



Welcome!
Meet the Tutors and Peer Mentors

2022



Tsipora Sassoon

I am majoring in Neuroscience and Psychology.

A fun fact about me is that I love thrifting and collecting vintage vinyl records.

Courses for tutoring: Biology 105



Daniel Yoh

My name is Daniel Yoh (he/him), and I'm a Computer Science major tutoring CSCI 212 Object-Oriented Programming in Java.

A fun fact about me is that I like to 3D animate in my free time, and I'm building my way to making a small web series.

Something that I learned over the years that has helped me improve my work ethic is that when you sit down to do work, break everything down into chunks instead of worrying about everything at once. Instead of thinking. "I need to write an essay," put all your focus on "I need to write one paragraph." Only when you've finished that should you worry about the next paragraph, and the next, and so on. Make your goals as manageable as possible!

Courses for tutoring: CSCI 212 - Object-Oriented Programming in Java

Vadim Allayev

Hi! My name is Vadim Allayev and I'm a freshman majoring in Computer Science. I'm from Queens, New York. I tutor for MATH 115 but can help with other math or computer science classes, too.

I love languages and can speak at an intermediate level in French and Russian. I also love anything related to fitness!

If I were to give a tip for succeeding in college, it would be to write everything you need to do down on paper to help stay on top of all your work.

Courses for tutoring: MATH 115



Chloe Certain



My name is Chloe Certain. I'm double majoring in Economics and International Business

A fun fact about me is that I'm from France!

Courses for tutoring: French Conversation, Econ 202, and Econ 249

Leila Ojeda

Hello, my name is Leila Ojeda. I'm a Psychology major with a minor in Sociology.

A fun fact about me is that my initials spell out my zodiac sign - LEO.

Courses for tutoring:
DATA 212W, PSYCH 215, 231, 232,
260, 337, and 353.





Stephanie Balkaran

Hello everyone! My name is Stephanie Balkaran, and I am currently pursuing my Master of Arts in Biology.

I am originally from Queens, New York and I graduated from Queens College with my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Currently, I am tutoring Chem 113 and I plan to become a pediatric dentist in the near future. Please don't be shy to stop by office hours. We tutors love helping our students!

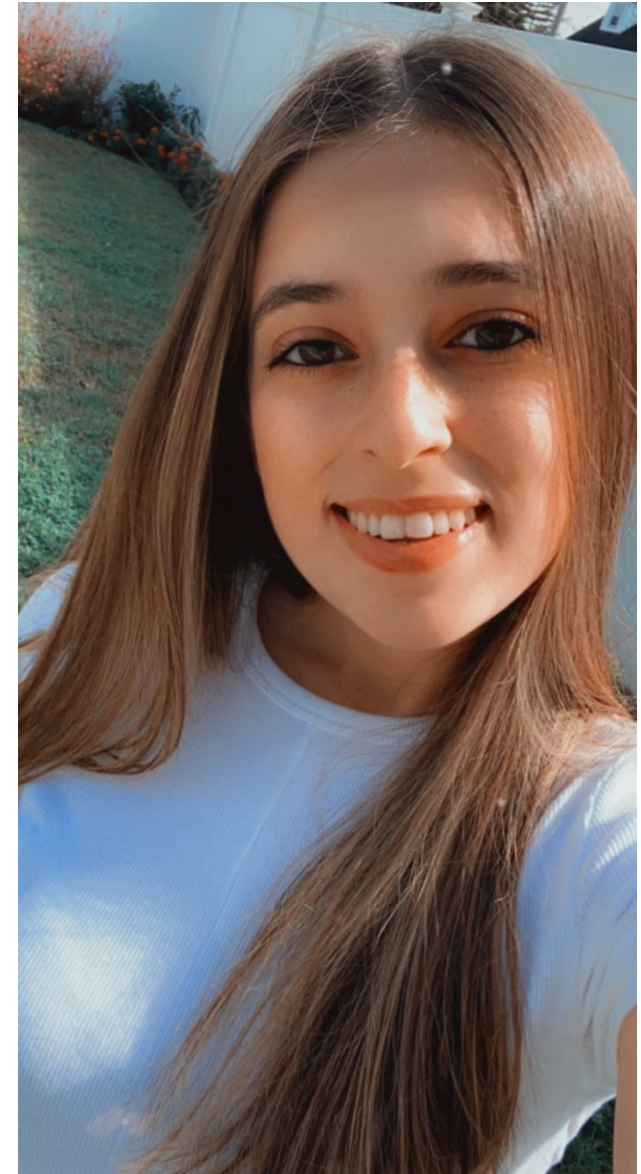
Courses for tutoring: CHEM 113

Name: Maria Martins

Major: Elementary Education & Mathematics

Fun Fact: I am 100% Portuguese (born in Portugal) & a huge dog person!

