

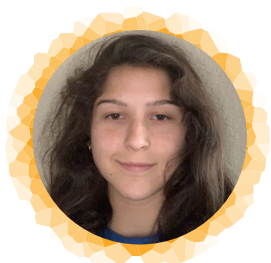
2022 EDE Summer Institute Participants



Ghaicha Ahe

Macalester College, Class of 2024 · St. Paul, MN

Ghaicha is a sophomore at Macalester College originally from Niger. She Co-chairs Afrika!, a student organization centered on the support and empowerment of African identifying students enrolled at a predominantly white institution. She serves as a Resident Advisor, speaks five languages and is currently illustrating a children's book showcasing her hometown's culture and residents. In her free time, she enjoys drawing, cooking, listening to Afro Beats, watching cultural and geographic documentaries, and striving for diversity and inclusion in spaces where those are missing.



Bella Alfaro

University of Chicago, Class of 2025 · Chicago, IL

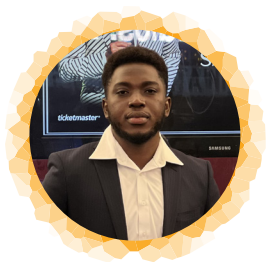
Bella Alfaro is a native of Durham, NC in her freshman year at the University of Chicago. She is a member of the varsity women's basketball team and a representative for the Women's Athletic Association. She serves as social media chair and member of the diversity and inclusion board for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Her career goals include an interest in consulting and passion for entrepreneurship. She has completed her first year in Prototype for Success, a three-year STEM entrepreneurship program at the university. Through the program, she has explored the intersection of business and multiple STEM fields including engineering, research, and product development. During her free time she enjoys going on walks, listening to music, and playing basketball.



Agustin Aliaga

Williams College, Class of 2025 · Williamstown, MA

Agustin Aliaga, who goes by Augie, is a freshman at Williams College. He is currently learning Chinese and his family's Argentinian roots are the basis for his fluency in Spanish. He is proudly (and unsurprisingly) a huge soccer fan.



Philips Ametsikor

Soka University of America, Class of 2025 · Aliso Viejo, CA

Philips Ametsikor is a current freshman at Soka University of America, hailing from Ghana. He is interested in the intersection of economics, mathematics, data analysis, and computer science. His lived experiences with inequality as a first-generation college student from a low-income background fuel his passion to use the skills and knowledge he acquires to bridge gaps of inequality in multiple sectors of society. He is a member of his university's Model United Nations, where exposure to international fiscal policy has piqued his interest in learning about the policies involved in rebuilding a nation. He hopes to learn more about the policy implications of macroeconomics, to later inform and influence developing countries and their policies on reinvestment in natural resources, curbing exploitation, and increasing sustainability. He is a member of the swim team and likes to hang out with friends. He loves to follow football, or soccer as it is called in the US.



Emiy Araujo

Agnes Scott College, Class of 2025 · Decatur, GA

Emily Araujo is a freshman at Agnes Scott College. She lives everyday as an eternal optimist, and is her own biggest cheerleader and shoulder on which to cry. Growing up with a parent who valued education has allowed her to find comfort in learning and nurturing her need to grow intellectually. She has an unrelenting work ethic that pushes her daily to sharpen her skills in all areas of reading, drawing, or studying. She seeks ways to help manage the stress and anxiety of school through attention to detail and scheduling. She's spent many years in search of opportunities to grow and learn, and she loves to read and study about money, life and business.



Ronald Barnes

Morehouse College, Class of 2023 · Atlanta, GA

Ronald Barnes is from Trenton, SC and is currently a junior at Morehouse College majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in management. He is a military veteran, having completed 6 years of active duty in the US Navy. He looks forward to transitioning back into civilian life through his pursuit of higher education and pushing himself to the upper bounds of his academic ability and possibilities.



Amber Boulley

University of California, Berkeley, Class of 2024 · Berkeley, CA

Amber Boulley is an incoming transfer student at UC Berkeley in the fall 2022 semester. Growing up as a member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe, she always knew that she wanted to use her education to support her Tribal community. The research she conducted at Santa Barbara City College presented economics as a preferred framework for her education to impact her Tribal community. There, she learned just how powerful the tools of economics are when it comes to empowering underrepresented communities. Amber would like to continue her studies to deepen her knowledge on how best to promote sustainable economic policy for Tribal communities across the United States.



