Student Governing Board Members 2018 – 2019

SOURCE is proud to present the Student Members of our Governing Board. Students from the Johns Hopkins University Schools of Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine are encouraged to reach out to these student leaders in order to: share ideas, offer programming recommendations, ask questions about community engagement, and more. These student leaders meet with SOURCE staff regularly, and are up-to-date on a variety of campus and community issues. Additionally, these student leaders are exceptional role models who are involved both on and off campus. Read more about our wonderful student leaders!

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My name is Danielle Amundsen, and I’m currently a first-year medical student. I grew up just outside of Madison, WI and attended the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. During my time at UMN, I participated in the Community Engagement Scholars Program by taking service-learning courses, working with several community-based organizations, and reflected on these experiences with other program participants. Through the program, I interned with the Minneapolis American Indian Center’s Fitness and Nutrition program, worked with a program called Vida Sana to address childhood obesity in the Latinx community, and tutored at a public school geared towards students who recently emigrated to the United States.

I am excited to become a part of the East Baltimore community and continue working towards equity and justice with SOURCE and the organizations SOURCE partners with. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my passion for service-learning and community engagement with my classmates by serving as a member of the SOURCE student governing board!
Hi, everyone! My name is Annie Cho, and I am a first-year medical student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. I was born in Seoul and raised in Los Angeles, but I spent four years living in Baltimore during my time as an undergraduate at Hopkins, where I studied writing and natural sciences. As an undergraduate, I frequented East Baltimore to serve as a Health Resource Case Manager at Charm City Care Connection and as a member of the MERIT mentor team.

Baltimore has since become my second home, and I am thrilled to continue exploring Charm City through the lens of the SOURCE Student Governing Board. I look forward to celebrating the community-based organizations that inspire change and progress in this city and hope to partake in fortifying Hopkins’ relationship with the Baltimore community through SOURCE.
Hi everyone, my name’s Amira Collison and I am a second year medical student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine! I am very excited to be joining the SOURCE student governing board member due to my strong interest in social justice and community involvement, particularly focused in bettering the quality of health and education for underrepresented minorities in Baltimore. I am originally from Silver Spring, Maryland and studied Biology and Spanish at the University of Maryland College Park. When I was younger, I moved to a predominantly African-American and Hispanic community near Chicago, IL. It was then I realized the harsh reality into which a large number of underrepresented minorities are born. This experience motivated me to address the health and education disparities that I have seen firsthand. For this reason, my first year in college, a fellow classmate and I created the FISH program to help students from low-income backgrounds with the support necessary to pursue higher education. Additionally, while in college, I served as a medical volunteer in poverty-stricken areas of Lima, Peru and Riobamba, Ecuador, and continued my work as a medical volunteer in a free clinic in Silver Spring, MD. After college, my desire to improve conditions for underserved minorities through health education motivated me to pursue a Fulbright English teaching Assistantship in Spain. Education is an essential component of medicine, and my experience in Spain will benefit me in communicating with medically underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad. I was enthused to learn about the SOURCE program, and its partnership with community-based organizations, as my passion for social justice and desire to improve conditions for underserved minorities directly aligns with SOURCE’s goals of providing opportunities for community outreach. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with SOURCE, and excited for what is to come!
My name is Cody Cichowitz, and I am a fourth-year student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I grew up in rural Colorado and moved to Baltimore after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Upon moving to Baltimore, I quickly fell in love with the city and grew to appreciate the real sense of hope and unity I felt in many different communities. Service has always been an important part of my life, and here in Baltimore I have volunteered at People’s Community Health Center and tutored at two different elementary schools. I also spent a year working as a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Adult Sickle Cell Center, where I was deeply touched by the courage and resilience demonstrated by adults living with sickle cell disease.

I feel honored to serve on the SOURCE Student Governing Board and join in SOURCE’s work. I am excited to learn more about the Baltimore community together with my classmates at Hopkins and to encourage my peers to build service and advocacy into their lives both as students and future professionals. I am very much looking forward to being a part of SOURCE and specifically helping support the many individuals and community-based organizations that work tirelessly to make Baltimore a better place.
My name is Macy Early, and I am a first year in the School of Medicine from Lexington, Kentucky, with a background in economics and religious studies from the University of Virginia. Throughout high school and college, I worked to equip students to serve by establishing youth service learning curriculum through the YMCA and completing a term on a service learning grant-making board funded by State Farm. Personally, I have engaged in service-learning trips around the Southeastern United States, disaster relief trips to New Orleans and Oklahoma, and medical and child sponsorship mission trips to Bolivia and El Salvador. In my community, I was active as a nurse and case manager at the Charlottesville Free Clinic, worked as volunteer administrative and medical staff with a Charlottesville-operated free Bolivian hospital, and coordinated community partnership with my churches.

