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IPHA Student Advisory Group

Alexandra Hughes

Alexandra Hughes is a PhD Student at Indiana University School of Public Health. Her research centers on women's sexual and reproductive health, health promotion, and health disparities. She is passionate about using interdisciplinary collaborations to find unique solutions to complex health challenges.



Alfu Laily

Alfu Laily, a Public Health PhD student at Purdue University, is dedicated to researching infection-related cancers in women and vaccine uptake equity. With a fervent passion for public health equity and community engagement, she eagerly seeks collaboration with fellow students and professionals to address pressing health challenges.

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Carrie Shaw

Carrie Shaw is a grant writer at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington, Indiana. Passionate about supporting the hospital's mission, she pursued higher education and earned a degree in healthcare administration. She's currently pursuing a master's degree in public health, focusing on community health and maternal and infant well-being. Carrie is an active member of the Indiana Rural Health Association and Daviess County Community Health Coalition.



Jacob Otile

Jacob Otile (from Apac, Uganda), is a Medical Doctor holding a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, along with Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Community Health, all acquired from Uganda. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health Epidemiology at Indiana University Bloomington, and he is particularly passionate about Clinical Research and Health Disparities. Jacob is focused on utilizing sports interventions to combat obesity among children in United States and health care access among children in Uganda.

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Jenny Sheets

Jenny is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Indiana University Kokomo. Eventually, Jenny would like to work in executive management within a hospital network. Jenny joined the SAG to network, be involved with the community, and build awareness of IPHA and public health among others, especially students.



Josy Williams

Josy Williams is an Indianapolis native who is pursuing her Master's in Public Health at IUPUI. Her primary interests include health education, reproductive justice, and harm reduction. Josy currently works as a Community Health Worker for the Marion County Public Health Department.

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Julia Brunnemer

Julia Brunnemer is a second year PhD student and graduate research assistant at IU Bloomington School of Public Health in the department of Health and Wellness Design. Julia's research interests are workplace health promotion, occupational burnout, organizational capacity, and wellness coaching.



Kaitlyn Freese

Kaitlyn Freese is a junior at Indiana University in the School of Public Health studying Exercise Science with a minor in business. She plans to go to physical therapy school after graduation, and she is very excited about joining the SAG.

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Kora Beasley

Kora Beasley is a sophomore at Manchester University. She is triple majoring in Population Health, Peace Studies, and Environmental Studies. Kora is currently serving as the Vice President of the Manchester University Honors Program and as the President of the Kenapocomoco Peace Coalition. Kora enjoys all things outdoors, cooking, running, and playing ultimate frisbee.



Maria Klein

A lifelong Hoosier, Maria earned a BS in youth and family services at Purdue, an MPA in public policy at IUPUI, and is currently a PhD student in epidemiology at IU Bloomington. Her prior work experience includes promoting healthy youth development at the Indiana Youth Institute and Camp Challenge Indiana.



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Sope Koya

Sope Koya is a current junior at IU Bloomington studying Community Health with minors in Spanish and Caribbean and Latin American Studies. Sope has always had an interest in public health and healthcare and is excited to join the Student Advisory Group to advocate for equity and diversity in both fields.



Yash Jain

Yash Jain is currently a sophomore at Indiana University's School of Public Health, majoring in Epidemiology and Statistics. As someone who is passionate about public health, Jain is beyond excited to join the IPHA Student Advisory Group and have the opportunity to learn more about the field in Indiana. He can't wait to contribute his ideas and collaborate with my fellow SAG members to promote public health initiatives in our community.

