

Summer 2023 Interns

Viviana Garcia
The George Washington University, MPH Program, September '23
Likes: Cooking, gardening, policy, advocacy, program management, health promotion
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"My name is Viviana Garcia and I am from Chicago, IL. I am currently pursuing a master's of public health at The George Washington University. I am excited to be an intern at the National Hispanic Medical Association and learn more about improving the health of minority populations, as well as policy and advocacy. Additionally, I am looking forward to working with and learning from this team!"

Karina Knizek
Middlebury College, Major in International Relations on the pre-med track
Likes: Policy, skiing, traveling, holidays, community service
Languages: English, Spanish
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Hi! My name is Karina Knizek, and I live in Washington, D.C. However, my family is Mexican and Venezuelan, so I have spent much time over the summer there as well and grew up speaking Spanish. I am currently a rising junior at Middlebury College in Vermont and plan to major in International Relations on the pre-med track. My hobbies include skiing, traveling, and holidays (I particularly love Christmas). I also enjoy trying new restaurants and cuisine (especially Latin American ones). I am also an EMT in Vermont, which I love doing. I have spent a total of 6 months working on Capitol Hill, specifically with healthcare, so I am
excited to compare my work with the Hispanic community in healthcare with politicians as opposed to NHMA this summer. I am excited to meet other interns and the staff at NHMA too! Can't wait to meet you all!

Iliana Diaz, Lead Program Intern

Graduate school in London
Major: Biology of Global Health Major on Pre-Med Track, Film and Media Studies Minor
Likes: Film and media, research, medicine, advocacy, mentoring
Languages: English, Spanish
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“My name is Iliana Diaz (she/her) and I am a senior at Georgetown University studying Biology of Global Health and minoring in Film and Media. I am originally from New Hampshire and in my free time, I like to bake and cook. I am most excited to learn more about all the different programs people are working on and getting to share new ideas on projects.”

Madeleine Johnston

The Washington Center Internship Program
Likes: music, writing, reading, social media marketing, copywriting, foreign affairs, policy, legislation
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“Hello! My name is Maddy and I am currently studying international affairs and Spanish at the University of New Hampshire. I am very excited about this internship because I will learn new skills that will be applicable to my future career in United States politics. I am passionate about working in health care policy and ensuring equitable opportunities for underrepresented populations. I am determined to contribute solutions to socioeconomic challenges and health care inequality, and I am excited to learn from the people that I meet in the NHMA.”

Isaac Stephens, NHHF

The Washington Center Internship Program
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Sophomore
Major: Political Science, Minor: Spanish
Likes: Music, singing, playing piano, musical theatre, international relations, economics
Languages: English, Spanish
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“Hello! My name is Isaac Stephens and I'm from North Huntingdon, PA. I am a rising sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh pursuing a political science major and a Spanish minor. NHHF is an incredible organization, and I can't wait to contribute to the Hispanic healthcare community. I'm most excited to learn from people in the office in order to hone my professional skills.”

Julian Pac, Communications
“Hi everyone, my name is Julian Pac. I am an international student, from Guatemala, at the College of Wooster in Ohio. I am currently a sophomore, majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BCMB), and minoring in Computer Science. I am pursuing a pre-med track in order to be able to help out the disadvantaged communities around the whole world. As a Hispanic/Latino, I feel excited to be advocating for my communities rights here in the United States, and look forward to working and learning with people that have the same motivation.”

Emilio Pac, Communications

College of Wooster
Major: Biology (Pre-Med)
Languages: English, Spanish
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“Hello, everyone! I’m Emilio Pac, an international student hailing from Guatemala and currently enrolled at The College of Wooster. I’m pursuing a major in Biology, with a keen interest in the pre-med track. I’m truly excited about the opportunity to collaborate with NHMA to enhance and expand my skill set, as these skills will play a key role in shaping my future career in the medical field.”