



### Stephen Bleistine '25

**HOMETOWN:** Glassboro, NJ

**DOUBLE MAJOR:** Asian Studies & Government and Law

"I have benefited greatly from the Gateway program. I have been able to speak with alumni who are working within my areas of interest. Furthermore, Gateway has been extremely helpful in facilitating networking with alumni, including emailing and phone calls. The major events that Gateway creates and produces, such as Sophomore Success, are incredibly successful at managing the eager student body with the helpful and selfless Lafayette alumni. My own work with my Gateway Career Counselor has been very meaningful and has helped provide me with career goals and a framework for how I wish to pursue my college experience. My Gateway Career Counselor has always been available to meet with me and very communicative. I never felt like I could not reach them."



### Sarah Aparicio '25

**HOMETOWN:** Queens, NY

**MAJOR:** Anthropology & Sociology, Minor: Organizational Studies

"I have definitely benefited from engaging with Gateway's program from being able to update my resume, LinkedIn profile, and even finding out about various websites to broaden my search for internships. My Gateway Career Counselor has introduced me to several different websites for internships within my desired industry: Marketing."



### Kashif Chopra '26

**HOMETOWN:** Gurugram, Haryana, India

**MAJOR:** Electrical and Computer Engineering

"Meeting with my Gateway Career Counselor has been extremely beneficial in helping me discover opportunities on campus that I, as a student, should utilize. Through my Gateway Career Counselor, I learned about various programs and networking opportunities, and they were also helpful in connecting me with other individuals who shared similar interests and majors. If I ever needed to contact someone knowledgeable in a specific field for a project, my Gateway Career Counselor would be the first person I would reach out to for a connection."

Events such as the on-campus career fairs were also beneficial in teaching me how to network and provided me with an understanding of the job market available for recent graduates. I also participated in the East and West Coast technology Career Tracks, where I connected with Lafayette alumni working at big tech companies like Google and Amazon."

*Explore the possibilities. Find your path.*

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**We're here to guide you  
each step of the way.**



# Welcome to Lafayette.

**YOU'VE JOINED A COMMUNITY** of people who think bold, work hard, and achieve great things. We are here to help you do the same. You may have a clear vision of your future... or not! Either way, we will help you navigate the way. We want to help you explore your interests, values, and passions. We will guide you and connect you with the resources you need to achieve your goals. You began the journey to a successful future by enrolling in Lafayette. Now it's time to take the next step by engaging with Gateway.



The Gateway Career Center is located on the second floor of Hogg Hall.

**Here is a general roadmap of what you can expect as you engage with Gateway. Your Gateway Career Counselor will be your guide along your unique journey.**

## FIRST YEAR

### EXPLORE

Let's talk about you! What do you like to do? What excites you? We'll help you connect the dots between your interests and specific career fields and graduate opportunities.

#### ▼ HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Participate in a Gateway orientation meeting with other first-year students.
- Meet your Gateway Career Counselor, who will support you through your four years at Lafayette and beyond.
- Learn what academic courses and extracurricular activities can support your long-term goals.
- Develop a résumé and sketch out a plan based on your interests.
- Apply for the Career Tracks Program to gain valuable, insider perspective on what it's like to work in a particular industry and city.

## SECOND YEAR

### CONNECT

The best way to expand your knowledge of a specific career, industry, or graduate program is to learn from someone who is connected in that area. Tap into our extensive network of alumni and parents who are eager to give support.

#### ▼ HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Participate in workshops, alumni panels, and career fairs to gain insight and start building a network of contacts.
- Apply for an externship. This valuable shadowing experience will give you the opportunity to spend time with a Lafayette grad or parent in their workplace. You'll learn about the experiences and skills needed for that particular job, gain knowledge about a specific industry, and add to your network of contacts.
- Apply for the Career Tracks Program.
- Refine your career or grad school plan with your Gateway Career Counselor, based on all that you're learning from these programs and experiences.

## THIRD YEAR

### PLAN

Get closer to your goals by continuing to build your contacts, expand your career-related skills, and land real-world experiences. We'll help you research careers, employers, and grad schools that match your interests.

#### ▼ HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Participate in an externship, career track, and/or internship. Like externships and career tracks, internships give students exposure to a particular job and industry. Because internships are longer in duration, students get a fully immersive hands-on work experience that builds skills and helps to refine career goals.
- Conduct informational and mock interviews with alumni and parents.
- Continue to refine your career or grad school plan with your Gateway Career Counselor and research specific employers or graduate programs.

## FOURTH YEAR

### LAUNCH

All the planning and exploring you've done since year one is about to pay off. The connections you've made, skills you've developed, and knowledge you've gained over the past three years will give you what you need to enter the job market or start grad school with confidence.

#### ▼ HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Conduct a job search or apply to grad school.
- Target your résumé for specific employers and grad school programs.
- Prepare and practice for interviews and career fairs.
- Finalize grad school applications.

*Explore the possibilities.  
Plot your path.  
Find a career you love.*