

# PIH ENGAGE NETWORK LEADERSHIP TEAM 2022-23



## WHAT IS OUR NLT PURPOSE?

Our purpose is to organize Partners In Health Engage Team Coordinators to increase their capacity to educate on global health issues and solutions, advocate for legislation that will expand the right to health, and fundraise for Partners In Health to further our justice and solidarity oriented-mission to make health a universal human right. We will achieve this by building relationships, honing leadership skills, cultivating motivation, developing resources and ultimately accompanying teams to achieve their goals. Essential to this work is fostering a supportive and collaborative community within the NLT and the broader network.

## WHO ARE WE?

The Network Leadership Team is composed of coaches grouped into five “Small Groups” – Staff, Stuff, Space, Systems, and Social Support. Each Small Group has one Lead. The five Leads and the PIH Engage staff team compose the Core Team.

# SG STAFF: ERADICATING TB AND GLOBAL HEALTH INEQUITY



**Beth Williams (lead)** co-founded the Santa Clara University PIH Engage team in 2019 and served as its Team Coordinator until 2021. At Santa Clara University, she studied Public Health and Neuroscience. She is currently working at the American Cancer Society and will be attending Boston University in the fall of 2022 to pursue her MPH. Beth joined PIH Engage to build the right to health movement with other like-minded individuals. When she is not working to advance health equity, she enjoys hiking, reading, or spending time outside.



**Gigi Hendrickson** is a senior in high school on Bainbridge Island. She is currently serving her second year as Team Coordinator of the Bainbridge High School Partners In Health Engage Chapter. The mission of guaranteeing a right to health and the energy of her chapter is what keeps Gigi in the work. If not trying to recruit for her chapter, Gigi is probably reading, doing yoga or ranting about the porn industry.



**Neona Lowe** served as the Fundraising Lead and Team Coordinator for the University of Washington PIHE team. Currently, she is a PhD student in biomedical engineering at UC Davis. She hopes to one day aid in the development of a vaccine or therapeutic that can contribute to health equity. In her free time, she enjoys baking and going on walks with her dog.



**Sana Ali** has been involved with PIH Engage since 2018! She started out as Community Building Lead and later became Team Coordinator, officially founding the Rutgers University Chapter where she studied Public Health. This will be Sana's second year as a coach with the Network Leadership Team! She is excited to meet more engagers within the Network and help each team reach their goals this campaign year! When she is not organizing with PIH Engage, you can find her spending time with family and friends, rewatching her favorite shows from the 90s, or at her favorite place, the beach!

# SG STUFF: MAKING EQUITABLE HEALTH CARE HAPPEN



**Anne Vasquez (lead)** has been a part of PIH Engage since 2019 when she served as the Social Chair and then as the Fundraising Lead on the Santa Clara University team. At Santa Clara, she studied Public Health and Biology. She currently works for a consulting firm as a Compliance Coordinator. In addition, she interns at Adventist Health White Memorial Medical Center where she is helping create an accessible health education program for diabetics in the local Boyle Heights community. Anne will be attending Boston University this fall to pursue her MPH. She joined PIH Engage because of her passion to work towards equitable health care and health education for all individuals. In her free time, she enjoys watching a good show, baking, or hiking.



**Catherine Wenger** graduated from Northeastern University in May 2022 with a B.A. in International Affairs. She was the Team Coordinator for PIH Engage NEU for two years and loves working with the community to bring others into the right to health movement. She continues to be inspired to fight for health equity through being part of the Engage community and after seeing the effects of health disparities while conducting epidemiological research in rural Kenya. She is currently getting her Master's in Public Health in infectious disease epidemiology with a concentration in global health from the Yale School of Public Health. You can usually find her reading, rock climbing, or painting, but recently she has started enjoying running outside with friends!



**Hailey Myers** graduated from University of Texas at Austin in May 2022 with a BSA in Biochemistry. She founded the UT Austin PIH Engage team in 2020 and was team coordinator of that team until 2022 when she graduated. After a gap year, she is going to pursue a master's in public health to further her global health education and plans to base her career around the fight for global health equity. Always having an interest in medicine, she became passionate about the right to health movement after reading *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder in 10th grade, during a time that her own family was struggling without health insurance. Besides for healthcare equality she loves baking, watching films, and reading feminist literature.



**Rosie Poling** first got involved with PIHE through the Harvard College team in 2017 and has been a coach for the last two years. After graduating from Harvard, she went on to earn an MPhil I in History of Medicine at the University of Cambridge. Next year, she is very excited to work as a Policy Associate for PIH. When not annoying her congressional representatives, she can be found running, cooking, and trying to find cute dogs to pet. She's thrilled to be a coach this year and work with such amazing people in the fight for the right to health!



**Queeny José** founded the University of Florida PIH Engage chapter in 2020 and has spent the last two years as a team coordinator. She recently graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and a minor in Health Disparities in Society. Currently, she is in her growth years before applying to medical school. Her dedication to the right to health movement comes from her desire to advocate for those who suffer from the health disparities and structural violence that she grew up seeing in her home country, Haiti. She is excited to be a coach and the connection she gets to make with everyone committed to the right to health. In her free time, she enjoys reading self-help books, listening to insightful podcasts on her daily walks, and vibing to Afrobeats.

# SG SPACE: MISSION HEALTH EQUITY



**Sam Kelts (lead)** is the Senior Community Organizer at PIH, and has been in the PIH Engage network since 2016, having founded and TC'd the Case Western Reserve University team, and as a current coach and core team member. Sam is also a registered nurse working in respite care with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program since 2021. She is a graduate of CWRU with a BS in Nursing and BA in Medical Anthropology. She is one of eight siblings, is a twin herself, and has triplet younger brothers!