Courses for tutoring: MATH 115 (College Algebra) & MATH 122 (Pre-Calculus)



Zheng Gao

My name is Zheng Gao, and I am a senior student majoring in Computer Science. I'm a military veteran.

About me: When I first came back to school after my military service, it was not easy to catch up with all the classes. I'm glad there are resources like tutoring available to guide me through.

In my free time, I love to be out in nature and hike.

Courses for tutoring: CSCI 111 & CSCI 212



Vanessa Brijram

I am an Accounting graduate student at Queens College.

Fun Fact: I am starting an herb garden.

Courses for tutoring: ACCT 101, 723 and 759.

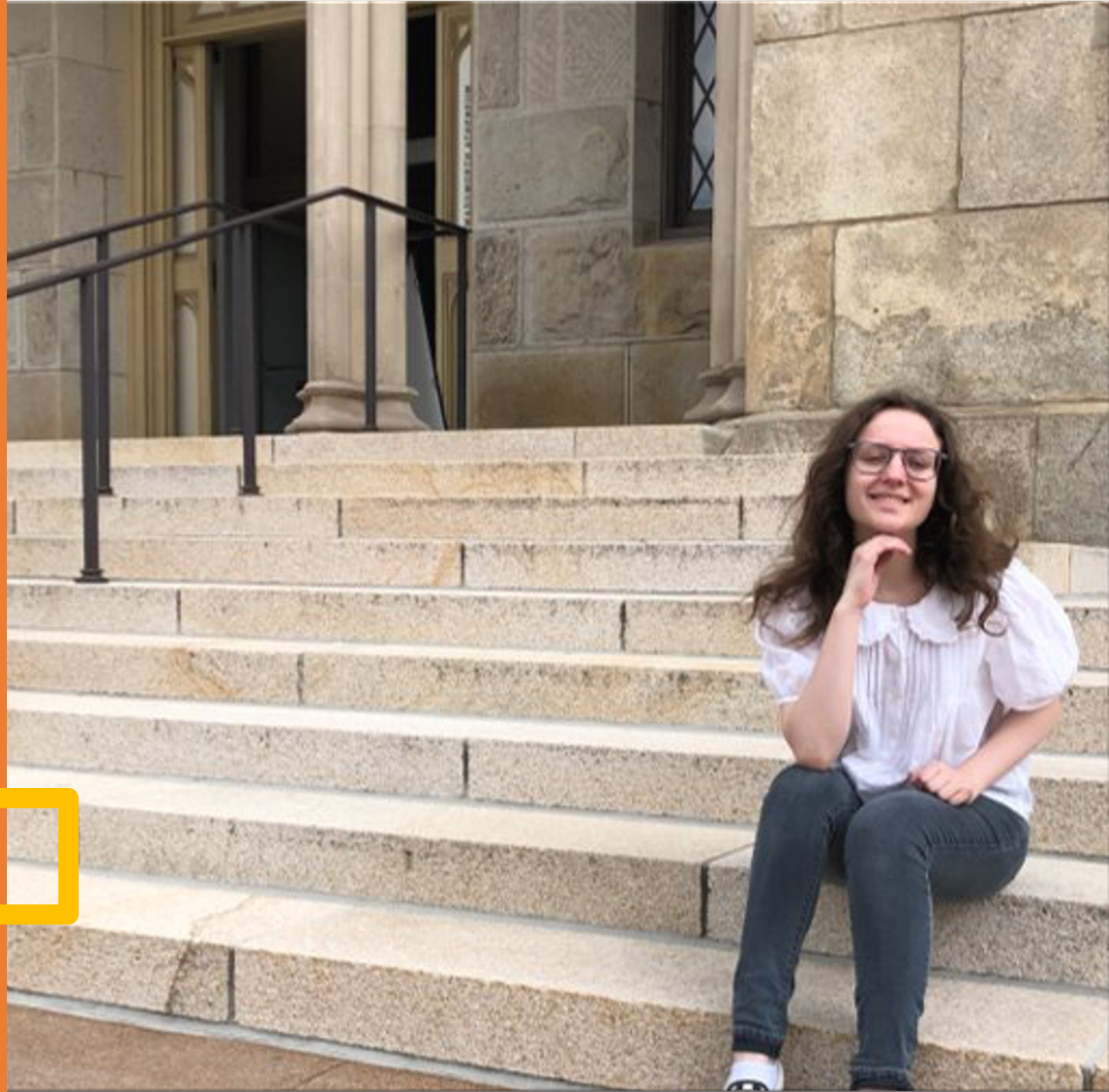


Name: Arina Logosh.