Dawn Chinagorom-Abiakalam

Clark University, Class of 2025 · Worcester, MA

Dawn Chinagorom-Abiakalam is a sophomore at Clark University, where she serves as the Deputy Editor of Peer Review for the Scholarly Undergraduate Research Journal and is a member of the Executive Board of the Caribbean and African Students' Association. She is also a Program Strategist at the Research In Color Foundation, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to increasing the number of PhD students of color in economics and economics-adjacent disciplines, amplifying meaningful economic and policy research on communities of color. Dawn hopes to pursue a career and continue research in development and urban economics.



Donaven Craddock

University of Chicago, Class of 2024 · Chicago, IL

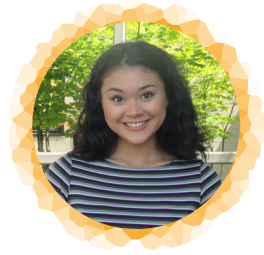
Donaven Craddock is a sophomore at the University of Chicago from Chicago's west suburbs. He enjoys learning about the impact of economics, working out, and is a member of the rugby club.



Grace Dai

Kenyon College, Class of 2025 · Gambier, OH

Grace Dai is a freshman international student from China at Kenyon College. She enjoys thinking about mathematics, especially geometry, and spends her free time playing all kinds of chess games.



Quaye Dydasco

University of Oregon, Class of 2024 · Eugene, OR

Quaye Dydasco is a sophomore at the University of Oregon. She was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, but her family hails from Guam. She works as a Resident Assistant, and is highly involved in Mock Trial. Over the course of the past year, she traveled to both Chicago, Illinois and Berkeley, California to compete for Mock Trial. She is very excited to return to Chicago and participate in EDE.



Brooke Fekru

University of Virginia, Class of 2024 · Charlottesville, VA

Brooke Fekru is a first-generation sophomore student at the University of Virginia. Having immigrated from Ethiopia as a young girl, she is very passionate about learning more on the socio-political and economic state of African countries like that of her home country. Through her studies she hopes to one day contribute towards addressing global inequality.



Lauren Gillespie

University of Richmond, Class of 2024 · Richmond, VA

Lauren Gillespie is a sophomore at the University of Richmond. In her spare time, she enjoys playing volleyball, singing, and trying new restaurants. She is originally from Monroe, Connecticut, and is excited to see more of the city of Chicago during her time in the program.



Noor Hamid

Northwestern University, Class of 2025 · Evanston, IL

Hailing from Dubai, Noor Hamid is a freshman at Northwestern University. She is involved in several extra-curricular activities and groups, including Women in Economics, Associated Student Government, and the Middle Eastern Student Association. This past quarter, she participated in a 3-month nonprofit consulting program with Deloitte, and served on the Fundraising Strategy team consulting for Alternative Schools Network, a Chicago based nonprofit. Noor is excited to develop scholarship in economics and hopes to use her knowledge in her pathway and future ventures.



Jimmy Hennessy

The College of the Holy Cross, Class of 2024 · Worcester, MA

Jimmy Hennessy is a sophomore at The College of the Holy Cross. He is from a small town in Westchester County, New York. At Holy Cross, he is a member of the varsity men's tennis team. He is excited about the study of economics and joining the cohort.



Ruben Hernandez

Lafayette College, Class of 2024 · Easton, PA

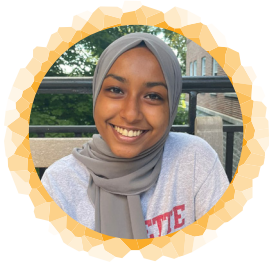
Ruben Hernandez is a sophomore at Lafayette College. He is looking forward to networking and building deep connections with the broad range of talented and experienced cohort members. His hobbies include spending quality time with friends, playing video games and enjoying peaceful time outdoors decompressing. A native of Harlem, New York, he is proud of his family's Dominican heritage. He is looking forward to gaining more insight into how economics can help him discover his passion and lay the foundation for a meaningful and fulfilling career path.



Tony Huang

Harvard University, Class of 2024 · Cambridge, MA

Tony Huang is a sophomore at Harvard University from Orlando, FL. He is a huge ice cream enthusiast; his go-to flavors are either vanilla, strawberry, or matcha. If you need an ice cream buddy, he is the one!



Yumna Hussain

Lafayette College, Class of 2025 · Easton, PA

Yumna Hussain is a freshman at Lafayette College, from Colombo, Sri Lanka. She has a keen interest in entrepreneurship, social justice, and the economic development of women and children. This has motivated her to work for non-profits and various organizations with a special focus on these areas, such as Emerge Lanka and Surala.Net (based in Sri Lanka). On-campus, Yumna is involved in a multitude of clubs, including Refugee Action, the International Students Association, Muslim Students Association, and Pards Against Sexual Assault. She also enjoys theater and has been part of many productions in her first year including The Wolves and Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet.



