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About

The purpose of the Introduction to Contract Bridge Course is to teach and inspire young people to play bridge, and create a community for young bridge players at NYU. It covers the rules of the game as well as the basic strategies of declarer play and defensive carding, along with a fully developed “simple” 2/1 GF bidding system. Bridge is worthwhile to learn because it improves your reasoning skills and your memory (both long and short term!), and there are travel and scholarship opportunities for young bridge players in the U.S. Most importantly, it’s fun and most young bridge players are very nice people.

We profusely thank each and every one of you for attending this course. It’s not an easy game and you showed up. You thoroughly engaged with the material, reading the printouts, asking questions, thinking about the best way to play or bid, and looking over mistakes. You were kind and treated each other with respect. We hope you enjoyed it and will take away a decent knowledge of bridge. We are proud of you.

Here is the link to the master document containing all our bridge resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-JzM-AzvOtJj9Pc0QpWt8e4UQCwCxmPkSyNTPi72VBs/edit?usp=sharing>

If you ever have any bridge questions whether you stay in the club or not, you are always encouraged to email ad6676@nyu.edu or yy2694@nyu.edu.

Senior Portraits



Yanlai

Fun Bridge Memory:
Bid and made 7NT at the summer collegiates



Samuel

Fun Bridge Memory:
I got destroyed by my opponents twice



Chidima

Fun Bridge Memory:
I lost 8 times in a row



Haoxiang

Fun Bridge Memory:
The learning process, especially bidding



Tyler

Fun Bridge Memory:
I got 7nt-ed



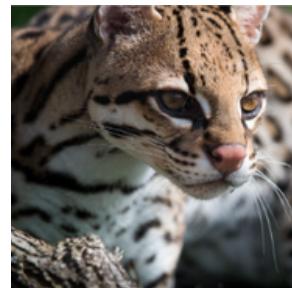
Alex H.

Fun Bridge Memory:
Winston and I set up a stacked deck (27 point hand!)



Elena

Fun Bridge Memory:
Learning the NT bidding



Alex T.

Fun Bridge Memory:
Opening 2 clubs on my first time playing



Quentin

Fun Bridge Memory:
Opening 2 clubs with only 6 points



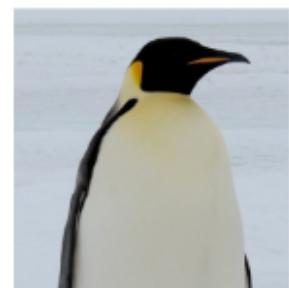
Ava

Fun Bridge Memory:
Teaching concept of bidding as coded communication



Jack

Fun Bridge Memory:
I bet 3 clubs when I only had 4 clubs and 8 points and got doubled... because I read the flowchart wrong



Gil

Fun Bridge Memory:
Every time I come to Bridge and Spades



Brett

Fun Bridge Memory:
Playing bridge with classmates on the metro



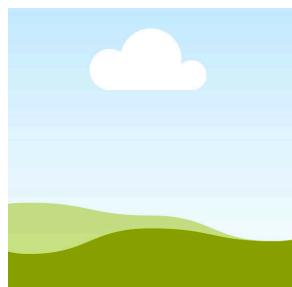
Ashley

Fun Bridge Memory:
Playing the game



Nori

Fun Bridge Memory:
Reading the instructional docs



Jun, Winston, Jakob, Kehan

Player Bios

Haoxiang

Haoxiang studies management and systems. His birthday is in January. His spirit animal would be a cat (maybe) and he's an only child. A skill he's always wanted to learn is skiing, favorite food is dumplings, and he'd like to meet Stephen Curry.

Chidinma

Chidinma studies chemistry. Her birthday is in February. One fun fact about herself is she is apparently good at doing makeup. Her spirit animal would be a cat. One skill she's always wanted to learn is how to play the guitar. She has siblings (unfortunately), and the silliest way she's gotten an injury is by scratching her head on a slightly sharp part of her bed frame for weeks when she got up before figuring it out. She likes the film Lilo & Stitch and looks forward to getting her degree.

Alexander H.

Alex studies Math. His birthday is in May. One fun fact about himself is that he did science competitions in high school. His spirit plant would be an oak tree because he takes a while to figure things out but once he does he's quite good. A skill he's always wanted to learn is lockpicking (but don't assume anything malicious from this), he has a younger sister, and he doesn't know exactly how his parents met "allegedly they were set up." The silliest way he's gotten an injury is when a Frisbee tipped off of his foot cutting into his shin. His favorite book/movie is The Oak Kuisat (Ava may have misspelled that!).