Major: Italian, Political Science.

Fun fact: I am a polyglot

Courses for tutoring: Italian
Conversation, PSCI 101, 200, 218,
220, and 241



Callie Podias

My name is Callie (she/her) and I am a Communication Sciences and Disorders major with dual minors in Psychology and Sociology.

About me: I am a member of NSSLHA and the National Society of Leadership and Success. I'm passionate about learning and helping others. I love to hike, travel to new places, and play video games when I'm not studying.

Looking forward to seeing you in the tutoring office!

Courses for tutoring: LCD 101, LCD 105, LCD 106, LCD 110, PSYCH 101, PSYCH 214, DATA 205, DATA 212W, and SOC 211.





Natalie Vasquez

My name is Natalie Vasquez (she/her).

My major is Applied Linguistics TESOL.

One fun fact is that I like learning languages.

Courses for tutoring: LCD 102-120,
Korean 101-203, and Chinese 101-203



My name is Danny Lin.

My major is still undecided. I like playing basketball.

Courses for tutoring: Econ 102 - Microeconomics

Anashuya Shrestha

Hi! My name is Anashuya Shrestha! I am a senior majoring in Psychology with a minor in Health Sciences.

In my free time, I enjoy painting, playing guitar, and watching Bollywood movies.

Courses for tutoring: CHEM 113 and CHEM 251





My name is Reya Khatun.

I am majoring in Accounting and
HDFS (Human Development and
Family Science).

Courses for tutoring: Accounting
101 and 102, Econ 101 and History
101, 102, 226, and 270.

My name is Karishma Hardeen.
I major in Finance and
Economics.

A fun fact about me is that
I like to travel.

Courses for tutoring: ECON 101
and LCD 102

Karishma Hardeen



Anjali Dutt

Name: Anjali Dutt

Major: Computer Science
and Quantitative Economics

Fun fact: like playing chess
and was the president of the
chess club in my high school. I
also enjoy robotics and
founded the Queens College
Robotics Club.

Courses for tutoring: Econ
101, Econ 102, Econ 382,
Econ 387



Marie Roseline Paul

My major is Elementary Early Childhood Education (EECE).

About me: I like to live positively because I love life, having a good time with my family, cooking, dancing, cleaning my house and spending time with my daughter.

The reason I am enjoying tutoring is I like to accompany students in their training courses, understand their difficulties, help them to remedy them and participate in their success.

Courses for tutoring: French conversation



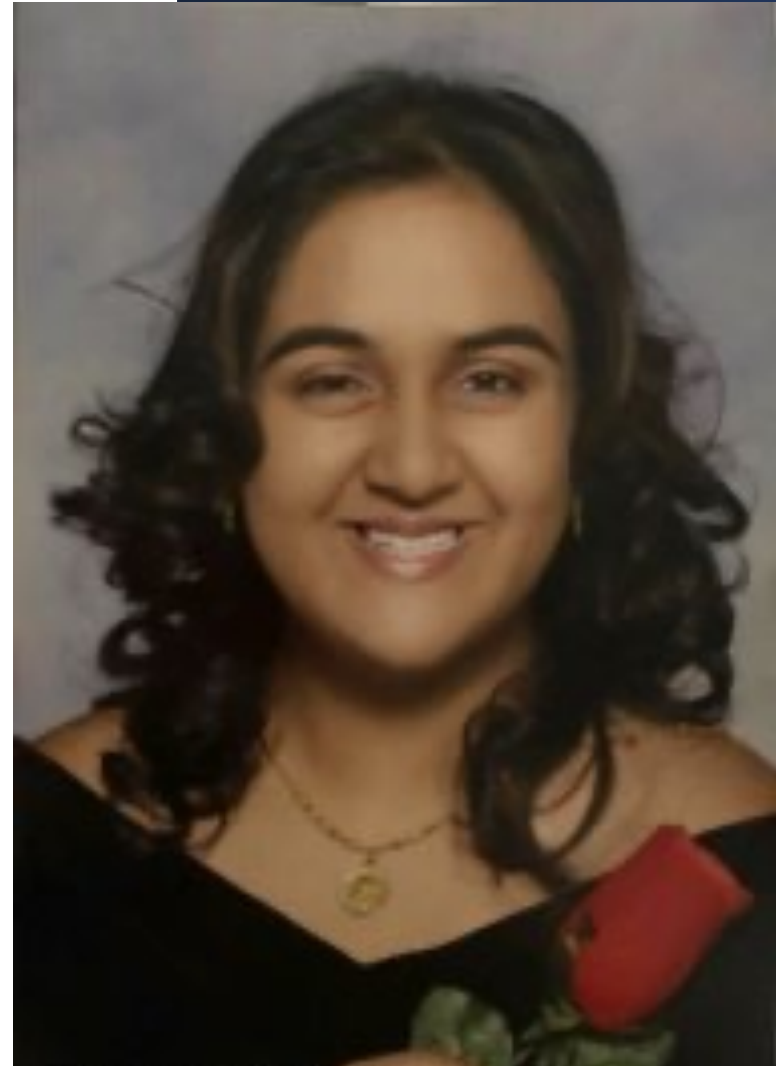
Aliyah Ali

My name is: Aliyah Ali.

