

# Yale SACNAS Chapter

1. Started just 3 years ago
2. First SACNAS Chapter in Connecticut
3. Focus on three major pillars
  - Professional Development
  - Outreach
  - Community



# Chapter Objectives: Building Community

Before COVID:

1. Qualifying Practice Talks

During COVID:

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2. E hangouts/Game nights
3. Grocery Buddies



# Qualifying Practice Talks

## Before COVID:

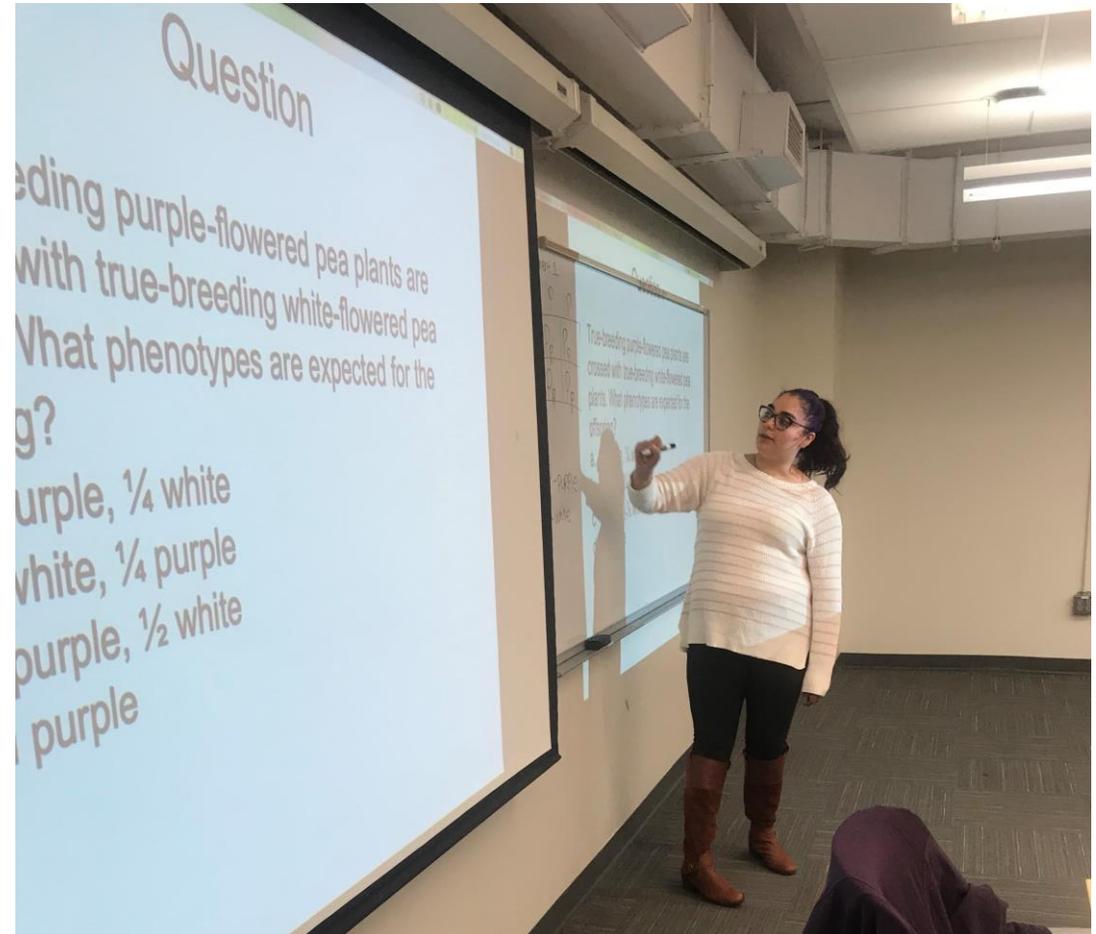
- Form mock qualifying committee
  - Written Proposal Feedback
  - In person oral presentation feedback
    - Chalk Talk
    - Powerpoint Presentation

## Post COVID:

- Transitioning into zoom presentations

## High success rate

- 5 passed before COVID
- 2 passed during COVID



# Grocery Buddies

## Early virtual member assessment

- In person shopping anxiety
- Social isolation anxiety

## At risk mentors signed up for in person grocery deliveries

- Facilitated by e-board members

**YSACNAS Grocery Buddies**



# E-hangouts/ Game Nights

## Monthly virtual hangouts

- Movie nights
- Jackbox game nights
- Among Us



# Goal: Build Community

We reached our goal of building community under difficult circumstances

Current goal: Maintaining our community while supporting incoming students

COVID initiatives were adapted by other diversity organizations at Yale