Alex T.

Alex studies Decision Science. His birthday is in February. One fun fact about himself is that he's broken each of his fingers at least twice. His spirit animal would be an ocelot. He collects prints, answered "negative" on siblings, and would like to learn another language. His parents met at work, the weirdest fact he knows is that Czechia (also known as Czech Republic) has the world's largest castle, and the silliest way he's gotten an injury is by dislocating his hand while playing don't-touch-the-ground tag. One thing on his bucket list is to travel the world and see all the sights. His favorite book is Dark Ages (by Pierce Brown), favorite film is Rogue One, and favorite food is venison.

Tyler

Tyler studies Chemical Biomolecular Engineering. His birthday is in August. His spirit animal would be an octopus (because they're fun 😊). A skill he's always wanted to learn is drawing, he has a fraternal twin brother, and one thing on his bucket list is to visit the Great Barrier Reef.

Samuel

Samuel studies finance. His birthday is in April. One fun fact about himself is that he likes bunnies. His spirit animal would be a cat, he collects stamps, and a skill he's always wanted to learn is MMA. He has an older sister, his parents met in college, and one thing on his bucket list is to go to Japan. The silliest way he's ever gotten an injury is when he failed to catch a ball and hurt his nails. His favorite movie/tv series is Naruto.

Elena

Elena studies CS (computer science). Her birthday month is April and her spirit animal would be an owl. One fun fact about herself is that she can't snap her fingers. A skill she's always wanted to learn is to play bridge. She has an older brother, and her parents met when her mom asked her dad for a cigarette in Thailand. One thing on her bucket list is to visit every continent.

Ava

Ava studies Liberal Studies. Her birthday is in October. One fun fact about herself is that she does some woodworking (not so much recently though) and she's made a lamp, bookshelf, and chest for her house. Ava's spirit plant would be a fern (cat for animal), and she has two siblings, a twin sister (identical) and older brother. A skill she's always wanted to learn is some form of martial arts or self defense, one thing on her bucket list is to see a rainforest, and the weirdest fact she knows is that there's a (temperate) rainforest in Washington state. The silliest way she's gotten an injury is by trying to pick up her cat at night without her glasses and hitting her head on a chair (turns out the cat wasn't even there). Her favorite food is pecan pie.

Jack

Jack studies Cinema Studies. His birthday is November 17th. One fun fact about himself is that he is training to be a pilot. His spirit animal would definitely be a penguin, and he collects cameras and lenses. One thing on his bucket list is to look at lava in real life, he has one brother, and the weirdest fact he knows is that Apollo astronauts ruffled the flag to make it seem 'natural.' He'd like to learn to speak Russian, and the silliest way he's gotten an injury is by falling down a staircase because he got spooked by opening a can of Coke. His favorite movie is Dune.

Ashley

Ashley studies Math and Physics. Her birthday is in October. One fun fact about herself is that she has a very high spice tolerance. Her spirit animal would be a frog, a skill she's always wanted to learn is figure skating, and she has a younger sister. Her parents met in high school + college, one thing on her bucket list is to visit Japan, and a weird fact she knows is that time is different for different observers (physics!). The silliest way she's gotten an injury was by testing out soccer cleats in a sports store; she did a practice kick and slipped and fell backwards. Her favorite book is *A Farewell to Arms*.

Gil

Gil studies CS and Math. His birthday is in January. One fun fact about himself is that he is a Twitter addict. His spirit animal would be a penguin, a skill he's always wanted to learn is to whistle, and he has an older sister. One thing on his bucket list is to save a life, and a weird fact he knows is that the guy who wrote most of Henry Kissinger's obituary died over a decade ago. His favorite movie is Winnie the Pooh. Gil has never encountered a live cat.

Nori

Nori studies Math/CS. One fun fact about himself is that he likes to run. His spirit animal would be an owl, and one thing on his bucket list is to play in a bridge tournament. The weirdest fact he knows is that butterflies can taste with their feet. The craziest injury he's ever gotten was when he was hiking in the winter with a friend and got lost. Nori got frostbite and the two spent hours searching for the way back before they finally found someone. One of his favorite things is ramen... the haiku of course not the food.

