Dear Students:

As co-chairs of the JHU 2020 Planning Student Advisory Committee, we are pleased to announce the selection of 20 undergraduate and graduate students to serve on the committee. (Please see the list of members below.) The Student Advisory Committee is one of several avenues for community engagement and input established for the JHU planning process and will ensure that the voices and perspectives of our students inform each stage of this effort.

In a message to our community last week, President Ronald J. Daniels and Provost Sunil Kumar shared the framework for the university’s preparations for the phased resumption of suspended in-person activities. Central to those efforts are multiple workgroups of faculty, staff, and students, each charged with examining a range of questions and scenarios related to COVID-19 and developing recommendations that will be shared with the deans, faculty governance bodies, and university leaders to inform planning at each of our schools and divisions.

There are currently students serving on both the Research and Student Life Workgroups, and the Student Advisory Committee provides an additional opportunity for students representing all Hopkins schools to provide input and guidance across all of the university’s 2020 planning efforts.

Nearly 300 students applied, providing information about their degree program, involvement in student organizations, and their views about the key issues the committee should explore. Those selected represent all JHU schools and bring unique and diverse perspectives that will be critical as the university navigates the many complex challenges ahead.

The committee will meet virtually twice a week through June, beginning this week, and twice a month (or as necessary) in July and August. Information about the committee’s ongoing activities and work will be shared through the JHU planning website.
We are extremely grateful for each student who applied and, as this process continues, we want to hear from all of you. Please share your suggestions and recommendations online and at upcoming events, including a series of virtual town halls and forums that will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making the Hopkins experience the best it can be at all times. We hope you and your families and friends continue to stay well. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing more information as we plan our next steps together.

Sincerely,

Alanna Shanahan
Vice Provost for Student Affairs

Janet Schreck
Associate Vice Provost for Education

JHU 2020 Planning Student Advisory Committee Members:

- Kai Abiola, junior, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Layan Atieh, junior, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and Peabody Institute
- Vanessa Battista, third-year graduate student, Carey Business School and School of Nursing
- Zachary Britt, second-year graduate student, Bloomberg School of Public Health and Carey Business School
- Mia Grahn, sophomore, Whiting School of Engineering
- Christopher Hartung, second-year graduate student, Peabody Institute
- Marissa McDonald, junior, Whiting School of Engineering
- Harvey McGuinness, first-year undergraduate student, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Sam Mollin, junior, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Harry Paul, second-year graduate student, School of Medicine
- Benjamin Peak, doctoral student, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Shiselle Povedano, second-year graduate student, School of Advanced International Studies
- Robert Scala, junior, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Caroline Siebald, doctoral student, School of Medicine
• Lanise Stevenson, second-year graduate student, School of Education
• Kate Sully, second-year graduate student, Carey Business School
• Eugenia Volkova, doctoral student, Whiting School of Engineering
• JiWon Woo, sophomore, Whiting School of Engineering
• Etan Yeshua, second-year graduate student, School of Nursing
• Yuehan Zhang, doctoral student, Bloomberg School of Public Health