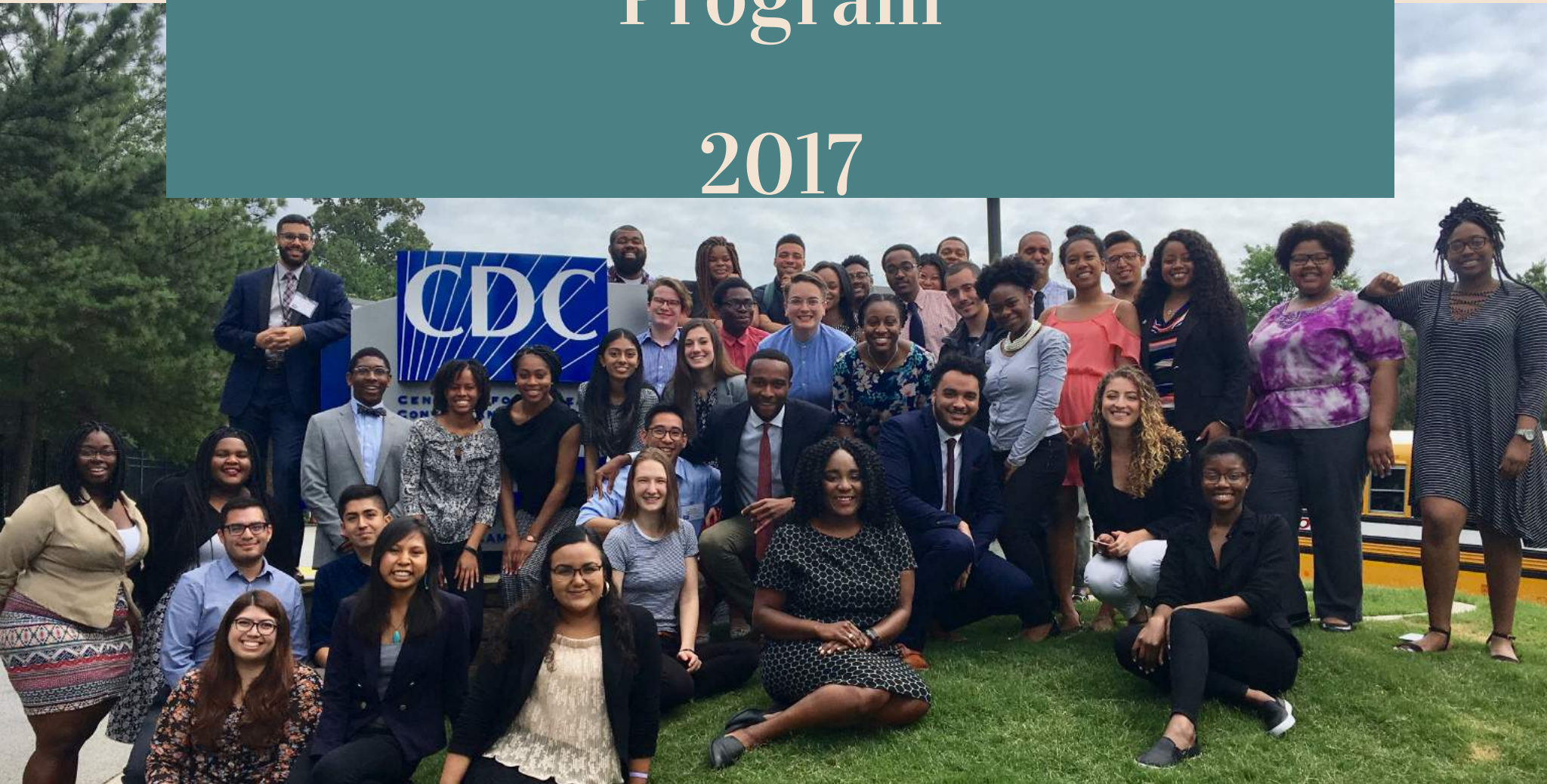


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Summer Public Health Scholars Program

2017





Sadyn Angles

School

University of Rochester

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Reproductive health/education/justice, Community Health & Development, Minority Health, Social Determinants of Health, Health Policy, Public Policy, & Epidemiology

Career Goals

I envision my future career helping to improve the mental and physical health of LGBTQ people of color. I want to start off working for a non-profit organization whose mission align with my values, help those who don't have the necessary resources in their communities, and help those who are not being provided proper sex education.

