Cristina Baglio – Honolulu, HI, USA

Cristina Baglio, BSN, RN, EMT graduated from nursing school earlier in 2020 after 3 years working in Emergency Medical Services for Honolulu’s 911 system. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Advanced Population Health Nursing from University of Hawai’i at Manoa while cultivating her passion for environmental health. As Cristina seeks out emergency and critical care New Grad RN positions in New York, she continues to maintain a special focus for opportunities to improve sustainable practices in her future healthcare setting.

Jena Blum – Philadelphia, PA, USA

Jena Blum is a nursing student at Thomas Jefferson School of Nursing receiving her second bachelor’s degree. She, previously, received a public health degree from Temple University. During her first degree she advocated for Asbestos and Lead remediation projects in the Philadelphia school district. She also volunteered to educate her college campus on climate policies, register new voters, published letters to the editors and spoke for local programming on the impact of different climate policies on the city of Philadelphia, where she lives. In her free time, she travels, hikes and swims as much as possible, during which she never forgets to pay her carbon tax.

Emily Brewer – Decatur, Illinois, USA

Emily Brewer is from Springfield, Illinois and currently is a sophomore at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a minor in Spanish. At Millikin, she is a member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women, the National Student Nurses Association, and a Supplemental Instruction Leader on campus. Emily loves collaborating with others and enjoys reading and crafting in her spare time. She is so excited to broaden her environmental health education and teach others about the importance of protecting our environment as nurses.
Gabrielle Diaz – Denver, Colorado, USA

Gabrielle Diaz is a senior year nursing student at Regis University. She desires to work in community health and to increase accessibility to healthcare services. She is passionate about sustainability and environmental practices in relation to public health.

Kateri Dir-Munoz – Denver, Colorado, USA

Kateri Dir-Munoz is a Senior Nursing Student at Regis University in Denver, CO. She is originally from Portland, OR and has a passion for intertwining her nursing education with social justice topics. She is an active member of her university’s sustainability club, and currently lives in an intentional community through her university that surrounds social justice issues and incorporates environmental practices into their weekly focus. She is also the president of her university chapter of the National Student Nurses Association and is excited to take leadership one step forward with this committee. She is excited to explore ideas of sustainability and waste in today’s healthcare system and compare current hospital situations with other nursing students. She sees COVID 19 as a time where hospitals are reusing supplies more than ever before, which offers an exciting open door for more ideas of sustainability. She’s looking forward to an exciting year of collaboration, and learning!

Lois Ezebuio – Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria

Lois Ifechukwuamaka Ezebuio is a 5th year nursing student at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria whose passion for climate change, health and gender equality has driven her volunteering endeavors. She is the Team Lead of the Publications/Blogging department at the Slum and Rural Health Initiative Network and the cofounder of the GalesActGreen initiative which strives to engender climate consciousness among nurses as well as nursing students, as ambassadors of both environmental and human health.
Abdiel Gómez Santos – Caguas, Puerto Rico, USA

My name is Abdiel Gómez Santos and I currently live in Caguas, Puerto Rico. I am a nursing student at the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. I have a great interest in environmental health because it is related to the physical, chemical and biological factors of a human being that can predispose him to the development of multiple diseases. That is why my greatest focus and interest is based on the prevention of diseases that are related to the environment as we experience today with global warming and the changes in the climate and ecosystems caused by us humans, which is alarming. Also factors like air pollution, ultraviolet radiation, among others. After having the opportunity to work with Professor Felix Roman, an ANHE Fellow, I have experienced how the impact of air quality on children has a significant effect on the development of respiratory diseases. Given this, we implemented a "Flag Program" with the purpose of training teachers, parents and children on how the air quality is that day to reduce absences to the classroom and in workplaces. My main objective would be to be able to develop myself even more being part of this team by acquiring new knowledge about the importance of the role of nursing in environmental health.