Through my experiences as a child and young adult, I have developed a visceral, righteous anger at inequities in basic needs and the way they stunt an individual’s dignity ability to thrive — whether those individuals live in rural Appalachia (where my family is from), Bolivia (the focus of a chunk of my work on clean water access, medical care, and child sponsorship), or New York City (where I interned with TFA for a summer). While I cannot redesign a perfectly harmonious, equitable world, I can devote my adult life to helping my patients and communities appreciate their own dignity and flourish in their circumstances — and through SOURCE, I can help my classmates learn to do the same. One of the primary factors that guided me to enroll at Johns Hopkins was my excitement about the richness, diversity, and challenges present in the Baltimore community. My hope is that, by engaging as a SOURCE governing board member, I can nourish the reciprocal relationship between Hopkins students and Baltimore.
I am thrilled to be a medical student representative on the SOURCE Student Governing Board. My community engagement started in high school, when I founded an after-school program for middle school students in Harlem to learn digital film and photography with equipment in my school. During my time as an undergraduate at Yale, I served as a Big Sib to a young girl in New Haven and, as an SAT tutor, helped adapt test prep materials for under-resourced schools. After graduating from Yale in 2009, I went to Oxford for a Master’s in Medical Anthropology and worked to revise medication leaflets for patients with low literacy. For two years after graduate school, I worked as a health project manager in Chicago, helping to support partnerships between six clinics on the South Side, the University of Chicago, and community organizations, including: food pantries where clinicians and students ran health screenings and education; farmers markets and grocery stores, where university and community members led nutritional tours; the Parks Department, where clinicians could send patients with a “prescription” for free membership to gyms; museums, where patients could join indoor walking groups in the winter; local culinary schools, where our team hosted a diabetes cook-off; and churches, where we supported health ministries.

During my time in Chicago, I realized I wanted to go to medical school, so I did the post-baccalaureate premedical program at Johns Hopkins. I’m so happy to back in Baltimore at the School of Medicine and excited to be a part of the SOURCE Student Governing Board. I hope to learn from and support models of institutional-community collaboration, understand the landscape of community organizations in Baltimore, and explore creative ways to integrate community resources into curricula, student activities, and patient care. Ultimately, as a physician and an advocate, I want to help patients live healthily in the communities they inhabit, to celebrate the innumerable strengths of these communities, and to help support a strong network of community-based resources.
Hello! My name is Tony Kim, and I’m a second-year medical student from South Korea. I left home for New Zealand when I was 9 without my parents, largely due to my curiosity about different cultures and languages. Since then, living in 3 different countries and 5 different states with host families and boarding schools helped me understand the importance of a tight-knit community. My diverse upbringing taught me to embrace the commonalities that tie everyone together rather than the differences. This understanding of global citizenry led me to medicine in the first place, and still motivates me every day to always offer a hand to those in need.

I graduated from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire in 2016. While I was there, I was involved with different community engagement projects in local Upper Valley community, as well as global service-learning experiences. I hope to bring my diverse experience and positive energy to SOURCE governing board, and I look forward working as a liaison between Johns Hopkins and community organizations in Baltimore.
Hey everyone, my name is Aravind and I'm a third year medical student at Hopkins! I come from all over the world having been born in France and subsequently having moved to places like Venezuela and China, but for the past 5 and a half years I have had the immense privilege and honor of calling Baltimore my home. As a former Hopkins undergrad, I got the privilege to volunteer in clinics like the Baltimore Rescue Mission and the Weight Management Clinic, as well as lead Baltimore Service Learning in a broad effort to tackle health inequity in Baltimore.

I'm extremely excited to work with SOURCE because Baltimore is now my home, and we PROTECT THIS HOUSE. I'm electrified to rally my classmates and institution to take an active role in reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes in a wholesome and sustainable way.
My name is Melissa Lavoie, and I'm a medical student in the class of 2019. I grew up outside of Detroit and went to Yale for college. I tutored at a youth prison throughout my time as an undergraduate, which inspired me to engage with communities impacted by incarceration. So after graduating from college in 2012, I spent a year working with former prisoners through two separate organizations: the City of New Haven's Reentry Initiative, and the Transitions Clinic Network, a national network of clinics that care for patients recently released from prison.

