Hi! My name is Alison Wong and I am a McDonough peer ambassador.

**Hometown:** Boston, MA  

**Class:** 2017  

**Major:** Marketing (Studio Art Minor)  

**Extracurricular Activities:** 1634 Society, Club Lacrosse

**Interesting Fact About Me:** I was supposed to wear an eye patch in kindergarten because my eyesight in one eye was extremely weak. Instead, my mom made me wear my glasses with a major prescription in one eye 24/7 because she thought I wouldn’t have friends.

**What made you choose Georgetown's McDonough School of Business?** Originally, I wanted to study architecture, but as I didn’t have a complete portfolio prior to applying to colleges, I decided I would go to business school so I could enter the field of architecture on the business or administrative side.

**What are the best things about being a Hoya?** I love the traditions that are unique to Georgetown that are embedded in Georgetown’s history, like not stepping on the seal outside the doors of Healy Hall or sitting on John Carroll’s lap. Being a Hoya doesn’t just mean, “What rocks,” but it also means having pride in the blue and gray and coming together in those commonalities despite our diverse backgrounds.

**Why do you love D.C.?** I love D.C. because you can experience the beauty and history directly in and around campus while the heart of the city is a bus ride away. There is a lot of culture and life just outside of Georgetown that has a lot to offer and teach us, but it requires our own volition to take that step and see it for ourselves.

**Share a defining and/or transformative classroom/educational moment?** I took an English class on Satire my sophomore fall, and my professor was a young, extremely accomplished professor. Despite his many accomplishments, including a degree from Oxford and an impressive CV, his final presentation for us was called the “Panda PowerPoint,” which outlined his ten pieces of advice. One of them was about allowing yourself to have fun with your friends and let go of the all-consuming academic struggle once in a while. Hearing him genuinely speak on the importance of mindless fun in addition to the academic grind made me relax into the growing process of what it means to be a student – we’re not adults yet; it’s not rebellion to have fun.

**What is your advice to incoming Hoyas?** Don’t set expectations. Set goals and a vision of who you want to be and what you want to accomplish, but leave some wiggle room for mistakes and unexpected opportunities.