and will clearly document each transaction I make as well as work to ensure everything is completed in a timely manner; I want filing requests to be a simple and stress-free process.

I'm interested in more than just the organization, though. As a member of Blacker Socteam, I know how much work goes in to making events happen. A clear channel of communication between administration and event hosts streamlines the process to success. As the connection between these two pipelines, I

want to make it as easy as possible for people to contact me, which will start by working to make sure that any mail sent to the ASCIT treasurer email actually makes it to the treasurer. I will also work with admin in order to find ways to make the reimbursement process quicker, which will hopefully make students' lives easier.

As a Caltech community, we have the opportunity to run so many fun clubs and events, from Interhouse parties to clubs that compete in national competitions to midnight doughnuts. As treasurer, I would do my best to make sure we have the funds organized to make each activity a worthwhile experience. Feel free to reach out to me at scrucill@caltech.edu if you have any questions.



Director of Operations (1)

SARAH ADAMS
Director of Operations Candidate

Hi everyone,

I'm Sara Adams, and I'm running for the position of ASCIT Director of Operations. I'm running for this position because I firmly believe that this community deserves dedicated individuals to represent it. I hope to work with the other members of the BoD to make sure that student voices are heard and acted upon. I came to Caltech for the people, and want to do my best to serve them.

I have always tried to take an active role in my community; in both of my high schools, I often talked to administrators on behalf of students, on subjects ranging from the quality of classes to getting support for new clubs that needed funding. I am also no stranger to paperwork: on my old robotics team, I was the Business Coordinator, so I filled out paper after paper to ensure that we would be able to compete.

Finally, I am passionate about making sure that the people on this campus are as comfortable and supported as possible. In keeping with this goal, I recently became a Title IX Advocate to support the community in that manner. As a member of the ASCIT Board of Directors, I hope to work with my

fellow students, administrators, the CCD, and the Counseling Center to continue to improve the lives of the students here.

Thank you for reading! If you'd like to ask me anything, feel free to contact me at Thank you for reading! If you'd like to ask me anything, feel free to contact me at sadams@caltech.edu or find me in person.



Steady improvement for track & field in final tune-up

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Actual Sports Content Editor

PASADENA (Apr. 8, 2017) – Caltech track & field contested its final tune-up meet before heading into the thick of championship season at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational on Saturday.

Only a partial squad attended, yet the Beavers still managed to record their fair share of personal-best times, with some inching up program Top 10 lists.

Sophomore Melissa Gutierrez slid up one spot into eighth all-time with a 2:29.47 in the 800-meter run. She and classmate Michelle Marasigan placed ninth and 10th, respectively, among SCIAM competitors in the field, where at least partial squads from eight institutions attended.

Rookie Alexa Lauinger improved in both the discus (two feet) and hammer throw (three feet) while working on enhanced techniques in each to set herself up well for the SCIAM Championships. Senior Lucy Chen made a big gain the long jump, leaping a season-best 14 feet, 3.25 inches that leaves her just

8.25 inches shy of her PR. She also ran her fastest 200-meter dash in two years at 31.49, with senior Alison Lui making a solid long-awaited debut in both the 100m and 200m.

On the men's side, freshman Jesse Cai lopped off another .52 in the 400m for a 51.37, which places him just outside the top 20 times in the SCIAM this spring. Junior Alex Bourzutschky finally made a big leap in the 200m, chopping off more than a second to pull within just .58 of his personal best, while freshman Alex Lettenberger continued to make significant gains in his sprints, trimming .31 in the 200m. Rookie Tim Krasnoperov finished in third among SCIAM competitors in the discus despite not quite reaching his PR, while both freshman David Fager and junior Chris Haack shaved about a second in the 800m. Freshman Gianmarco Terrones made his return from ankle injury in the 800m, running the third-fastest race on the team this spring at 2:01.92.

"It is exciting to see our sprinters continue to drop large chunks of time," Head Coach Ben Raphelson said. "We're getting to see their hard work in practice pay off."



Girl, no one looks that good running. Are you sure you're trying - you didn't even break a sweat!?!
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Pathireddy brothers upend Sagehens in doubles

PASADENA (Apr. 8, 2017) – Seniors Ruthwick Pathireddy and Ramsathwick Pathireddy added to their résumé with a big win at #1 doubles for Caltech men's tennis against No. 11 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges on Saturday.

Ruthwick, the No. 13 singles player in the latest West Region rankings, teamed with his brother Sathwick to knock off regionally ranked No. 3 double team Spencer Simonides and Antony Bello in a tightly contested 9-7 match for the Beavers' lone win of the day.

The rest of the team, particularly in singles play, came within a few games of securing more points for the Beavers. Top singles player Ruthwick dropped a close match to regional No. 18 Graham Maassen (7-6 [2], 6-2) while freshman Miha Valencic fell in similar fashion (7-6 [3], 6-0) at #3. Fellow freshman Connor Soohoo won the first set in his #4 match, but ultimately succumbed to Quinn Hirsohn in a super tiebreaker (3-6, 6-3, 10-6).



Is this tennis or tryouts for the ballet? I think you'd make a fine Sugar Plum Fairy.

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Levine connects for six hits in Chapman Series

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PASADENA (Apr. 8, 2017) – Junior Garrett Levine collected a team-high six hits over Caltech's weekend baseball series against Chapman University. The Beavers battled the Panthers first at Chapman on Friday before returning to North Field for a Saturday doubleheader.

