

Student Study

Leading Edge

Elected by their peers, Caltech's student leaders allocate funding for clubs and activities, manage the rotation system in which new students are assigned housing, and help to administer the Institute's honor system.

But this year's incoming Associated Students of Caltech (ASCIT) and Interhouse Committee (IHC) officers say their most important responsibility is fostering a sense of community and connection.

"I would love to be a professor, and being able to work with people to achieve a common goal will be important. I think student leadership is a very useful experience, learning to fight for a whole group's interests."

—Gabby Tender, senior in chemistry, Dabney House president

"I think it's amazing that students can bring big, meaningful, and positive changes to campus by working with and really getting to know faculty and administrators."

—Kavya Sreedhar, junior in electrical engineering, Academics and Research Committee chair and ASCIT vice president of academic affairs

"We're very tech-oriented here. The humanities, social sciences, public speaking—those aren't things we tend to focus on. It's nice to explore those more through student leadership."

—Rachael Morton, senior in computer science, Interhouse Committee chair and ASCIT vice president of non-academic affairs

"I think it's so empowering that a school that didn't admit women until relatively recently has so many women willing to step up and lead."

—Alice Zhai, junior in applied and computational mathematics, ASCIT social director

Read more about this year's student leaders at magazine.caltech.edu/post/student-leaders

From left to right: Alice Zhai, *ASCIT social director*; Kavya Sreedhar, *ARC chair*; Gabby Tender, *Dabney president*; Diandra Almasco, *Blacker president*; Sandra Liu, *Ruddock president*; Grace Chen, *IHC secretary*; Rachael Morton, *IHC chair*; Amanda Lin, *Avery president*; Dana He, *ASCIT secretary*; Sara Adams, *ASCIT director of operations*; Sarang Mittal, *Lloyd president*; Sarah Crucilla, *ASCIT treasurer*; Sarah Cai, *Page president*; Vinciane Chen, *Fleming president*. Missing: Noah Huffman, *Ricketts president* and Sakthi Vetrivel, *ASCIT president*.