I moved to the Baltimore area in the spring of 2013 to attend Goucher's Postbac Premed program, and have been here ever since. I spent the year before medical school working at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. Community engagement has long been an important part of my life, and I am grateful for the wonderful service experiences I've had here in Baltimore. During my time as a medical student, I have promoted community harm reduction initiatives as a member of the Baltimore Student Harm Reduction Coalition and Hopkins Med for Harm Reduction, and tutored at Commodore John Rodgers School. I also help lead a knitting group in a women's prison. I love being a part of SOURCE and connecting students with meaningful service opportunities in Baltimore!
My name is Alex Norton, and I am a second year medical student. I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and attended Vanderbilt University, majoring in Public Health/Health Policy and Economics. I engaged a wide range of direct service & service learning opportunities during college, from coordination of Alternative Spring Break service sites to an internship in an HIV/AIDS clinic in Uganda. I served as the Executive Director for the founding year of a mobile grocery store, working to fill gaps of food access and security, and I also became involved with Nashville’s refugee community, teaching nutrition and health classes.

After graduation, I joined a population health start-up to help clinical teams identify patients in greatest need. I also broadened my community involvements, conducting research for an anti-trafficking organization and serving as a mentor in job readiness classes. My husband and I served as host parents for children of families in crisis, through a program aiming to prevent a later need for foster care. In my final year before starting at Hopkins, I was the Director of Community Health for a non-profit hospital system, directing their community health programs & partnerships, supporting their network of community health clinics, and participating in advocacy work focused on expanding access to care.

I’ve enjoyed being an East Baltimore resident and becoming more familiar with the community surrounding Hopkins. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve with the SOURCE Student Governing Board and through it to support work underway in this community, serve alongside my classmates, and grow as a community advocate.
Hi all! My name is Sharon Pang and I am so excited to be joining the SOURCE Student Governing Board. I grew up in New York City and stayed there for undergrad at Hunter College, where I majored in Biochemistry and Religion and got really involved at the Youth Events for Seniors Club through my honors program (Macaulay Honors College). Through the club, I volunteered frequently at neighborhood centers, organizing recreational activities between college students and senior citizens. I really enjoy hearing seniors’ stories and perspectives on life. Our club collaborated with Selfhelp, a virtual senior center, to facilitate online classes for homebound seniors. I decided to start leading discussions about poetry and am still involved with Selfhelp today. I am passionate about building new relationships with seniors who might not think they have access to a supportive social network.

After moving away from home for the first time, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more about the city of Baltimore, the community members’ needs, and what we can do to help. While I do not know too much about the community now, I am driven to get to know East Baltimore on a deeper level during my time here. Much of my passion in medicine stems from serving my community and my neighbors, and I cannot think of a better way to continue this passion than through SOURCE. I am really impressed with the intimate and strong relationship SOURCE has with the community and cannot wait to be a part of it.
My name is Mary Peeler, and I am a third year medical student. I graduated in May 2015 from the University of North Carolina with a Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management. I grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, and one of the major reasons why I decided to attend Hopkins was because of the service work being done in the city of Baltimore and my desire to be a part of it.

In Memphis, I co-chaired the St. Mary’s Community Fund, a grant funding organization that gave students the opportunity to understand philanthropic work through hands on community service, fundraising, and grant-making. In college at UNC, I served as co-chair of the Student Government's Public Service and Advocacy Committee. Through this position, I worked to coordinate the service-based campus organizations and connect students with community-based volunteer opportunities. In more direct community involvement, I volunteered as a doula (birth assistant) at the NC Women’s Hospital and as Certified Application Counselor for the federal Healthcare Exchange. I have also had the opportunity to work with communities abroad in Uganda and Morocco.

In my first year in Baltimore, I've been excited to learn more about the community-based resources in this city. I've volunteered at the Baltimore City Health Department, Charm City Clinic, and the Reproductive Health Institute. Serving on the SOURCE student governing board has been a great way for me to support the existing work being done in East Baltimore and to help connect my classmates with service opportunities!
My name is Julia Ramos and I am a fourth-year student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014 with majors in Biology and Women’s and Gender Studies and now am proud to call Baltimore my home.

