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NANA ASAMOAH-PRATT

Nana Asamoah-Pratt is a third year undergraduate student majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Psychological Sciences and Chemistry. She strives to learn ways to combat disparities in healthcare. After graduation, Nana hopes to visit Ghana as a volunteer to aid families who suffer from the effects of maternal mortality.

MARU AYALA

Maru Ayala is a first-year undergraduate student from Puerto Rico majoring in Public Health. She is interested in reproductive and sexual health education among underserved youth populations, as well as promoting holistic pregnancy care and studying postpartum depression. In the future, she hopes to work back home in non-profit work centered around community health and natural disaster relief.



MOLAYO IFEBAJO

Molayo Ifebajo is a third year undergraduate student from Long Island, NY. She is majoring in Public Health with a minor in Data Science. She is passionate about eliminating the disparities in maternal health outcomes in the Black community. She desires a future where childbirth ends in joy for Black moms and their families, rather a process leading to sorrow. She hopes to merge her skills in Data Science with her knowledge of public health to produce health programs that are tailored to the needs of Black mothers.



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CALSTINE FEGER

Cal Feger is a second-year undergraduate student majoring in Public Health from Rochester, New York. Cal is passionate about reproductive health and researching public health inequities within populations that are disproportionately affected. She plans to apply to graduate school to obtain an MPH with a concentration in child and maternal health as well as apply to physician assistant school in the future.

ORLANDO GONZALEZ-MERINO

Orlando Gonzalez is a second-year undergraduate student from Monmouth County, New Jersey. He is in the University Honors Program majoring in Public Health and minoring in Psychology. He is interested in learning different ways to increase access to health care for vulnerable and underserved MCH populations globally and breaking barriers that prevent them from receiving this care. In addition to his passion for maternal and child health, he is interested in public policy, pediatrics, and health equity, as well as the different psychological and biological aspects that affect the health of children. In the future, Orlando plans to attend graduate school and receive his MPH, in addition to exploring different careers in the healthcare field.



NASTEHO IBRAHIM

Nasteho Ibrahim is a third year undergraduate student from Djibouti. Public Health and minoring in data science and Sociology. Nasteho is interested in maternal health, especially global health and female genital mutilation. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a master's in public health.



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MELISSA DAVIES-COLE

Melissa is a third year undergraduate student majoring in Public Health with a micro-minor in Health Equity on the Pre-Medical track. She is from Maryland and is interested in learning more about medical-provider and patient relationships and its role and impact on health, especially as it relates to maternal and child health. She is also interested in advocating and promoting sustainable development and ethical healthcare access and research. Currently, Melissa is in the BS/MPH program with a concentration in Epidemiology. Upon graduation, she plans to continue her MPH education and after further plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician. She is also interested in maternal/child health research in Sierra Leone and hopes to support local clinics and hospitals to improve access to healthcare in Sierra Leone after her graduation years.

SIMAR KAUR

Simar Kaur is a second year student from Queens, New York majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Sociology. She wants to focus her education on people, and what makes them fundamentally human, both biologically and socially, and learn to understand them on an individualized level. Currently, Simar volunteers with One Tent Health to raise HIV awareness, is a research publication editor for the GW Undergraduate Review, and a member of the Sikh Student Association on campus. After graduating, Simar hopes to pursue a MS in Biology and continue her education into medical school, specifically Family Medicine, learning more about the intersectionality of personal identity and healthcare, and provide lasting and individualized care to overlooked minority patients.



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SALMA HERAM

Salma Heram is a third-year undergraduate student majoring in peace studies and minoring in public health. As she hopes to attend medical school after graduation, she is also on the pre-med track and is pursuing a micro-minor in health equity. She is originally from Egypt and was raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. At GW, she is an alum of the Women's Leadership Program and continues to mentor freshmen members of the WLP. She is a student in the University Honors Program, where she also sits on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. After serving as secretary of the Arab Student Association last year, she is now the organization's elected President. Outside of academics, Salma is an outspoken advocate for human rights and refugee rights. Having lived through the Arab Spring and the Egyptian Crisis as a child, Salma has grown to be vocal against armed conflict and human rights violations. In the future, Salma hopes to pursue a career in refugee aid work and humanitarian medicine, focusing on the health of women and children affected by conflict.

ANIKA SHARMA

Anika Sharma is a second year undergraduate from Ashburn, Virginia. She is majoring in Public Health and is on the Pre-Medicine track. Anika is passionate about the quality of healthcare in maternal child health as well as nutrition sciences. She hopes to gain clinical experience within the field of maternal child health as well as work with communities that are impacted by health disparities. She plans to receive an MPH and attend medical school later to pursue a career in maternal child health. With her degree, she hopes to open an all-encompassing practice where both prenatal and postpartum care are met for women of different minorities.