My major is: Biochemistry (chemistry is the major, but my concentration is biochemistry).

Fun fact: one fun fact about me is I do mehendi/henna on the side, I really enjoy anything that relates to creativity, arts, and crafts!

Courses for tutoring: PHYS 121.4 and 121.1 (lab).



Josephine Barnett

I am an instructor in the Department of Sociology and Data Science across CUNY. I am well versed in creative arts, working as a professional in theatre, photography, make-up artistry and film .I have cultivated my propensity for multidimensional thinking in my approach to problem-solving, which has shed light on a valuable intersection between artistic and pedagogical approaches/ technique. This insight informs teaching and tutoring practice.

Courses for tutoring: SOC 101, 103, 211, 217, 331;DATA 205, 212W, 235, 306, 716



Ariana Campbell

Hi there! I'm Ariana Campbell (she/her), a recent Neuropsychology & Computer Science BA graduate, now currently enrolled in the QC CS Master's program. I've often been asked why I chose such an "uncommon" double-major; the answer is simple—I believe technology can be used to further our understanding of the human mind,

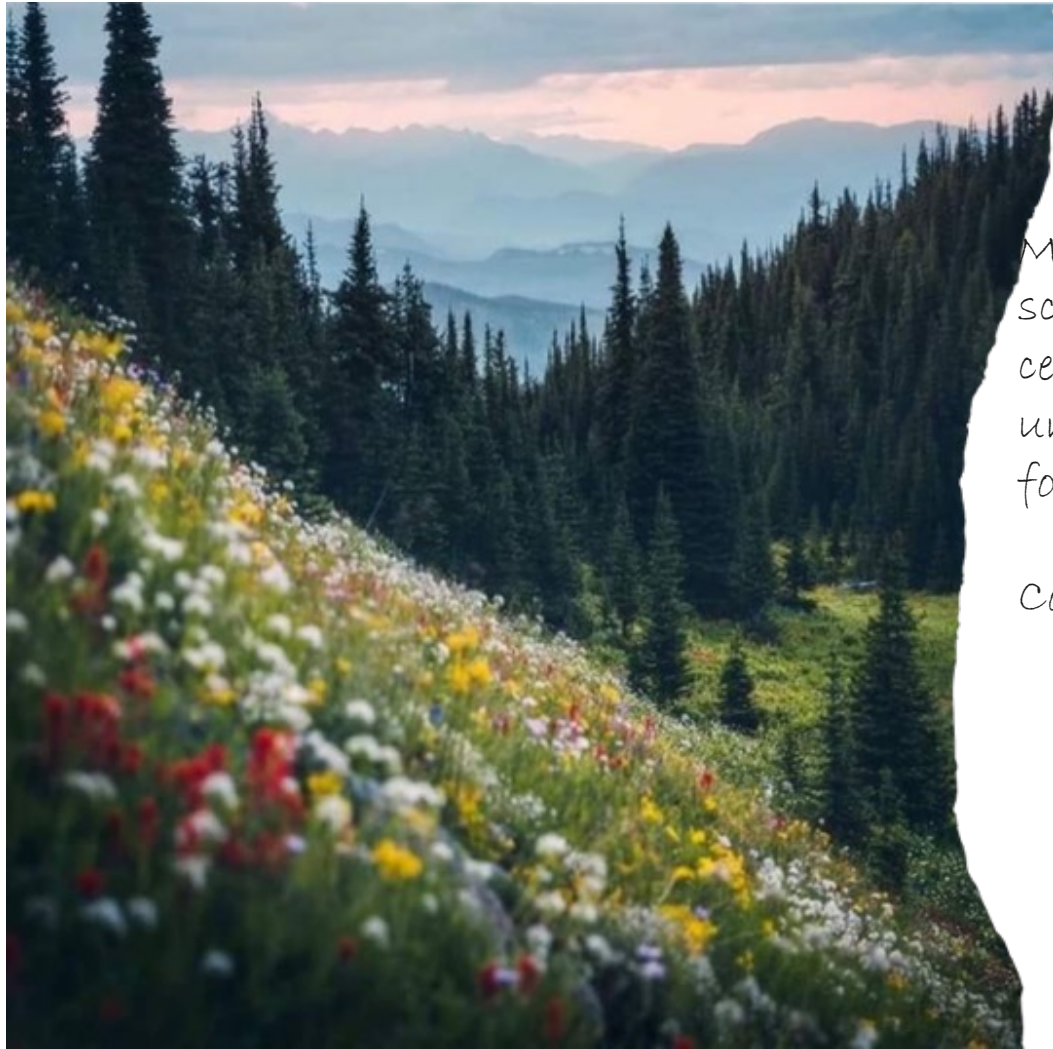
Outside of all this super-science stuff, I spend my time watching anime (and even minored in Japanese as an undergrad). Anime is what drew me to Japan, since there is a deep psychological element embedded within the sub-culture.