At UNC, I spent a large part of my time devoted to issues of sexual and reproductive health. I served as a peer-educator for an interpersonal violence (IPV) prevention training program and volunteered at the Orange Country Rape Crisis Center. I also worked as a volunteer birth doula, supporting women through labor. While working on projects related to HIV/AIDS in Kenya and diabetes prevention & management in Texas, I developed an interest in community health programming. At UNC, I worked with the Campus Y Center for Social Justice, an organization similar to SOURCE. Through this experience, I was able to learn more about what it takes to manage a sustainable, highly nuanced non-profit organization.

Before moving to Baltimore and beginning this new chapter in medicine, I feared losing the social justice community that I had been a part of in Chapel Hill. This worry was relieved after connecting with SOURCE and finding ways to engage meaningfully in our community. I have since been involved with groups dedicated to the pursuit of social justice, including the Community Conferencing Center, Charm City Clinic, the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), the Baltimore Student Harm Reduction Coalition, and other student organizations.
Hi all! My name is Jose Reyes, and I’m a third year medical student here at Hopkins. I’m originally from the border city of El Paso, Texas. Finding it too hard to leave Texas, I stayed in the state for college going to Texas State University where I majored in Biochemistry and minored in Writing with a poetry emphasis. El Paso is a unique city due to the fact it is majority-minority, with Hispanic people making up 82.2%. Despite encompassing the majority, the Latino population of El Paso still faces disparities in many aspects of life. Observing this growing up, my volunteer efforts began with the motivation to better Hispanic communities from my intimate knowledge of the core areas of need. With this intent, I began volunteering with the Bridges to Biomedicine Program, which partnered with community colleges in San Antonio to provide support for minority students to continue college beyond an associate degree, and I also began volunteering at events which conducted science outreach events in low-income, predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods to encourage interest in science at an early age to build towards a more diverse scientific community. I also worked 2 years volunteering as a tutor for science courses, I annually took part in cleanups of our local river frequently littered by college students, and also spent time volunteering at our Public Library helping elementary school students improve their reading abilities.

In my previous community services experiences, my roles were sometimes that of an organizer in addition to being directly involved as a volunteer. By working with SOURCE, I hope to use my understanding of volunteer programs to work towards bettering them from both a systemic perspective and an interpersonal perspective, making efforts to develop strong relationships with organizations in and around Johns Hopkins. I promise to use all the skills I’ve developed over the years, whether it be critical thinking from research or teamwork skills from time in the service industry, to make our support for our neighbors its greatest. I am extremely excited for the years to come, and I look forward to the work SOURCE will accomplish through the strength of our partnerships throughout Baltimore.
My name is Colleen Moran Shannon and I am a fourth-year medical student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I grew up outside of Philadelphia and attended the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana, where I majored in Political Science and English. As an undergraduate, I both participated in and led service-learning seminars. These seminars were some of my most formative undergraduate experiences and instilled in me a desire to ameliorate health care disparities. In 2010, following graduation, I accepted a position as an analyst in the Washington, DC office of a human resources consulting firm. As an analyst, I advised group health plan sponsors on health policy and finance.

Although I had initially intended to pursue a career in health policy, with time, my desire to become a physician grew. In 2012, I moved to Baltimore and returned to school to complete the prerequisite courses for medical school. Then, in 2013, I began the medical school application process. My decision to pursue a career in medicine was prompted, in large part, by the community service and service-learning seminars that I participated in. It means a great deal to me to serve on a board committed to ensuring that the students of the Bloomberg School, the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing have continued access to such opportunities. I am so pleased to remain in Baltimore for my medical education, and believe that we, as students, have much to learn from the residents of our surrounding community.

I am honored to serve on the SOURCE Student Governing Board, and look forward to supporting the impressive work done by Baltimore's community-based organizations.
My name is Lauren Sutherland and I am thrilled to be joining the SOURCE Student Governing Board as a third year student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine! I grew up in a nearby suburb of Baltimore in a town called Sykesville and am so excited to be back in the Baltimore area. I believe Baltimore is such a dynamic, unique, and welcoming city and I look forward to getting to know the local communities. I went to college in North Carolina at Elon University, where I majored in Biochemistry, and graduated in 2015. While in North Carolina, I spent my time volunteering for the Open Door Clinic of Alamance County, where I learned about the depth and complexity of social determinants of health and decided that I wanted to go to medical school. I also learned through coordinating volunteers that I loved building relationships in my community and helping other students to do the same.