Lucia Koo

Northwestern University, Class of 2025 · Chicago, IL

Lucia Koo is a freshman at Northwestern University. She is interested in delving deeper into economics in hopes of learning more about how the financial decisions of economic agents continue to influence today's economic ecosystem. Although currently undecided on a specific choice, she hopes to pursue a career in economics or business. She is a lover of anything strawberry flavored, and in her free time she likes to read, go shopping, eat good food, and ride rollercoasters.



Laura Landetta

University of Miami, Class of 2023 · Coral Gables, FL

Laura Landetta was born and raised in Ecuador, and moved to the US to live with her father and siblings in Florida. She currently attends the University of Miami, where she recently co-founded a club for first generation students called First Gen Canes. She is the Vice President of the Alliance of Latin American Students club and is an Ambassador for the Empower Me First Program, along with being an Ambassador for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Additionally, she serves as an election commissioner for her university's student government.



Emily Lightfoot

Texas A&M University, Class of 2024 · College Station, TX

Emily Lightfoot is a freshman at Texas A&M University where she is also the Marketing Director of MOVE TX at Texas A&M, a nonpartisan organization that aims to increase youth civic engagement. She is also the Competition Officer for the TAMU Club Tennis Team. Outside of Texas A&M, she sits on the executive board for The Legal Gist, a podcast and social media account that aims to assist underrepresented pre-law students in acquiring the resources they need to be successful in law school. In her free time, she runs a blog that discusses student activism and provides resources and study advice for current high school and university students.



Eun Hae Lillig

Kenyon College, Class of 2025 · Gambier, OH

Eun Hae Lillig is a first-year student at Kenyon College. She is originally from Chicago, so she is very excited to participate in EDE in her hometown this summer. She is currently undecided about her major, but is interested in economics, political science, and English. Outside of the classroom, she is a member of the Kenyon soccer team and loves sports broadly. She is also interested in film photography and loves listening to music and meeting new people. She is super excited to meet the cohort and expand her understanding of economics through EDE.



Nour Ben Ltaifa

University of Maryland, College Park, Class of 2024 · College Park, MD

Nour Ben Ltaifa is a Tunisian American Muslim in her sophomore year at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her interest in economics started when she realized that she wanted a career at the intersection of human psychology and mathematics. She is most drawn towards topics in behavioral and environmental economics.



Zenani Mabuza

St. Lawrence University, Class of 2024 · Canto, NY

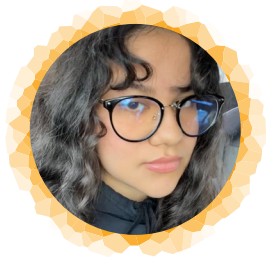
Zenani Mabuza is a sophomore at St. Lawrence University and hails from The Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland). Her long-term goal is to improve women's financial literacy in her home country, thereby promoting their independence and alleviating the high rates of gender-based violence. Zenani's passion for women's empowerment, numbers, and her interest in understanding the mechanisms behind well-functioning economies has influenced her interest in financial economics. It has also contributed to her extra-curricular involvement on campus, including her membership in Women in Economics, in addition to her involvement in campus Christian ministry, training as a student advocate against sexual assault, and serving as Treasurer of the Association for Campus Entertainment.



Fatma Mahmoud

Kenyon College, Class of 2025 · Gambier, OH

Fatma Mahmoud is a freshman at Kenyon College, originally from Egypt. Her engagement in STEM-focused activities in high school fostered her passion for mathematics and computer science. Taking classes out of her comfort zone at Kenyon, specifically principles of macroeconomics, sparked her interest in the interdisciplinary nature of economics. She was inspired by economics' mix of quantitative analysis and qualitative thinking while working on meaningful projects with real-time impact. Outside of the classroom, Fatma is an active member of the Business and Finance Committee at the Kenyon College Student Council and plans to work on research projects addressing diversity and inclusion in the Federal Reserve System. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, going on walks, biking, stargazing, and learning new languages.



Haydee Matos

St. Lawrence University, Class of 2025 · Canto, NY

Haydee Matos is a freshman at St. Lawrence University. She is Dominican and Puerto Rican and currently lives in Harlem, New York. She is an avid lacrosse player, having been a member of her high school team, and looks forward to learning more about economics, Spanish, and education during her undergraduate tenure.