Elizabeth Hansel – Roseville, Minnesota, USA

Elizabeth Rose Hansel is from the Twin Cities and she is currently a nursing student at the University of Minnesota. Growing up, Elizabeth spent her summers in Minnesota's Boundary Water Canoe Area. Her natural love of the wilderness made her recognize the importance of keeping our earth clean and healthy. In addition, Elizabeth became increasingly concerned about the impact of the environment on people's health after two of her closest family members were diagnosed with chronic lung diseases. One of Elizabeth's many goals as a student nurse is to promote healthy living and a cleaner planet for future generations.

In her free-time, Elizabeth is politically active. She was elected as a national delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2020. Additionally, she has worked for the Democratic Party of Georgia as well as various political campaigns in Minnesota. Most recently, Elizabeth was appointed to serve on the Minnesota DFL’s State Central Committee and the DFL’s Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee.
Lori is a nursing student at Mercy College of Ohio who will be graduating in December 2021 with her ASN. She previously earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Accounting and has worked for state and local government agencies for more than a decade before deciding to follow a calling into a new profession. Her ultimate career goal is to work in maternal/fetal medicine or mental health with an advanced practice license. Lori has had a passion for environmental topics since middle school and has worked in local and regional efforts such as pushing for labeling of GMO foods and more widespread recycling programs. She has also volunteered her time with the March of Dimes and Girl Scouts. Lori spends any available free time with her husband, two daughters, and their many pets including dogs, chickens, sugar gliders, and ducks.

Andrea Lapuz is a fourth-year nursing student at San Diego State University in San Diego, California. She is the Community Health Co-Director for the SDSU Student Nurses Association where she educates her community about health disparities and health promotion. As a nursing student, she is drawn to the intersections between climate, health, and social justice. She hopes to create space in the nursing profession for environmental justice and advocacy to improve the health of our planet and its people.

Elizabeth is a fourth-year student nurse with special interests in Public Health and an enthusiasm for truly representing her profession to the world. She is a professional community volunteer and a passionate sustainable development goals (SDGs) advocate. Elizabeth looks forward to combining her passion for community service and her professional skills as a student nurse in contributing her quota towards fostering the progress of the Student Nurse Committee of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments and ultimately making the world a better place to live in.
Naomi Pastrana – Montréal, Québec, Canada

Naomi is a Canadian nursing student getting her bachelor’s at McGill University. The path she took to where she is today was not traditional and was mostly in the woods. And by that, she means that her passion for healthcare mostly came about from her summers as a canoe-camping guide in the backcountry of Quebec and northern Ontario. As a Wilderness First Responder and First aid instructor, Naomi was strongly animated by the adrenaline and purpose she felt while helping others in remote settings. Also, there has always been a part of her, encouraged by the powerful women in her life, that knows she needs to speak up when something is not right. Advocacy combined with healthcare equals nursing. From this conclusion, she finds fulfillment in her choice of career. However, as a young person, a queer Latina and woman of Jewish ancestry, she sees that her true fulfillment is choked up in the environmental and social inequalities of the world. Something students are inheriting. Therefore, her true priority and passion is environmental and social justice. This semester, a fellow nursing student and Naomi created McGill Nurses for Environmental Care. She thinks nurses are both responsible and in a prime position to work on these issues alongside those who have been fighting for decades and centuries. The future is a source of fluctuating anxiety for Naomi, but when she is working alongside others to make a future we can look forward to, it helps.

Maria San Emeterio – Madison, WI, USA

Maria is in her last year of the BSN program at UW-Madison. She was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin, and is hoping to move to the Denver area next year for her first job as a registered nurse. In her free time, she absolutely loves being outside, which is why she is so excited to be a part of this organization! She has a lot of gratitude for our beautiful planet and is looking forward to learning about ways that nurses can lead positive environmental change, and is excited to work with people who share similar interests. Besides this, some of her other interests include: cooking, spending time with friends, listening to hip-hop, shopping, stretching, & her cat!
Kayla Van Boxtel - Madison, WI, USA

Kayla will graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison this spring with dual degrees in nursing and nonprofit studies, as well as certificates in global health and leadership. She is from Waterford, WI and hopes to become a family nurse practitioner one day. Kayla serves as the president of her school’s chapter of the Student Nurses’ Association, works as a student ambassador for her school, and volunteers as community resource navigator. She is passionate about environmental health and delighted to join the ANHE Student Nurse Committee!