After graduation, I moved to Jamkhed, India to work for the Comprehensive Rural Health Project as a Mabelle Arole Fellow. The organization taught me so much about identifying community need and developing community-based programs such as their Village Health Worker Model. Over the year that I spent there, I worked in many aspects of the organization from writing grants and raising funds to developing a community-based screening and prevention program for type 2 diabetes. From this experience, I learned about the importance of empowering communities to address needs and the myriad ways that these needs are interconnected. Oftentimes, to solve health issues, we also needed to address economic, agricultural, and social issues. This gave me a much broader perspective in what I think of as health and made me excited to work to address community needs in Baltimore. As a future physician, I look forward to addressing health needs from both an individual level and a community level. I am excited to be a part of the SOURCE Student Governing Board, where I can learn to be the most effective advocate for my community.
My name is Corey Crowe and I was born and raised at the New Jersey Shore (yes exactly where the TV show was filmed, I live there). I am a first semester Masters Entry Nursing Student here at Johns Hopkins. Through my high school years, I worked with local soup kitchens and food banks providing food for the local homeless and poor members of the community. I also participated in mission trips to the Dominican Republic during the summer months where we build houses for families, participate in cultural outreach, and establish early childhood education throughout the country. I continue to serve with this mission to this day. I went to undergraduate school in the lovely mountains of Virginia where I received my bachelors degree from James Madison University in Dietetics. I then went on to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 2014-2016 in a small, rural community in the mountains of Peru. I worked as a Public Health Educator, focusing on improving maternal and childhood health and nutrition. I also taught a group of teenagers about self-esteem, leadership, and sex-ed. After my service, I worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant until moving to Baltimore.

I enjoy being outside and being active. Whether that be hiking, playing sports, or just walking around, getting to know my surroundings. I am excited to work with SOURCE and within the communities here in Baltimore to get a better understanding of what goes on in these communities. I am excited to share my passion for service with my classmates/peers and hopefully make a lasting impact within the community in which we live and work. I hope to inspire others to volunteer, to get out of the Hopkins Bubble in order to get to know this community.
Hi! I am Kelli DePriest and I am a fourth year PhD Candidate in the School of Nursing. I previously received my BSN from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 2013. During that time I was an active participant in the Community Outreach Program (COP) and represented my class as the SOURCE Student Governing Board Representative. I enjoyed participating in COP as well as the many volunteer opportunities throughout the year with SOURCE. My love of volunteering began as a child and was furthered catalyzed by my time in the Peace Corps. Like many on the student governing board I also served in the Peace Corps from 2008-2011 in the Eastern Caribbean. As a youth development volunteer in Saint Lucia I was able to work with children in my community in many different areas including junior achievement, girl guides, sports teams, and more. My most fulfilling project was an HIV and AIDS education program for primary school students called Football for Lives. The program, an adaptation of Grassroots Soccer, taught life-skills and HIV and AIDS education to children and their teachers in my school district. The fulfillment I experienced through this work inspired me to pursue my nursing degree. Upon return to the US I enrolled at Hopkins. Through participation in COP and Birth Companions I got to know members of the Baltimore community. After graduating from the ABSN program I starting working as a nurse in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. I worked there for four years and enjoyed the challenges and learning opportunities I would encounter every shift. Although I appreciate the challenges of being a bedside nurse in the ICU, my true passion stemming from my Peace Corps experience, is to work in the community. Therefore, I am pursing my PhD to do nursing research that will affect public policy initiatives to counteract health disparities. Specifically, I am studying the neighborhood level factors that influence pediatric asthma in Baltimore city.

I am hoping that as a member of the student governing board at SOURCE I can get more involved in activities throughout the city, and also encourage my classmates to participate in service activities. In my experience SOURCE provides an invaluable opportunity for students to get involved and acquainted with Baltimore City and the amazing people who live here. I feel honored to be a part of their inspiring organization!
Hello! My name is Mary Lavery and I am a student in the Masters Entry Nursing program here at Johns Hopkins. My undergraduate degrees in Public Health and Spanish inspired me to pursue a nursing degree so that I could use hands-on skills each day to serve others. I am passionate about maternal health, children, and education. It all began in elementary school when my aunt, a NICU nurse, taught me how to knit hats for preemie babies and children undergoing chemo therapy. Since then, I have developed an interest in working with these populations in some way or another. Although I am only in my first semester, I look forward to the adventures a career in nursing will bring!