My experiences at QC have paved the path to where I am today (and where I will go from here). I believe the students reading this now are on a path to success and I hope I can be a part of that.

Courses for tutoring: CSCI 211

Within each session, I always welcome discussions on career development, in addition to reviewing course content. For me, it's always important to consider the big picture in everything you put effort into. Good luck out there!





Alexa Malave

My name is Alexa. I am currently in grad school, working towards my teaching certification. I majored in English in undergrad, and I am the peer mentor/tutor for General Astronomy.

Courses for tutoring: ASTR-01

My name is
Stephanie Szpylka and I am a
junior majoring in
Applied Mathematics
and Quantitative Economics.
I am also minoring in Computer
Science and Honors in the
Social Sciences.

A fun fact about myself is that I
have collected quarters that
represent all 50 states and US
territories.

Courses for tutoring: Math 115
(College Algebra)



- Stephanie Szpylka



Peer Mentor: Brian Flores-Casiano
My major is Computer Science

I am tutoring in Math 122 which is precalculus. I find that a lot of support is needed for the course since for some it begins their first math course ever in college and is a math course they take after a hiatus from school.

In future semesters I plan to tutor in computer science since I love code tracing and using analogies to explain code! If you are wondering why I choose the picture of a plant, look up the Fibonacci sequence!

A fun fact about me is that I play the guitar.

Courses for tutoring: MATH 122

Fanny Falchettore

Hi! My name is Fanny Falchettore.

I am majoring in Biology.

Courses for tutoring: BIOL-106





Georgina Castellano

Hello, my name is Georgina! I am currently majoring in Chemistry.

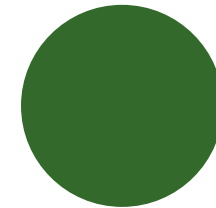
A fun fact about me is that I dance flamenco and run two companies!

Courses for tutoring: CHEM 113

My name is Jean Saint Fort. I'm a senior and an Accounting major. I really like to help others and I like to play soccer.

