GILLIAN BRASSIL, class of 2019, is majoring in Communication and minoring in Creative Writing. Although she was born in Massachusetts, she went to high school in the Bay Area to train for Team USA in synchronized swimming. At Stanford, she is a member of the varsity synchronized swimming team and an editor for The Stanford Daily. She is pursuing a career in journalism and wrote for the San Jose Mercury News this past summer. She is excited to join the COMM Peer Advisor team and encourages students of all majors to reach out and ask about the COMM Department, time management as a student-athlete, and life at Stanford in general!

WALKER BROWN, class of 2019, from Laredo Texas, is majoring in Communication and planning to Co-term in Communication: Media Studies. Walker has been interested in media and the entertainment industry since watching movies on a small screen in the back of his parents’ car on the way to out-of-town hockey trips. He now has expanded his interests to include TV, film, and media, as well as studying how quickly and drastically the landscape for entertainment media is changing. Walker helps produce short films on campus with Cardinal Studios as well as leading Stanford Students in Entertainment. He spent his past summer as orientation coordinator, videographer, and designer for Stanford 2017 New Student Orientation. He cannot wait to answer your questions about majoring in Communication!

LEA ZAWADA, class of 2018, is majoring in Communication to better understand human interactions and the effects of media on these processes. She is currently working in the Communication Lab where she has been studying the conversations that people have with chatbots. As an actor and theater lover, Lea is fascinated with how people connect with each other and particularly the drama of miscommunication. She intends to seriously pursue theater after college. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Lea also loves the outdoors and spends much of her free time hiking, biking, and backpacking when she can.