I am thrilled to part of SOURCES's governing board since I would like to be as involved as possible through community outreach in Baltimore. Previously, I volunteered by teaching ESL, coaching youth track and cross country, and working in a physical therapy center abroad. I plan to keep up involvement here at the Henderson-Hopkins School by coaching track. One of my goals is to inspire other students to spend their time volunteering in an area where they are passionate. I am excited to begin learning from community members of Baltimore, other students, and the team here at SOURCE
I am a second-year MSN acute care nurse practitioner student and an accelerated BSN graduate from 2015. I have been on the Student Governing Board for three wonderful years. I currently work as an oncology and critical care nurse at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at JHH. Prior to coming to Hopkins I served in the US government in various capacities, both military and civilian, and completed two deployments to Afghanistan as an Army Special Forces medic. During my time in Afghanistan I worked extensively with the Afghan government and various aid agencies to implement village-level projects that improved the lives of local Afghans and increased their support for the Afghan government. One of our most effective means for accomplishing this was a council much like SOURCE’s Student Governing Board that included elders from a variety of villages alongside representatives from security organizations, the US military and NGOs. This experience led me to study public policy in graduate school and eventually earn a Master of Public Management degree from the University of Maryland. I feel very fortunate to be able to use some of these skills and experiences to help improve the lives of Baltimore’s residents through the Student Governing Board.
My name is Ebele Oguhebe, and I'm a second year nursing student in the MEN program. Finding innovative solutions to tackle issues around emotional well-being and mental health in underserved and underrepresented communities is my ultimate mission as a current public health professional and Hopkins nursing student. Depending on several variables like culture, environmental conditions, socioeconomic status, and mental state, adopting a healthy lifestyle can be extremely challenging.

I was fortunate to work at United Medical Center (UMC) as a project coordinator for a Robert Wood Foundation Grant project centered on improving mental health in Ward 8, DC, an area that is characterized by high rates of obesity, low SES, and overall poor health. I was responsible for planning events such as Ward 8 council meetings with organizations eager to collaborate and implement ideas within the community. In addition, I conducted in-person surveys with Ward 8 residents asking about their thoughts on emotional wellness which would be used to further create tools and resources to benefit the community.

One of the biggest lessons learned is that individuals need accountability and an environment that is conducive to making those "not-so-easy" changes. We all struggle with staying healthy and maintaining good emotional wellness, but what separates individuals is the grit to persevere in combination with high self-esteem, self-efficacy, and social support and the realization that something has to change. Increasing these factors can really make a difference in an individual's health journey and emotional wellness, ultimately positively impacting their community. I want to be a part of planning, creating, and implementing such an empowering environment for underserved communities.
My name is Keitra Thompson and I am currently an executive DNP student at the School of Nursing, having completed the BSN and MSN programs at Hopkins in 2014 and 2017, respectively. Originally from Indiana, I completed my undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Service and volunteerism has always been a driving force in my life and played an integral role in my time at Emory and thus far at Hopkins. During the last four years I have had the pleasure of advocating for and serving the needs of individuals across Baltimore and beyond. Serving as the Volunteer and Case Management Coordinator for the Atlanta Asylum Network, a non-profit organization of health professionals and case managers who evaluate asylum seekers and promote human dignity through upholding human rights, I learned the value of social responsibility in leadership while at Emory. Working with incarcerated patients and those struggling with substance use, I have learned to value each person’s life story in relation to social and structural inequities. My other areas of service include providing health education through B’MORE for Healthy Babies, facilitating restorative justice sessions in Baltimore City, and mentoring minority students interested in pursuing careers in health care. My decision to attend Johns Hopkins and pursue a career in public health nursing and research is centered on my desire to address health disparities and advocate for social justice. I am particularly interested in issues affecting marginalized groups within society from a clinical and theoretical perspective. I am actively involved in research to address issues of domestic sex trafficking of minors, adolescent health, HIV prevention, and mass incarceration. As a SOURCE representative I enjoy working across the School of Nursing, School of Public Health, and the School of Medicine to serve Baltimore and beyond. I firmly believe everyone has the power to change someone’s life in big and small ways. I love SOURCE and infusing others with a passion to change the world!
Hi everyone! My name is Tom Winkler and I am a student at the Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing in the MSN: Entry to Nursing Program, Spring 2019 cohort. I am originally from Pennsylvania, and attained my Bachelor's degree in 2013 from The Pennsylvania State University in Health Policy and Administration, with a minor in Labor Studies and Employment Relations. During my time at Penn State, I served as a student-leader for multiple student and University-run organizations, and learned a plethora of ways to implement and manage public programs. I hope to bring this knowledge to SOURCE and help impact the wonderful people of Baltimore.