Courses for tutoring:
ACCT 102 and ACCT 201

Jean Saint Fort



Daniel Murdakhayev

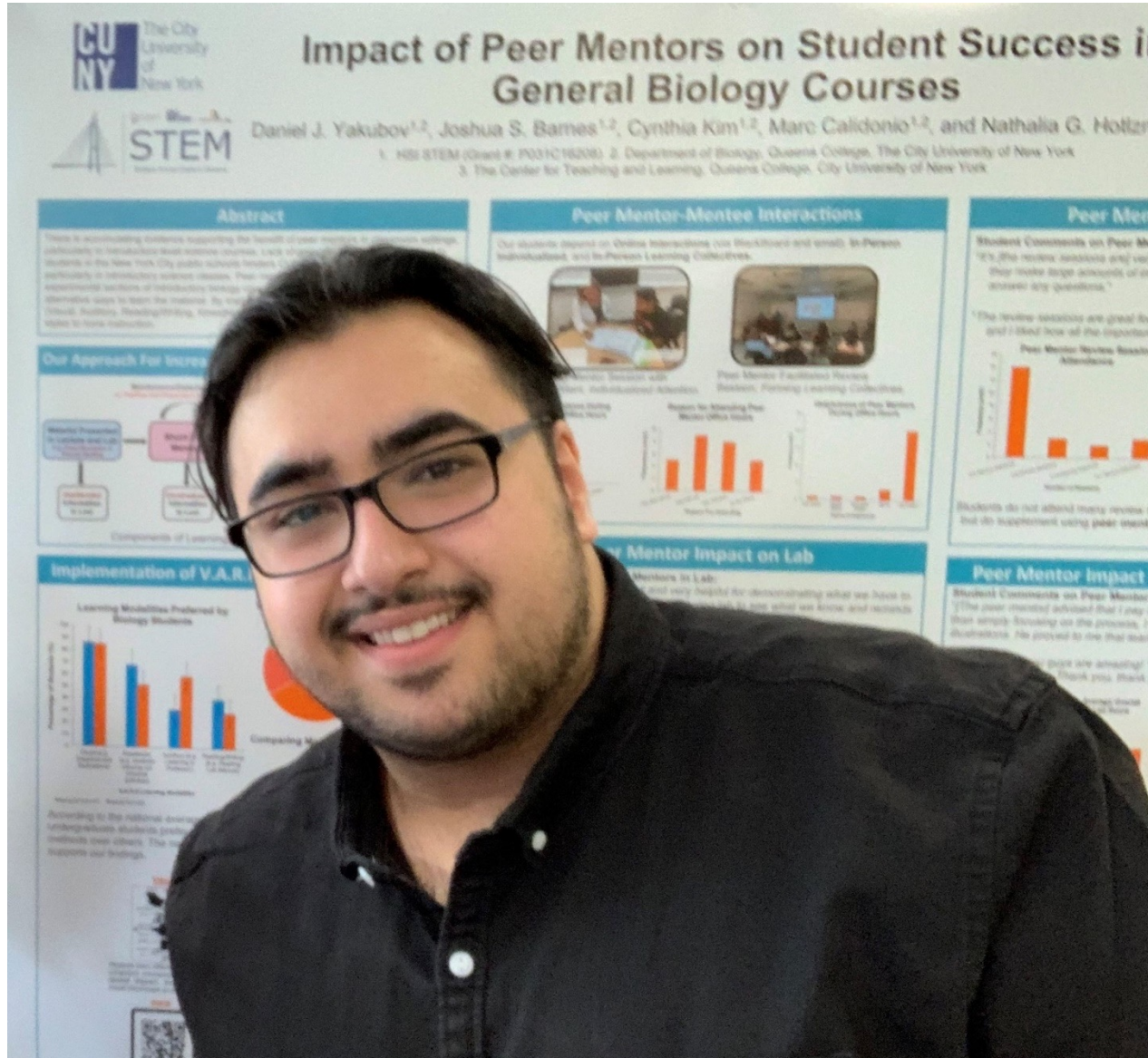
Hey everyone!

My name is Daniel Murdakhayev and I'm the peer mentor for General Chemistry. I'm majoring in Biology as well as pursuing minors in Business and Health Science.

I love playing basketball and my favorite season is summer!

Courses for tutoring: BIOL-105





Daniel Yakubov

My Name is Daniel J. Yakubov. I graduated from Queens College with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Anthropology.

A fun fact about me: my favorite movie of all time is "Back to the Future."

Courses for tutoring: BIOL 105 (Cell Biology and Human Physiology)

Ryan Seerattan

Name: Ryan Seerattan

Major: Neuroscience-Biology

Fun Fact: I like to build DIY stereos. I'm currently making one using a record player I found.

Tutoring: Astronomy 101



Victoria Wong

Victoria - Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hello! My name is Victoria and was born in New York City, the city of dreams. I am a senior with a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology. My favorite animal is the penguin.

A fun fact about me is one of my nicknames is the little penguin/fairy penguin. I enjoy reading, singing, and spending time with friends and family.

A tip I have for any student is to stay curious! Curiosity may mean trying out something new or finding something you are passionate about. Either way, if you are curious about something you will be proactive about it by managing your study/practice time, asking questions, or even coming to see us! For those who are hesitant on reaching out, I understand. I also have terrible social anxiety that I'm trying to overcome. But if I'm to offer a word of reassurance, professors and peer mentors aren't here to judge you. We are here to help and watch you succeed! I hope that will give you a little courage.

Courses for tutoring: LCD 208





Eyal Dalal

My name is Eyal (he/him) and I am a Computer Science major graduating this June from Queens College.

I enjoy snowboarding, writing, playing the piano, and watching terrible movies. Stop by if you want to clear up or review any topic, or if you just want to talk about ways of improving as a student! Good study habits, time management, and mindset are just as important as understanding the material – and these are all self-made skills that require conscious effort to improve. I look forward to working with you!