**Imran Khan** co-founded the Trinity University team and served as team coordinator for 2 years while studying Biochemistry and Anthropology. His favorite thing about PIH Engage is working alongside so many inspiring people who believe in the right to health and the possibility of creating a more equitable world. Outside of PIH Engage, Imran is involved in harm reduction street outreach in San Antonio to help reduce the burden of bloodborne diseases among vulnerable populations and connecting people to housing and healthcare. He also enjoys playing volleyball, getting boba tea, and drinking coffee at unusual hours.



**Jordan Reif** recently graduated from Case Western Reserve University where she studied political science and bioethics as well as serving as the Team Coordinator of the CWRU Engage team. She now works with medical students at the intersection of arts, humanities, and medicine. Outside of PIHE, she loves hiking and cooking, and can often be found reading in her rocking chair. She strongly advocates for the right to health from a comprehensive approach that also considers climate change, affordable housing, food security, and other forms of injustice.



# SG SYSTEMS: STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK



**Diego Burga (lead)** has been involved with PIH Engage since August 2017 when he joined the Cornell University team. He went on to serve as the Team Coordinator for two years before transitioning into his current coaching role. He graduated in 2021 with a BA in biology and minors in global health, anthropology, and health equity. Diego is entering his third year of coaching and first year on the NLT's Core Team. Diego was initially interested in PIH Engage due to its social justice-centered approach to global health and support for PIH's life-saving programs; however, his continued involvement is attributed to the wonderful Engage friends he has made along the way. He is currently the Executive Assistant to the Chief Policy & Partnership Officer at PIH. Outside of PIH, Diego enjoys working out, exploring art museums, and listening to NPR's Up First.



**Catherine Biglaiser** founded the Carrboro High School PIH Engage team in the summer of 2019 and served as Team Coordinator until 2021. She then became a coach with the Network Leadership Team for the 2021-2022 campaign year during her first year at Washington University in St. Louis. She is studying Anthropology on the Global Health and Environment track at WashU. This campaign year she will continue to serve on the NLT while starting up a PIH Engage team at WashU. She is passionate about PIH's mission to bend the arc towards justice and achieve global health equity through accompaniment. In her free time she loves to dance, explore the outdoors, and bake!



**Neha Kumar** joined the Trinity University chapter of PIHE as the advocacy lead in 2019, and served until 2022 when she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Neha continues to work within the PIHE network as a coach, and looks forward to supporting sustainable, strategic efforts aimed at making healthcare a human right. Her favorite PIHE memory has been meeting with various congressional offices such as Sen. John Cornyn and Sen. Ted Cruz to advocate for increased vaccine accessibility and improved public health infrastructure. Neha recently read and thoroughly enjoyed *When I'm Gone, Look for Me in the East* by Quan Barry and recommends it to anyone looking for a really unique, introspective read!



**Nick Seymour** first got involved with the Harvard College PIH Engage team in 2014 and later joined the Network Leadership Team before taking on his current full-time role as the Manager of Grassroots Strategy at Partners In Health. In this role, Nick organizes with PIH Engage in the US and supports organizing efforts with Compañeros En Salud in Mexico and Socios En Salud in Peru. Outside of PIH Engage, he has studied medical education and referral systems with Compañeros En Salud and worked with a coalition of Boston area students and health professionals advocating for better healthcare for individuals experiencing homelessness. Nick likes exploring Boston and trying (in vain) to improve his salsa moves, but nothing excites him more than working with others committed to advancing the right to health.

# SG SOCIAL SUPPORT: BEAMING FOR HEALTH



**Sadia Demby** is the current Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator for PIH Engage. She joined the network in 2018 and has served as the Team Coordinator (2020-2021) and Advocacy Lead (2019-2020) for the Harvard Chapter. Sadia is constantly inspired by the organizing, advocacy, and education efforts of the network, and is confident that we are slowly but surely bending that moral arc towards a more caring and just society. In her free time, she enjoys playing guitar, listening to anything from bebop jazz to 2000s pop-rock, and playing sports.



**Amiel Katz** is a second year student at Harvard University studying history, literature, and global health. She served as a Team Coordinator at Bellaire High School, Advocacy lead at Harvard, and was a member of the Network Leadership Team's DEI working group. Amiel is passionate about disability justice, LGBTQ medicine, and increasing access to healthcare! She firmly believes health is a human right and aspires to empower others to fight for their right to health. In her free time, Amiel enjoys reading, hiking, and rock climbing.



**Julie Inman** graduated in 2021 with a BA in Sociology and Public Health from Ohio State. She started the Ohio State chapter of PIH Engage and served as the team coordinator. After she graduated, Julie held the position of summer intern for PIH Engage where she got to meet amazing like-minded Engagers. Like so many others, Julie was introduced to PIH through reading Mountains Beyond Mountains in a Global Public Health class. She found the mission of ensuring the right to health for all deeply aligned with her passion and goals. Julie is currently working as a legislative aide and pursuing her Masters in Public Health to further her skills for achieving those goals. In her free time, Julie is probably playing with a dog, listening to a true crime podcast or rewatching Friends.



**Citlali Quiballo** was co-founder, fundraising lead, and team coordinator for the University of Southern California chapter of PIH Engage. She studied global health and continues to organize with her friends and community that are just as committed to advancing the right to health as she is. She hopes to build a career in community health equity where she can put into practice the principles of abolition and mutual aid. Outside of PIH Engage, she loves to connect with people and nature, share culture and food, and write poetry.