

Brain Matters Board

Chief Editor



Rajvi Javeri is a Senior pursuing a major in Psychology with a Concentration in Behavioral Neuroscience and a minor in Music. Apart from being a part of Brain Matters, she helps out as a research assistant at the Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory at the Beckman Institute. In her free time, she likes to practice guitar and sing. She also loves drinking infused teas and reading books whenever she can. She loves going on treks and any outdoor activities in general and is also a part of the UIUC archery club!

Assistant Chief Editor



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Shireen Aydogan is a senior majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology on a pre-med track and exploring the possibility of an Arabic and Communications minor. She devotes time to teach English to refugees and volunteer at the free health clinic in the community throughout the school year as well. In her free time she enjoys playing the guitar, and spending time with her family. She also likes to stay active by playing basketball and snowboarding. She hopes to increase awareness in neuroscience through her writing and as Social/Advertising Chair for brain matters.



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Michelle is a sophomore pursuing a major in Chemistry and a minor in Computer Science. Aside from being a part of the journal, Michelle is currently working in the Silverman Lab as an undergraduate researcher. She is excited to explore the field of neuroscience by writing for Brain Matters.

Editors



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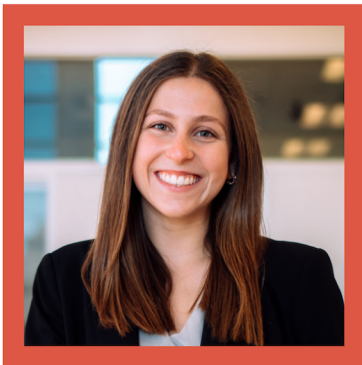


Meher finds it especially fascinating that the brain, unlike other organs, is two-timing, responsible for molecular regulation and behavioral expression, inspiring her to pursue a Neuroscience major. She also aspires towards health equity, working with Brain Matters to make science communication more accessible and empower our students to share their interests and make discoveries of their own. In her free time, she loves to explore Green Street to try new foods and go for walks around the quad.

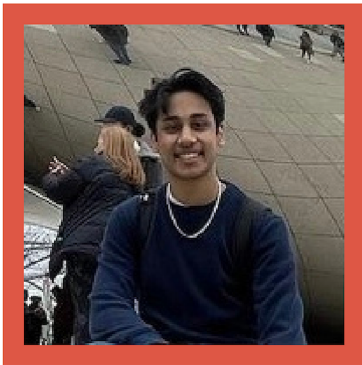




Andrew is a Sophomore majoring in Neuroscience and pursuing a minor in Chemistry and Spanish. He is very interested in giving as many students the opportunity to write in an Undergraduate journal as possible. Outside of the journal, he is an assistant researcher in the Sweedler Lab, a member of the LAS Leaders Exec Board, a student leader for McKinley, and a patient care technician at a local hospital.



Hi my name is Claire Hershenhouse and I am a junior studying bioengineering I am a first year editor on Brain Matters and I am passionate about neuroscience because it enhances our understanding of the body's functions. I hope you all enjoy the volume!



My name is Faisal Ahmad and I am an editor with Brain Matters. I was involved with the editing process of short article reviews and papers on amyloid beta plaques. My time in editing neuroscience literature was a highlight of college and I really enjoyed learning about various topics in psychology and molecular neuroscience. My hobbies include spending time with friends, gaming, and working out.



Hello! My name is Celeste Acosta and I'm a Senior in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology! I'm from Cicero, Illinois. I'm currently training to work at the Physical and Neurocognitive Health Lab with Dr. Dominika Pindus and her team on campus. I love learning about the brain and it's wonderful ability to constantly change itself even in the most challenging circumstances! In the future I'd like to apply what I've learned about Neuroscience in a clinical setting as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. In my free time I like to take pictures, read, play Animal Crossing, and spend time with my family back home!



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Joseph Caruana is thrilled to be a contributing editor to the 7th volume of Brain Matters. Joe is a senior in the Brain and Cognitive Science Major at UIUC, where he is earning certificates in Neuroscience and Animal Behavior and working for his second year as a research assistant in the Gulley Neuropsychopharmacology Lab. Under the mentorship of Dr. Josh Gulley in the Department of Psychology, he is completing an Honors Thesis which investigates the effects of sex and age on motivational anhedonia during methamphetamine withdrawal. Prior to attending UIUC, Joe was a professional dancer, choreographer, and arts administrator. On the rare occasion he is not in class, studying, or in the lab, he enjoys volunteering for Uniting Pride of Champaign County, biking around campus, and relaxing to the soothing sounds of the cows that live across the street from him.