Courses for tutoring: CSCI 211



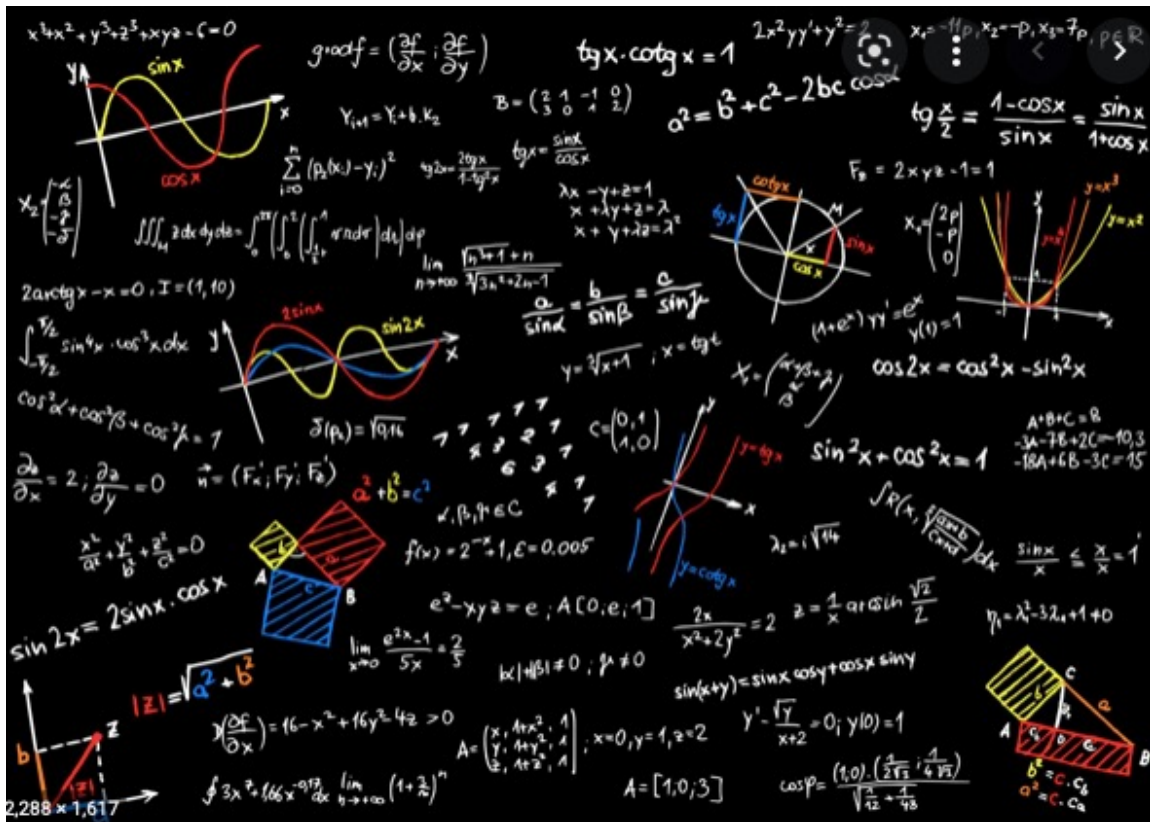
Raquel Inirio

Hello my name is Raquel Inirio. I am a Neuroscience major.

A fun fact about me is that I love weightlifting and anything that has to do with health and fitness.

Courses for tutoring: BIOL 105





My name is Zakir Hossain. I graduated Queens College with a degree in Chemistry. Besides Chemistry my favorite subject is History. I love to watch nature documentaries during my free time.

Courses for tutoring: Math 115 and 122

Zakir Hossain



Michael Grossman

Major: Computer Science

Fun Facts: My favorite color is purple, and my favorite painter is Claude Monet.

Hi, my name is Michael (he/him) and I'm a Senior pursuing a BS with a major in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics. My areas of interest are Optimization, Algorithm Design, Data Structure Design, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, and Back End development. In my free time I like to play video games, read, hike, browse the NYC museums, jam on my guitar, and play with my cat. One tip for being a successful college student is to ask questions! If you don't understand something, your instructors are there to help you.

Course I am Currently tutoring: CSCI 211

Courses I can also tutor:
CSCI 111, CSCI 211, CSCI 212, CSCI 220, and CSCI 313



Priscila Buele

My name is Priscila and I'm senior Physics major. I come from a small town in the south of Ecuador.

About me: Some of my interests include astronomy, cooking, doing makeup, and solving equations. I tutor introductory physics, so if you need help with the course or physics in general, you can always reach out to me :)

Courses for tutoring: PHYS 145



Melissa Roth

Major: Psychology

Fun Fact: I'm a Chemistry minor

Courses for tutoring: Physics 1214

Mansi Khurana

Subject: CHEM 114 with Professor Sanders

OH: Thu 12 - 1 PM and Fri 2 - 4 PM

Fun fact: I love to paint biology illustrations.





Kirk Persaud

My name is Kirk (he/him); I am a senior Neuroscience and Psychology major with minors in chemistry and health science.

I am from Georgetown, Guyana- yes, the Caribbean! In the future, I hope to pursue a career as a neurologist. In my free time, I paint, read books, travel, and I am hoping to hike more.

