

2024 Community Building and Social Change Fellow Teams



City of Decatur and the Decatur Climate Resilience Plan

Youth Sustainability Program Development

Partners: David Nifong and Kimberly Reeves

Isabelle Kronick

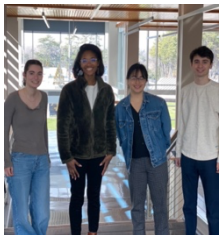
Political Science and Psychology Double Major, May 2026

I am from Dallas, Texas. As a CBSC Fellow, I am thrilled by the opportunity to immerse myself in the process of community building—understanding residents' wants and needs, working through challenges, and promoting unity. I hope to learn more about how to maximize and sustain community engagement. At Emory, I am an advising fellow with Matriculate, where I serve as a college advisor to low-income high school students. I am also involved with Emory's Meals on Wheels chapter! The CBSC program will be an incredibly valuable experience regardless of the career I ultimately pursue. I hope I will become more comfortable with collecting and analyzing data, strategically engaging with residents, and have a better understanding of the inner workings of the nonprofit field.

Sarah Longa

Human Health, May 2026

My hometown in Stone Mountain/Clarkston Georgia. I am interested in how engaging in my local community can help me to grow personally and professionally while developing an idea of what my future career path could look like. I am the Director of Social Media for Graduation Generation, Volunteer Chair for Emory African Student Association and a Sophomore Advisor. I am interested in working in Public Health which is a vast field and I hope my time at CBSC helps me to refine what exactly I want to do.



Focused Community Strategies

Flourishing Neighborhood Index

Partners: Zakiya Williams and Shawn Duncan

Robert Golin

Political Science Major, May 2026

I am from Voorhees, New Jersey. Through my CBSC work, I aim to establish connections with community leaders and learn how to gather essential data to enhance community development. At Emory, I have been engaged as Vice President of the Alpha Epsilon Pi

Fraternity, and served as a legislator for both College Council and the Student Government Association. I joined the CBSC Fellows Program to learn effective ways of interacting with communities, essential for my future career in real estate development.

Nica Leung

Political Science and Anthropology Double Major, May 2026.

I'm a born-and-raised Oregonian hailing from the city of Portland. Ever since the 2018 midterms, I've been heavily involved in non-profit work, organizing and community building. I'm excited to be a CBSC Fellow because the program is an amazing opportunity to get some on-the-ground experience with the vibrant Atlanta community. I've also been involved in Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Activists (APIDAA), Emory Votes Initiative, Pre-Orientation Program, and the Woodruff Scholars program. I hope CBSC will help refine my career interests and hone my organizing skills, as well as learn more about cross-sector research and work!

Sophie Schocket

Political Science Major, May 2025

I am from Bowling Green, Ohio. The CBSC fellows program interested me because it offers experience doing a type of work and using skills that I hope will translate into future career paths. I also value the network that exists between former CBSC fellows and the close community I will get to form with my peers throughout the program. At Emory, I am a Student Program Coordinator with the Emory Votes Initiative, where I work to promote voter registration and civic engagement among students. On the Oxford campus, I was also a part of ReVision Intersectional Feminist Club and the Oxford women's soccer team. I expect that CBSC will give me a better sense both of the skills needed to do various types of community work, and what sector or type of job would be the best fit for me.



Partnership for Southern Equity

Just Communities Pilot Initiative

Partners: Suzanne Burnes

Rachel Alpert-Wisnia

Political Science and Anthropology Double Major on the Pre-law track, May 2026

I am from Newton, Massachusetts and have lived there my whole life. I was drawn to the CBSC Fellowship in hopes of learning how to make a sustainable difference. I hope this experience will provide me with an understanding of how to evaluate and engage with communities and implement equitable initiatives. I have worked as a legislator for the university's College Council for the past two years, helping to develop policies and programs reflecting the concerns of the student body. I also serve as a Campus Engagement Director for Emory's chapter of Fair Fight U, working to ensure widespread accessibility to voting and political engagement resources. As a pre-law student who hopes to one day work for non-profits as a legal advocate, I hope the CBSC

Fellows Program will provide me with a foundational understanding of the process of nonprofit community work.

