**President: Pablo Palomino**

Pablo is a fourth year PhD candidate from Wellington, FL. He completed his B.S. in Materials Science & Engineering at the University of Florida and works in Professor Eve Donnelly’s lab, where he investigates the effects of type 2 diabetes on cortical bone fragility. As President, Pablo wants to ensure that the diverse needs of the graduate community are met while increasing exposure of Cornell BMES on campus and throughout NY state. In his spare time, Pablo enjoys reading, dancing, the outdoors, and playing basketball.

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**Vice President, President-elect: Joseph Long**

Joseph is a first year PhD student originally from Portland, Oregon. He completed his B.S. in Bioengineering at Oregon State University and is currently researching muscle cell mechanotransduction mechanisms in the Lammerding lab. As Vice President of BMES, Joseph aims to promote a more active dialogue with the BME graduate student population and improve connections within the community by listening to student feedback and advocating for professional development modalities that are believed most necessary for student success.

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**Communications Director: Matthew Whitman**

Matt is a first year PhD student working in the Fischbach-Teschl Lab studying microenvironment-mediated breast cancer metastasis. He is from Holden, Massachusetts and completed his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In his position as communications director, Matt aims to increase community engagement through focused multimedia campaigns. In his spare time, Matt enjoys running, hiking, and playing soccer.

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**Treasurer: Ben Albert**

Ben is a first year PhD student from Columbus, Ohio. He completed his undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering at The Ohio State University. His research is on tissue engineered heart valves in Professor Butcher’s lab. As treasurer, Ben hopes to increase the BMES chapter’s connections with the greater, campus community. In his free time, he enjoys running and making pizza.

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**Outreach Co-chair: Jason Chang**

Jason is a first year PhD student in Biomedical Engineering in the Andarawis-Puri lab investigating mechanisms of scarless tendon healing using tissue engineering approaches. He is originally from Dallas, Texas and completed his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas. As Outreach Co-Chair, Jason hopes to expand public engagement with the broader Ithaca community through STEM outreach and mentoring activities. In his free time, Jason enjoys cooking (and eating) new cuisines, playing with dogs, trying new coffee varieties, and discussing current events.

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**Outreach Co-chair: Melanie Maurer**

Melanie is a first year PhD student in the Lammerding Lab, where she is developing an in vitro stem cell model of dilated cardiomyopathy to study dysfunctional morphology and mechanotransduction caused by mutations on the LMNA gene. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas, and is originally from Illinois. As co-Outreach Chair, she hopes to encourage more excitement for and participation in STEM community engagement activities, and continue to foster new and old relationships between Graduate BMES and local organizations including the Sciencenter, the Free Science Workshop, and local school districts.

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Social Co-Chair: Katherine Driscoll
Katherine is a first year PhD student in Dr. Yadong Wang’s Lab. She completed her B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the joint BME program at UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State University. As community engagement co-chair, Katherine hopes to improve and strengthen bonds with fun, interactive events that are easy for all to participate in. Additionally, she hopes to broaden the BMES community by coordinating events with other departments. In her spare time, Katherine enjoys playing the piano, painting, and swimming.

Social Co-Chair: Hania Koziol
Hania Koziol is a first-year PhD student working in the Putnam lab. She is from Whitefish, Montana and received her undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University. As Community Engagement co-chair, Hania is looking forward to organizing the BMES events so we can create more memories together as a community. In her spare time, Hania enjoys going running, downhill skiing, and cross-country skiing.

Masters of Engineering Representative: Bhavya Mehta
Bhavya is from Mumbai, India and is currently pursuing Masters of Engineering degree in Biomedical Engineering. She plans on gaining experience in Medical Devices industry for a while and then venturing on to her own for contributing in the healthcare sector. She loves dancing, travelling, swimming and baking. As an M.Eng Social representative she is responsible for organizing and managing social and networking events for M.Eng students.

Masters of Engineering Representative: Louis Pollenz
Louis is from Long Island, NY, and got his undergraduate degree in BME from the University at Buffalo. He was the President of BMES at UB and hopes to give even more back to the M.Eng students and the graduate BME community here at Cornell through professional development and social events. He loves to perform magic, play the trumpet, watch movies, read books, play board games, and talk about basically any topic you’re interested in!

Interested in contacting the Student Chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society at Cornell? Email us a cornell.bmes@gmail.com for information about outreach activities, industry partnerships, and professional group networking opportunities.