Friday: Caltech 3, Chapman 10

Sophomore Connor Moffatt and freshman Cortland Perry led the Caltech offense, albeit in two different ways. While Moffatt doubled to score senior Harrison Jacobs in the ninth inning and finished the game with a team-best two hits, Perry picked up a hit and also walked twice. He even reached home in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly off the bat of freshman David Adams. However, all three of the Beavers' runs came after the fourth inning as the team struggled to get runners home on a consistent basis. Caltech did manage nine team hits, however against a tough Panthers team on the road. Garrett Levine also notched one of his six hits of the series in this game, on which he plated sophomore Mark Burleson in the eighth inning. Senior Kai Kirk got the start for Caltech and pitched the entire game.



Such an athletic photo of an athletic athlete doing athletic things. C'mon Caltech, gimme something to work with here.

Saturday Game 1: Caltech 5, Chapman 8

The Beavers had more opportunities in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Levine in particular really got going, raking the Panthers for three hits. Fellow junior David Watson also lifted the Beavers with three hits of his own. In a continued theme from the prior game however, Caltech came up short in scoring opportunities, this time

hits in Chapman Series

first home run of the season on a lining shot off the right field fence in the fourth inning.

Sophomore Jonah Krop took the mound for Caltech and kept his team in the game early by inducing nine fly-ball outs and picking up two big strikeouts in the middle innings. Krop also received help in the field, first from Kai Kirk when he robbed Gavin Blodgett of a home run with an over-the-fence grab in left field and later from catcher Mark Burleson, who caught two Panthers stealing thanks to two on-target throws from behind home plate. Senior John Galden relieved Krop and limited the damage, pitching three innings of one-run ball.

Saturday Game 2: Caltech 0, Chapman 9

Caltech had its least amount of success in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, though there were still positives to take away from the experience. Garrett Levine picked up two more hits to finish the series a cool 6-for-13 at the plate. His season average up now sits at .255, perhaps an indication that his slow start to the season is behind him. Mark Burleson also had two hits for the Beavers along with his third stolen base of the season. David Watson and freshman Alex Corado also registered hits.

stranding 12 runners on base. The Beavers did out-hit the Panthers 13-12 and had they picked up a couple more the narrative for this game might have been drastically different. The Beavers also held a two-run lead at one point thanks to three-run fourth inning which saw first baseman Watson, along with outfielders Kai Kirk and David Adams score. Right fielder Harrison Jacobs also came perhaps a few feet away from his

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Location: 229 Sherman Fairchild Library

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes for 14 April 2017. Taken by Alice Zhai.

Officers Present: Andrew Montequin, Tim Liu, Rachael Morton, Sakthi Vetrivel, Kalyn Chang, Alice Zhai

Guests: Kavya Sreedhar

Call to Order: 12:20pm

President's Report (Andrew):

- Met with Joe Shepherd this Tuesday about Bechtel - have topics for small groups and future town hall discussions

Officer's Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Tim):

- New HSS classes will be offered
- Course capture (recording class lectures) is going to be relaunched

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Rachael):

- Grace Chen has been appointed as IHC secretary
- IHC will be meeting Mondays at noon
- Working on Bechtel town hall meetings and focus groups
- Will be appointing committees this coming week

Director of Operations (Sakthi):

- Looking for ASCIT laptop, which will be used for ASCIT's Netflix account for the screening room

Treasurer (Kalyn):

- Multihouse funding pairs for this term are Fleming/Lloyd, Page/Avery, Blacker/Ricketts, and Dabney/Ruddock
- Caltech Aarya pitched for funding for Davis Dheem Tana event
- Need to streamline process for funding houses' blue books
- ASCIT will be funding Ditch Day for all the houses

Social Director (Robin):

- Absent

Secretary (Alice):

- Nothing to report

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50pm

Crossword

Across

- Supplication
- Part of a hospital
- Look searchingly
- Part of a ladder
- Woodwind instrument
- Malicious burning
- Incorporate
- Out of fashion
- Spoil
- Assimilate
- Storm center
- Be nosy
- Layer
- Level
- Female chicken
- Well-being
- Reverberation
- Strong wind
- Mythological nymph
- Contest or fight
- Sheltered side
- Wan
- Small donkey
- Soapstone
- Decelerate
- Promptly
- Playing card
- Notion
- Part of the ear
- Nocturnal mammal
- Part of a circle
- Surgical drill
- Fuss
- Discontinue

Down

- Preen
- Relating to the moon
- Access
- Era of history
- Verbiage
- Humiliate
- Rotating mechanism
- Cervid
- Drivel
- Epoch
- Indispensable
- Reflecting optimism
- Indicating maiden name
- Admission receipts at a sports event
- Hymenopterous insect
- Vehicle
- Pass by
- Car modified for greater speed and acceleration
- Part of a shoe
- Aura
- Flow back or recede

Across

- Change of government illegally or by force
- Severe tropical cyclone
- Singing voice
- Pasture
- Form of condensation
- Single
- Floor show
- Tackiness
- Fractional monetary unit
- River embankment
- Drama set to music
- Flatbottom boat
- Worship
- Cloth used for drying
- Perform
- Bobbin
- Frolic
- Female hog
- Conclude
- Jump lightly

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