Once I gain enough experience, I want to become a Public Health researcher and study the ways medical establishments can better serve their LGBTQ patients.

Tell us something about yourself:

I was born and raised in the Bronx, I am Dominican-American, first generation college student and Queer. All of these intersectional identities have made me who I am today.



Natalie Barbosa

School
NYU

Year
Senior

Public Health Interests

Nutrition

Career Goals

I plan to pursue the dietetic internship and become licensed to practice clinical dietetics. After a few years of work experience, I will then pursue an executive masters in health administration.

Tell us something about yourself:

I enjoy traveling and meeting new people from all walks of life. My goal is to visit every continent before age 30 (possibly including Antarctica).



Ashley Belfort

School

University of Virginia

Year

Recent graduate

Public Health Interests

Nutrition, food science, obesity and Type Two Diabetes
Prevention

Career Goals

I will be working at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on the Medical Intensive Care Unit. I intend to attend graduate school but am currently undecided as to what to study.

Tell us something about yourself

I have a voracious sweet tooth and have a flair for adventurous foods.

A portrait of Christopher Bell, a young Black man with short dark hair and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a dark button-down shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Christopher Bell

School

Saint Louis University

Year

Recent graduate

Public Health Interests

Urbanism, public health of and within urban centers, health disparities and inequities, epidemiology, health policy and management, revitalizing neighborhoods/communities

Career Goals

I plan to merge my passion for public health/healthcare with my interests in urban planning and development to become an interdisciplinary public health and urban development professional and healthcare strategist. This will require obtaining MPH and MURP degrees sometime in the near future.

Tell us something about yourself

I lived and studied in Cape Town, South Africa for 5 months.



Kourtney Billups

School

Alcorn State University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Women's reproductive health, infant and maternal health, health disparities

Career Goals

My career goal is to become a Registered Nurse after graduation and return to graduate school to become a Certified Nurse Midwife and a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Tell us something about yourself

This was my first time being in New York City, and this was the best summer.



Marteivia Bledsoe

School

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Year

Recent Graduate

Public Health Interests

Health policy and intervention and prevention strategies and methods for better health outcomes.

Career Goals

My career goal is to work through a public health agency where I will be able to address health disparities and issues of priority populations in relation to food security, access to health care and health care services, and develop intervention programs and services to help eliminate poor health outcomes and lower the mortality rates. I aspire to also aid in prevention for certain chronic illnesses and diseases by working to increase awareness and access to services.

Tell us something about yourself

My biggest passion is people. I truly believe that anyone can make a difference in the lives of so many if they choose to be the difference. This is one of the main reasons why I love what I am able to do in the field of Public Health.



Daniel Cenicola

School

Montclair State University

Year

Recent Graduate

Public Health Interests

Epidemiology/Disease Research

Career Goals

To work in a hospital, pharmaceutical, or health department setting conducting disease research or epidemiological research.

Tell us something about yourself

- Can surf, and skimboard. They are my favorite hobbies during my free time.
- Favorite TV show: Always Sunny In Philadelphia
- Own 31 pairs of sneakers.
- Attending Temple University in the Fall to begin my MPH in Epidemiology.



Crystal Cordova

School:

Arizona State University

Year

Recent graduate

Public Health Interests

Reproductive health/education/justice, Community Health & Development, Minority Health, Social Determinants of Health, Health Policy, Public Policy, & Epidemiology

Career Goals:

I expect my career goals to change as I move forward with my educational attainment and work experience. As a recent graduate, I am taking some time off before I begin my graduate studies and eventual doctorate degree. Currently, my plan is to begin working within community health or non-profit health organizations back home in Arizona so I can gain exposure to public health fields. I have always been passionate about reproductive/sexual health and education and hope to be able to provide this knowledge to my community. With time, I hope to help make sexual education and reproductive health knowledge accessible to all Arizonans as opposed to just abstinence-only education. Ultimately, I plan to serve my community in every way I can through the use of public health services and policy, especially to the marginalized and undocumented populations that are underserved. Eventually, I hope to either work in policy making or as a U.S. Senator - if I don't stay in community health development.