Aryan Munot

University of Maryland, College Park, Class of 2025 · College Park, MD

Aryan Munot is a freshman at the University of Maryland, College Park, and has a particular interest in addressing wealth inequality and providing equal opportunity to all. Originally from Mumbai, India, he has spent close to 3 years in Belgium and been in the US since 2019. He believes that his contrasting experiences of living in both developing, and highly developed countries has given him a front row seat to the magnitude of disparity people face with access to opportunities. Aryan was inspired by his favorite economist, Steven Levitt and wants to incorporate his style of research and data analysis to reduce wealth inequality. He is excited to be a part of the 2022 EDE cohort and looks forward to staying connected and seeking support from the University of Chicago faculty and his peers as he navigates his path in the world of economics and finance.



Amulya Natchukuri

Rutgers University, Class of 2025 · New Brunswick, NJ

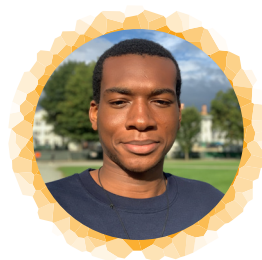
Amulya Natchukuri is a freshman at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Her interest in economics developed during her senior year as the top ranked high school debater in New Jersey, where she had the opportunity to conduct independent research at the intersection of economics and social policy. This exposure sparked her curiosity for further exploration of her interest in the field. During her first year in college, she was involved as an executive board member of the university's debate team while also serving as a columnist for the college's financial newsletter. As a columnist, she wrote articles on developments in the technology and media sectors of the economy. She hopes to engage in research during her undergraduate tenure, and aspires to attend law school upon graduation, drawing on her passion for research and public speaking. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys traveling, having been to 10 countries to date with the hopes of more travel after college. She also loves binge watching tv shows and spending time outdoors.



Michael Nguyen

Macalester College, Class of 2025 · St. Paul, MN

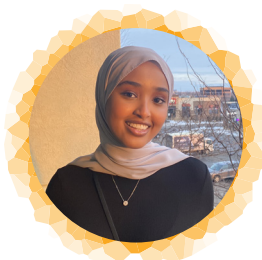
Michael Nguyen is a freshman at Macalester College, originally from the outskirts of Hanoi, Vietnam. Growing up there, he witnessed both the harsh effects of wealth disparity and the generosity of donors committed to addressing income inequality. This experience inspired his interest in the economics of philanthropy, in particular, how governments can encourage donations through their policies. His extracurriculars include membership in the Badminton Club, as well as the Macalester Fund. Outside of class, you can find him at the Target Center attending Minnesota Timberwolves basketball games.



Chukwuka Odigbo

Dartmouth College, Class of 2025 · Hanover, NH

Chukwuka V. Odigbo is a freshman at Dartmouth College, born and raised in Nsukka, Nigeria. He is interested in applying computing to solving problems in the economies of developing countries. Outside of class, he is a senator on the undergraduate student government, works in a variety of tutoring positions, and contributes to campus mental health efforts. In his leisure time, he reads and writes short fiction.



Umukalthoum Omar

University of Minnesota, Class of 2025 · Minneapolis, MN

Umukalthoum Omar, who also goes by Umu, is a freshman at the University of Minnesota. As she explores various career paths, she is excited to be a part of EDE and looks forward to learning from cohort members about their academic and professional pathways. Some of her hobbies include reading, spending time with friends and family, watching movies, and baking.



Yetunde Oshagbemi

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Class of 2023 · Catonsville, MD

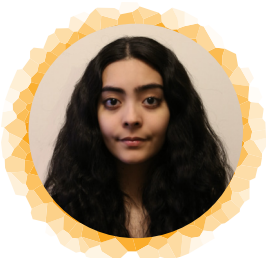
Yetunde Oshagbemi is a junior at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria. She is interested in studying the relationship between gender inequality and economic development in Nigeria. Yetunde is studying mathematics and hopes to ultimately leverage economics to address wealth disparities and the effects of gender inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa.



Adrian Pedroza

Harvard University, Class of 202 · Cambridge, MA

Adrian Pedroza is a sophomore at Harvard University, originally from Los Alamitos, CA. He is interested in the intersection of economics and psychology, plays tennis, and has two siblings.



Angie Ramirez

Colgate University, Class of 2025 · Hamilton, NY

Angie Ramirez is a freshman at Colgate University. Her pronouns are she/her/hers. She was born in New York City and was raised in Tennessee. She has returned to upstate New York to attend college and looks forward to learning more about economics during EDE.