Brett

Brett studies Data Science. His birthday is in November. One fun fact about himself is that he plays bridge. His spirit animal would be a rabbit. He collects playbills and has no siblings.

Jakob

Jakob studies Math and Computer Science. His birthday is in December. One fun fact about himself is that he shares a birthday with his (not twin) sister. His spirit animal would be an octopus and he collects paper weights and stickers. A skill Jakob's always wanted to learn is to play the guitar. He has three siblings (all younger), and his parents met while his mom was working at the GAP. One thing on his bucket list is to go skydiving.

Quentin

Quentin studies Math and Computer Science. His birthday is in November. His spirit animal would be a dragon. A skill he's always wanted to get very good at is knowing what other people think/feel, and he has a brother.

Yanlai

Yanlai studies computer science. His birthday is in February. One fun fact about him is he watches Formula 1 (professional car racing competitions). He is not a picky eater, but loves all kinds of dried fruits (especially Trader Joe's dried baby pineapple). His spirit animal would be an elephant. He is from Shanghai China, and currently lives in Hoboken, NJ with a roommate. One random fact: he used to have a picture of a yawning cat as one of his profile photos on WeChat, but changed it when his mom told him it looked "too scary."

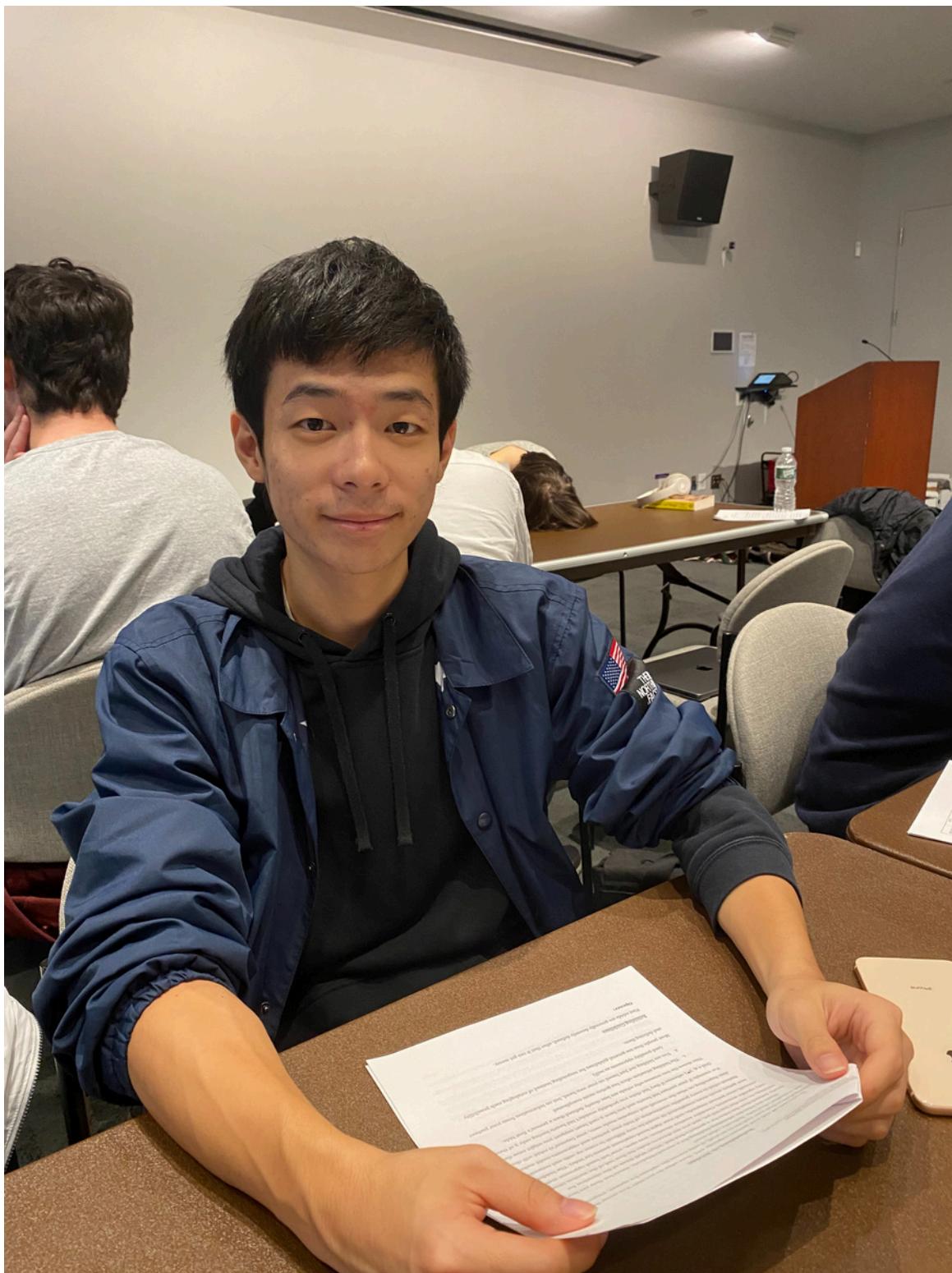
Winston

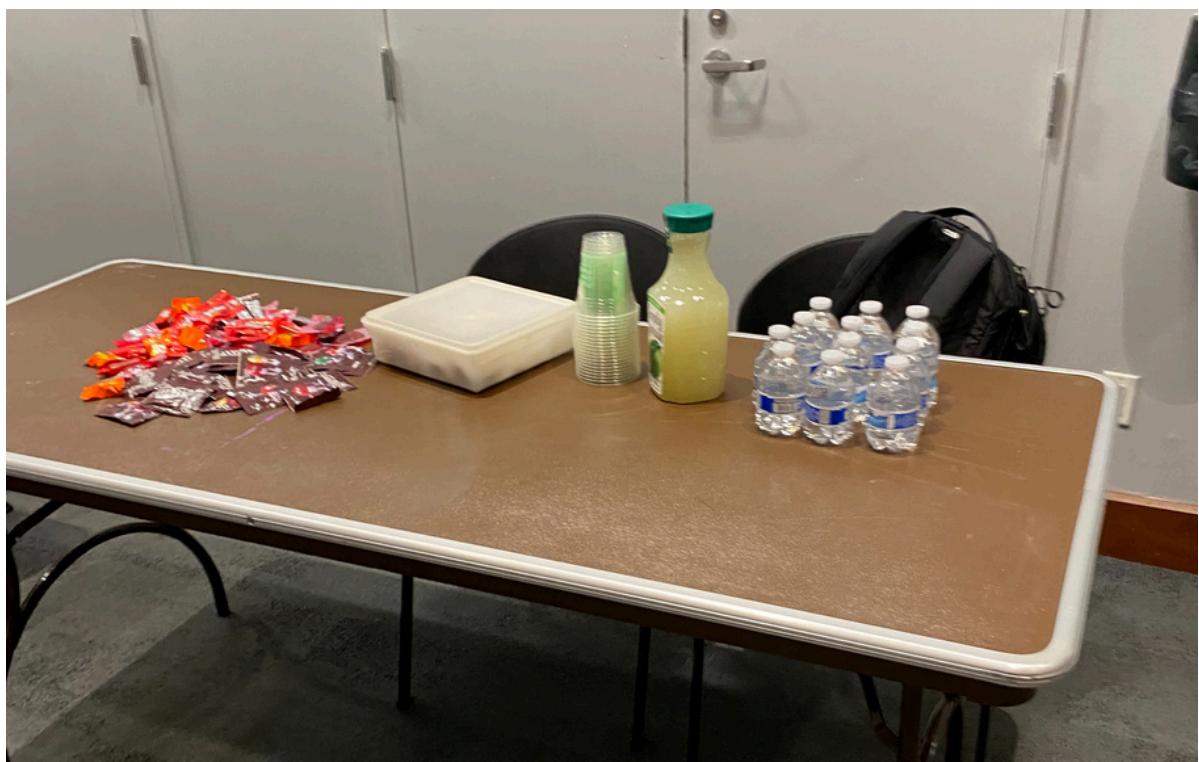
Winston studies Global Liberal Studies. His birthday is in February. One fun fact about himself is that he composes and arranges for the piano for fun. Winston collects hotel keycards after checking out, and one skill he's always wanted to learn is cooking, especially the ability to judge flavor well. He has two younger sisters and one thing on his bucket list is to go traveling around Japan. The silliest way he's gotten an injury is by spraining an ankle just by walking coffee-deprived and his favorite film is *Liz to Aoi Tori*.

PHOTOS













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We encourage players to join the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). You should all qualify for the \$5 annual junior membership, and we will reimburse the membership fee for the first year.

<https://acbl.org/membership/>

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