Katie Clark

Quantitative Sciences, Political Science track. Junior, May 2025

I'm from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Community has been a driving force my entire life, so I was immediately drawn to the CBSC Fellows program for the opportunity to learn how we can reimagine communities to be vital sources of civic power and engagement. I'm a Project Lead for Data Interpreters Association, currently working with nonprofit DrawChange to analyze their impact and visualize it to be accessible for grantmakers and stakeholders. I also find value as X branch copresident for TableTalk, a club devoted to starting conversations by connecting different student groups through creative events. In the future, I hope to analyze public policies, especially those around economic inequality and education access, to quantitatively assess their effectiveness in promoting equity and growth. Through my experience as a CBSC fellow, I know I'll gain a deeper understanding of how to quantify effective community change and how to inform thoughtful public policy.

Dyson Stallworth

Double Major in Philosophy, Politics and Law (PPL) and English, May 2025

I am from the center of the beautiful sunshine state Orlando, Florida. I see CBSC as a great opportunity for my passion for community empowerment to be cultivated by the Fellowship's real world application to the community building practices learned throughout the semester. I hope that through this CBSC program I will develop the knowledge and experience to one day go back and make a change in my own community. I am a part of Emory's CBC (Collegiate Black Christians) as the lead photographer. Going into the CBSC Fellowship I expect that the experience along with its network will give me more insight and guidance on how I can integrate my career in law with my passion for community development. Outside of career goals, I would like to have an early experience with established initiatives that work directly with the community, giving me an opportunity to grow my understanding of how problem-solving works on a larger scale.



We Love Buford Highway

Community Ambassador Program

Partners: Lily Pabian and Delia

Sandy Askins

Political Science and Art History Double Major, May 2026.

I am from Erie, Pennsylvania. Through the CBSC Fellows Program, I hope to apply my passions for community engagement and political science into an action-oriented project. I hope to learn how to better problem-solve and understand the personal implications of community-building.

Outside of the program, I am President of Emory's Science.Art.Wonder club, a political science research assistant and am an intern at the Carlos Museum. After undergrad, I am interested in law school and I believe the CBSC program would offer me valuable skills applicable to law. Additionally, I look forward to the program expanding my knowledge on ways to help communities outside of policy and law alone.

Khushi Niyar

Quantitative Sciences Major with a concentration in Political Science, May 2026

I have lived in Atlanta, Georgia my whole life! Via the CBSC program I am excited to engage in dynamic learning and enact tangible changes in my beloved hometown of Atlanta. As someone who has been extensively involved in nonprofits and social justice movements in Atlanta, I look forward to learning more about how to directly impact my community by working with our community partners. I am currently Treasurer for the Young Democrats of Emory, a tutor in the Emory Writing Center, and am on the Research & Engagement Teams of the nonprofit for Emory Students for Students. Further, I was a fellow for the Georgia Youth Justice Coalition, and I interned at Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta as a Policy Intern over the summer. In the fellowship, I am excited to work with underrepresented communities, further develop my communication and presentation skills, and learn about different sectors, especially with nonprofits and the government. Moreover, as a newly-minted Quantitative Sciences major, I hope to take the statistics skills I have developed in the classroom and apply them to a practical environment where I can use those skills to help community-based research.

Madeleine Pelli

Philosophy, Politics, and Law Major, May 2026.

I was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. I personally have had a history of community organizing in my own neighborhood in Savannah, so initially I began to take the Fall CBSC course to learn more about 'best practices' in an academic sense. I stayed in the program because I hope to gain the true hands-on insider experience about what makes the process work and what makes it worthwhile. At Emory, I am involved in debate with the Barkley Forum, I do fencing with our club team, and I volunteer for the Atlanta Urban Debate League. I'm also a producer on an arts and culture podcast on campus called Clifton Culture. I plan to go to law school and use my degree with a purpose. I hope that by working deeply with the CBSC, I will clarify that purpose by exposing myself to a potential path in community engagement.