My tip for college success is to be aware of your college resources and use them, such as peer mentors to help you succeed in your classes. I look forward to peer mentoring you and should you need any help in Biology- please come to my office hours!

Courses for tutoring: BIOL-105

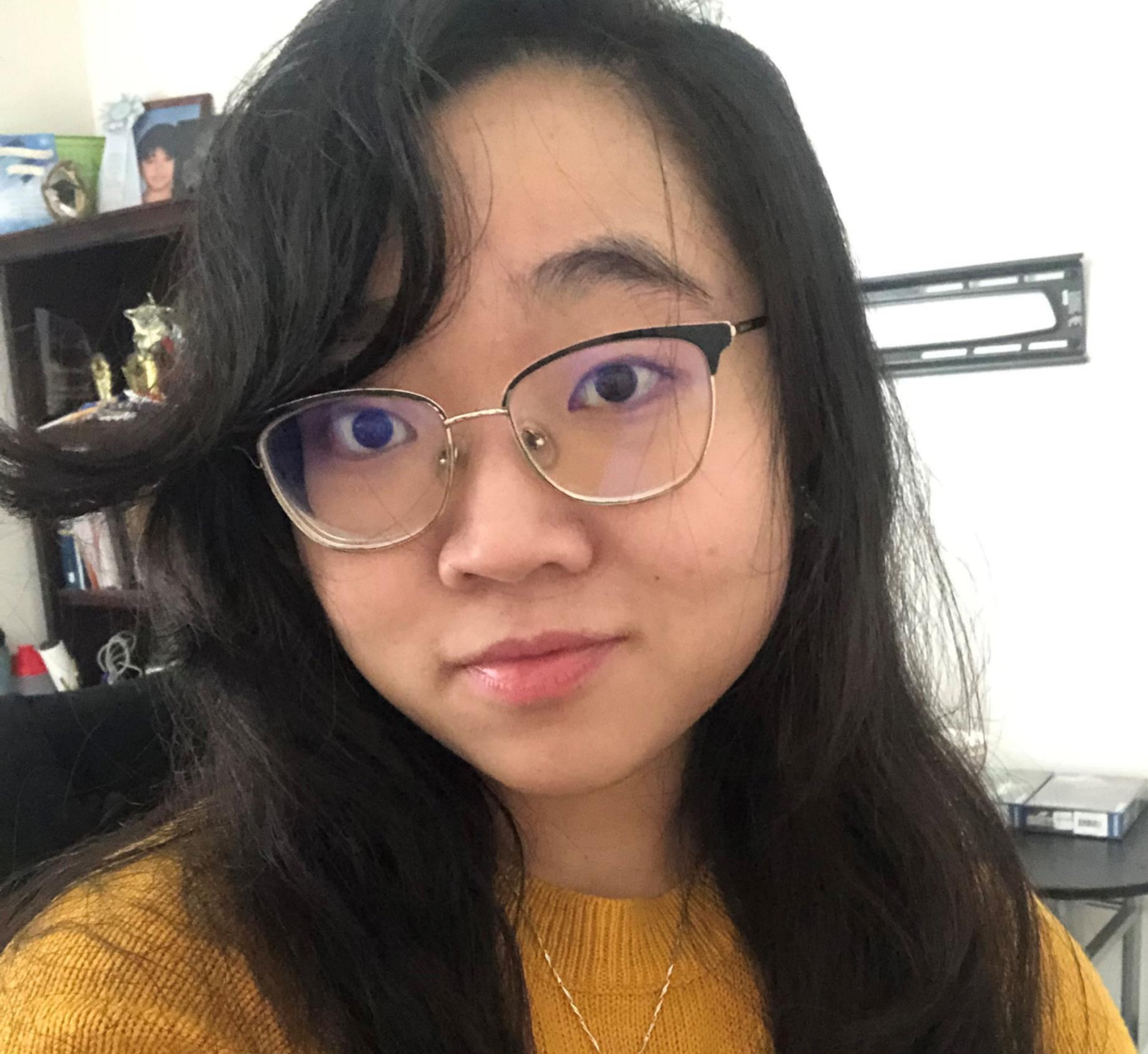
Lyodalis Borrero

My name is Lyodalis Borrero. I am majoring in Psychology.

A fun fact is that I studied in both Brazil and Barcelona.

Courses for tutoring: PSYCH 215, 217, 221, 358 and HIST 103





Joey Lau

My name is Joey Lau and I recently graduated from Queens College with a double major in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology.

I am an outdoor enthusiast - I love hiking, especially challenging ones with lots of rock scramblings!

I will also be continuing my graduate studies at Queens College for the masters of Speech and Language Pathology.

Courses for tutoring: LCD 207, LCD 330



Thank you!

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