Madison Ramirez

University of Chicago, Class of 2025 · Chicago, IL

Madison Ramirez is a sophomore at the University of Chicago. She is passionate about addressing the racial and gender divide in the field of economics and is excited about connecting with this year's cohort members. Her goals include providing financial literacy for low-income, underrepresented students and helping communities in need through research in economics.



Lea Reisel

Case Western Reserve University, Class of 2025 · Cleveland, OH

Lea Reisel is a freshman at Case Western Reserve University, and is a semi-native New Yorker. She hopes to pursue a career and PhD study at the intersection of community, sustainability, and quantitative analysis. She is interested in behavioral and environmental economics. Lea is a classical pianist with a passion for fashion. Some of her favorite designers include Vivienne Westwood, Alexander McQueen, and Issey Miyake.



Giovanni Martínez Rodríguez

Macalester College, Class of 2025 · St. Paul, MN

Giovanni Martínez is a first-generation freshman at Macalaster College. Originally from Venezuela, in 2019 Giovanni earned a full-ride scholarship from the prestigious United World Colleges at one of their outposts in Canada. He is passionate about the political economy of development and public policy. Coming from a shantytown in Caracas, Giovanni wants to focus his studies on developing community-based data-driven solutions to tackle important issues for his community, such as food insecurity, youth violence, and lack of educational opportunities. At Macalester, he is part of the Model of UN team and the African Music Ensemble. He has also been involved with the Latinx community in the Twin Cities through weekly volunteering with a community-based organization where he teaches English classes. Giovanni has conducted research with his professor on social movements and political parties in Southeast Asia, helping him gain valuable skills in writing, coding data, and researching. Giovanni is interested in entering a PhD program to continue his studies.



Natalie Rong

Colgate University, Class of 2024 · Hamilton, NY

Natalie Rong is a sophomore at Colgate University, originally from Manchester, England. She is a first-generation college student with post-graduate career aspirations in consulting. In her spare time, she envisions fulfilling her bucket list and traveling the world, with the ultimate goal of skydiving in Hawaii.



Zaina Saleem

Oberlin College, Class of 2025 · Oberlin, OH

Zaina Saleem is a freshman at Oberlin College, originally from Lahore, Pakistan. Her academic interests stem from her love of problem-solving and desire to find a point of intersection between computer science, mathematics, and economics. Outside of her studies, she is interested in graphic design and finance, and enjoys traveling and photography.



Diana Sobolieva

Williams College, Class of 2025 · Williamstown, MA

Diana Sobolieva is a freshman at Williams College from Ukraine. She is broadly interested in social sciences, and wants to someday study economic policy, developmental economics, or international law.



Betty Solomon

Brown University, Class of 2025 · Providence, RI

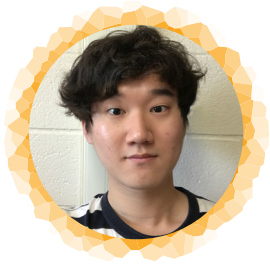
Betty Solomon is a freshman at Brown University. Her interest in the field blossomed just last year after taking an introductory economics course and attending professional and social events held by her university's Economics Students of Color Group and the Diversity and Inclusion committee of its Economics Departmental Undergraduate Group. These experiences challenged her earlier preconceptions of the nearly impermeable, white, male-dominated spaces in economics and inspired her with a stronger desire for more diversity within this field. Through the Independent Concentration feature of her university's academics, she hopes to inform her knowledge of economics with a distinct course of study focused on international studies of history, culture, identity, and politics. Outside of academic pursuits, she plays for her school's club field hockey team and enjoys anything film or French related. This is especially true of French films--as she is an active member of the outreach committee of the Ivy Film Festival and has been an avid learner of French language and culture for six years.



Apueela Wekulom

Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2023 · Atlanta, GA

Apueela Wekulom is a junior at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She has been interested in economics since reading Freakonomics during the summer before her junior year of high school. She is passionate about learning new languages and cultures, and hopes to use her degree, talents, and skills to further her aspirations to work in global development.



Daniel Woo

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Class of 2024 · Chapel Hill, NC

Daniel Woo is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is interested to learn more about programming languages such as Python, R, and Stata, as well as their use in economics and econometrics. Daniel uses his open-minded attitude and near-tireless energy to resolve problems and act as a force for good. In his free-time, Daniel likes to play badminton and soccer.