I have seven years of clinical experience in the prehospital setting and have received numerous awards for my dedication to the communities I served. Prior to starting at Johns Hopkins, I was the Project Director of the EMS for Children Program in Pennsylvania, which is a federal grant program designed to improve pediatric emergency medical care in all aspects. My work received national praise and the programs that I implemented in Pennsylvania are now being adapted for use in states across the country.

I have interests in leadership, administration, and healthcare effectiveness and efficiencies and I am a new Baltimorean and live in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood with my sassy boyfriend and cat (the cat is sassier), and am looking forward to learning as much as I can about my new city. I hope to bring my experience and fresh perspective to SOURCE to make an already incredible organization even better!
Hi my name is Hillary Woods, I’m a California native and a first semester student at the School of Nursing. Despite having repped the West Coast my whole life, it seems my alliances may have shifted to the East Coast having already fallen in love with Baltimore. After doing the SOURCE bus tour in January I knew I wanted to get more involved in the rich diversity and culture of the community. I decided to join the governing board because I wanted to be more than just a laissez-faire volunteer participant. I believe the world of healthcare is on the cusp of something new and applying a traditional and holistic approach to modern medicine is the direction we should be headed in. I’m looking forward to working with the School of Medicine and School of Public Health to help bring awareness to this concept and apply it in our community.

Prior to moving to Baltimore, I obtained my B.S. in Biochemistry and Cell biology from UC, San Diego. I had been working as a chemist and lab manager for a pharmaceutical company back in California. During my time in college I was a teaching assistant for both genetics and reproductive biology courses. I was also a mentor and tutor for a program called Reality Changers which was dedicated to helping underprivileged minority youth become first-generation college graduates. I love teaching and helping people reach their fullest potential.
My name is Heather Wright, and I am a member of the Master’s Entry into Nursing program class of Spring 2019. I was raised in Somers, Connecticut and moved to Washington, DC in 2011 to study biology at George Washington University with plans to pursue a career in healthcare. In DC, my time spent providing underprivileged communities with access to food, literacy, and other basic needs revealed that my aspiration to be a healthcare provider stemmed from not only my interest in medicine and public health but also in my devotion to helping others. For this reason, I decided that nursing was the best path for me. After completing my MSN, I plan to work as a public health nurse and eventually obtain my MPH in health policy.

Throughout my six years in Washington, DC, I made volunteerism and community outreach a priority. I was actively involved in GW’s Globemed chapter for all four years of undergrad, raising funds for Rwanda Village Concept Project and Set Her Free. I was also a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a community service sorority, and Reading Partners. Through Reading Partners, I worked with several bilingual students who were reading far below grade level. Reading Partners aims to close the achievement gap through one-on-one, curriculum-based tutoring in underprivileged schools. As a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, I opted to serve D.C.’s homeless population. I spent nearly every weekend working at either the local soup kitchen or Capital Area Food Bank, which strives to solve hunger and the associated health issues. After graduating, I joined Horton’s Kids, which, much like Reading Partners, is dedicated to empowering at-risk children in D.C.’s most violent neighborhood. On a weekly basis, I provide my assigned student with one-on-one tutoring, encouragement, and support to help her defy the statistics of her community. My commitment to and interest in working with local urban communities demonstrates my intent to ultimately use my education to provide inclusive care for diverse populations.

I am very excited to bring these experiences to the table while serving on the SOURCE student governing board and look forward to engaging with my new Baltimore community.
Hello! My name is Meredith Zoltick and I am excited to serve on SOURCE’s governing board. I am committed to helping reduce health disparities and improving the quality of healthcare for marginalized individuals. I completed my BSN and am currently working as a nurse on the Infectious Disease Floor at Johns Hopkins Hospital as well as at two buprenorphine clinics in the city. I am currently in MPH/MSN- NP program with a specialty in HIV and HCV care with the end goal of becoming a primary care nurse practitioner.

