Born in Jamaica and raised in the Bronx, New York, Travis Brady ’18 came to Yale as a QuestBridge Scholar and is the first member of his family to attend college. He found a warm community in his residential college and quickly felt at home, thanks in large part to the efforts of his freshman counselor. “I appreciate the residential college system; it makes Yale feel small and welcoming,” Travis said.

Travis also found a close-knit peer group in the Black Men’s Union (BMU), about one hundred members strong, where he has served as president. The BMU emphasizes community service, and with fellow members, Travis tutors students at a local middle school. He also spent a summer leading a day camp program for children from disadvantaged neighborhoods in New Haven.

Academically, Travis is immersed in his double-major of biomedical engineering and French. “Biomedical engineering is at the leading edge of discovery today. We are seeing so many breakthroughs made possible by this research, in areas ranging from bioimaging to pharmaceuticals,” he said. He hopes to pursue a career in which he can bring new medical treatments to people around the world, especially the poor. “Speaking French will be an asset in my career path,” he said.

In addition, Travis holds a work-study position as a student manager in the Pierson College dining hall. As a senior, he is participating in the First-year Counselor Program, bringing his Yale experience full circle. “My FroCo made a huge impact on me, and he inspired me to seek out all the many opportunities Yale has to offer. I am excited to share everything I love about Yale with a community of first-year students, and I hope to inspire them just as I have been inspired.”

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