Tell us something about yourself:

When I was 3 and saw Mulan for the first time I cut my hair like she did and then had a bowl cut for about a year



Imani Davis

School

Cornell University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

I am most interested in Minority Health and Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Career Goals

My career goals include working for a government agency, most specifically the CDC or The Department of Health and Human Services as a health policy analyst and/or a program developer.

Tell us something about yourself

Up until recently, I was a Division I student athlete, specializing in short and long sprints.



Kristen Dupard

School

The University of Southern Mississippi

Year

Recent Graduate

Public Health Interests

Health Policy, Emergency Health Management, Health Administration

Career Goals

My career goals include becoming a health lawyer and running a governmental health agency. I will achieve this goal by earning a Juris Doctorate and a Doctorate in Public Health Leadership. My education and experiences will enable me to make my goals reality. My public health interests stem from my experiences during Hurricane Katrina. Katrina left my home under 20 feet of water. When the water receded, the stench lingered along with the red X that signified my mother and I were homeless. We were outraged by our leaders' lack of quick responses regarding our safety and public health.

Tell us something about yourself

I am an extrovert by nature. I am a Southern Christian girl who loves to have fun and travel. I love learning and being placed in environments where I can learn and grow. I am originally from New Orleans, LA, and I love politics, seafood, and sports.



Pierre Escobar

School

California State University San Bernardino

Year
Senior

Public Health Interests

SocioMedical Sciences

Career Goals

I will be a medical doctor serving in under served latino communities. I also see myself having an MPH as I work with the growing team that is working hard to reduce the health disparities gang violence have on Latino youth in under served latino communities.

Tell us something about yourself

I am an executive board member for the Medical and Pre-Health Student Society at California State University San Bernardino, which I take part in organizing one the largest Pre-Medical conferences in California



Joshua Floyd

School

Syracuse University

Year

Senior

Public Health Interests

Public/Health Policy

Career Goals

I would like to run for public office and begin to make systematic changes on how healthcare is administered.

Tell us something about yourself

I am an avid video gamer.



Holly Forbes

School

Oakwood University

Year

Senior

Public Health Interests

Nutrition and Wellness

Career Goals

I would like to improve the health and nutrition status of people, particularly African-Americans and Caribbeans due to the disparities seen in those populations, by pursuing a career in Dietetics. My plan is to become a Registered Dietitian, and obtain a Master's degree concentrated in Nutrition and Public Health.

Tell us something about yourself:

I am originally from Trinidad, but I have lived in the United States since I was 11 years old. Also, I love all forms of visual art, particularly painting and crocheting, but also graphic design, drawing, photography, and craft making. I'm quite interested in creating infographics and videos to promote nutrition education.



Danielle Harry

School

University of Alabama

Year

Senior

Public Health Interests

Epidemiology

Career Goals

My career goals include becoming a public health care professional and a physician specializing in preventative medicine.

Tell us something about yourself

I really enjoy learning about nutrition and how it can aid disease prevention.

A portrait of Karina Hernandez, a woman with long, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a patterned top. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera.

Karina Hernandez

School

Utah State University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Industrial Hygiene/Medicine

Career Goals

I plan to pursue a master's degree in Industrial Hygiene to study the health of Latinos in industrial job settings. Afterwards, I hope to enter Medical School to specialize as a psychiatrist, OBGYN or an anesthesiologist and serve Latino communities.

Tell us something about yourself

I am a true morning person at heart with a very solid routine that I have been perfecting and adapting to different times and needs of my life over the past several years. My morning routines are something I cannot live without and help me make the best out of each day.



Tomisha Hicks

School

The University of Alabama

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

My area of interest in public health are the unaddressed historical traumas in the Black American community that have had an influence health outcomes; however, with my recent work abroad I have also taken interest in what addressing historical traumas look like on a global scale.

Tell us something about yourself

I had the privilege of working with Jukwa, Ghana community in their efforts to sustain their farmlands through reforestation efforts.

Career Goals

My career goal is to work with the United Nations and adequately address black historical traumas on a global scale.



Joshua Hobbs

School

Rice University

Year

Senior

Public Health Interests

Some areas of interest for me in public health is Epidemiology and health education. In particular, I am interested in these areas in low SES communities.

Tell us something about yourself

I am really excited and honored to be able to participate in this program! I am most interested in seeing the public intervention programs that are in place in New York City, especially with the different type of populations that are present throughout the city.

Career Goals

My career goal is to work with the United Nations and adequately address black historical traumas on a global scale.



Mark Iraheta

School

Cornell University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

I am interested in the policy aspect of public health and in working with non-profit, community based organization working to improve health care access.

Tell us something about yourself

I am really excited about this opportunity and really interested in learning more about how I can have an impact on public health through my strengths in policy and research.

Career Goals

I hope to work in education in various forms. I would like to become a college professor but I would also like to work with high school students.



Aaron Jackson

School

Utah Valley University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Healthcare Administration

Healthcare Management & Policy

Women's Health

International Health

Tell us something about yourself

I was a Cleveland Cavaliers fan even after LeBron left

Career Goals

Develop stable health care systems in lower economic South American countries.



Zuri Kent-Smith

School

University of Pittsburgh

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Law, Policy, Environmental Justice/Advocacy

Career Goals

I would like to become a lawyer in Environmental, Health, Public Health, or Civil/Human Rights law.

Most of all, I want to effect on a macro scale, uprooting oppressive systems that cannot be properly amended through law and policy, creating a more hospitable and equitable world for future generations.

Tell us something about yourself

I shook Michelle Obama's hand once and she signed my Obama '08 hat. I also want to learn Swahili one day.



Courtney Lall

School

Stony Brook University

Year

Junior

Public Health Interests

Health Policy, Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention

Career Goals

My goal is to create health policies to help those who cannot help themselves and to put an end to minority health disparities. Let's stop minor illnesses from turning into death!

Tell us something about yourself

I am a Hurricane Katrina survivor.



Tell us something about yourself

I've traveled to five countries!

Illexis Lindsey

School

Jackson State University

Year

Recent Graduate

Public Health Interests

Health Promotion, Community Health Sciences, Health Disparities, and Minority Health

Career Goals

Warren G. Bennis said, "Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." Growing up in a poor, rural community allowed me to witness inequality on a daily basis; especially in regards to health care. I plan to continue my education by obtaining my MPH and PhD in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences. My optimal goal is to open free primary health care centers in Holmes County, Mississippi and surrounding areas that will focus on providing health literacy, primary health services, and preventive programs to under served citizens in rural areas. Providing individuals with the proper knowledge and services will aid in eliminating health and health care disparities in those populations that are often overlooked.



Arsany Makkar

School

Rutgers University

Year

Senior

Public Health Interests

I have a lot of interests. I quite frankly don't know if I can accurately pick my area of interest but I would certainly love to get a holistic feel of it. Learning about epidemiology, bridging environmental science/sustainability and healthcare, and some form of toxicology (especially environmental) would be amazing.

Career Goals

I would love to start up my own environmental health science company and tackle issues such as sustainability, population health, and other healthcare aspects using environmental/exposure science, epidemiology, public health, and clinical healthcare (pharmacy/medicine).

I would love to use my clinical knowledge and environmental science to prevent diseases arising from pollution. My ultimate goal is to elucidate if & how pharmaceutical pollution can affect a population.

Tell us something about yourself

I love to run and play basketball so if anyone wants to go for a midnight run or play a pick-up game, count me in!

I also love to meet new people and learning about their culture and "story."