I am a huge advocate for harm reduction based services. I am on the board of the Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition and am currently an overdose prevention trainer. Prior to moving to Baltimore, I was a volunteer at HIPS, an outreach organization in Washington, D.C., as an outreach team leader, HIV/HCV counselor and tester, hotline volunteer, and crisis response team member. As a Team Leader, I led a group of volunteers on overnight outreach shifts (11pm-5am) distributing safer sex and injection supplies, conducting HIV/HCV tests, and helping connect clients to additional needed resources. Outreach was focused on serving individuals who inject drugs and are engaged in sex work. While volunteering at HIPS, I worked at a Ryan White funded clinic in D.C. as a support group leader and Medical Case Manager for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The commitment to service-learning and hands-on direct care to under resourced individuals was why I chose Johns Hopkins and the nursing profession. I am honored to join the SOURCE governing board.
CORY BRADLEY

Cory Bradley aspires to contribute to the world as an architect of social change. Through capacities related to creative arts, the art of conversation and philosophical & spiritual inquiry, his objective is to facilitate healing in communities and individuals distressed because of social injustice; potentiare community empowerment as a mechanism for achieving social change; and open dialogical space to confront social norms and practices that shackle the hope of the human spirit.

Having partnered over 11 years in the shaping of a congregation in Charlotte, North Carolina from its inception, he acquired a focus in shepherding spiritual communities through creative artistic expressions and helping believers translate their faith experience into opportunities to serve others.

Beyond his training through community-based projects, Cory has earned masters degrees from a dual degree program in social work and public health, and is now pursuing the doctoral degree at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, which reflects his commitment to prioritizing context and community in public health strategy in the evolving "social public health" approach.

As a future leader in public health, Cory envisions a role in efforts that disassemble paradigms and structural conditions that facilitate poor health outcomes, and replace them with strategies that produce resilient, health enabling communities. Prompting people to think critically about intersecting issues that create inequity and respond, Cory hopes to cheerlead the Hopkins community toward enhanced committed action as champions for Baltimore residents.
My name is Chelsea Liu and I am a first-year MHS student in the Department of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health. I was born in Hangzhou, China and moved to Toronto, Canada in 2005. I graduated in May 2018 from Duke University with a degree in Computer Science and minors in Biology and Chemistry. I am interested in working with more CBOs that serve the older population in Baltimore, a group that is at high risk of social isolation associated with physical and mental health issues.

During my time at Duke, I led a student group called NeuroCare that volunteered in the community and on campus to advocate for more funding and better healthcare services for people with neurological or psychiatric disorders. We worked with stroke support groups and nursing homes in the area to bring social interaction programs to their participants. I also served on the advisory committee for Duke Counseling and Psychological Services. In this role, I advised the center on developing and executing outreach programs related to improving mental health in the student body.

These experiences have allowed me to work at the intersection of student outreach and community outreach, where I learned that local collaboration is key to developing service-learning opportunities that benefit both the community and the student. I am excited to work with SOURCE, the student body and CBOs in service of this goal and to give back to the community.
Hi everyone, my name is Michael Morreale and I am excited to join the SOURCE Student Governing Board, representing the MPH program. I grew up just outside of Philadelphia, PA, and graduated from the University of Rochester after majoring in Neuroscience. Following school, I worked as a Fellow at the Food and Drug Administration, studying how to improve the safety of our lab’s new gene therapy model. After my time in government, I came to Hopkins as a research technician for the Department of Surgical Oncology, working on a novel epigenetic therapy that was being tested in gynecological and pancreatic cancers. During the MPH program, I will be focusing on the processes of Aging and Mental Health. I hope to be able work on how to better predict or delay neurodegenerative diseases across populations. I would also like to be able to help address the social stigmas that surround many of these diseases, in order for people to be more honest about their struggle and feel safe and comfortable seeking treatment.

During my time in Baltimore, I was fortunate enough to be able to volunteer as an English tutor at the Esperanza Center in Fells Point. I worked with adult students on both their conversational and written English. My experience in teaching extends back to Rochester, where I volunteered as a tutor with Partners in Reading at a local public school. I worked with a 4th grade class on a variety of subjects that ranged from math to science to history. As biological research can be very isolating, it was great to get involved and reconnect with people on an individual and community level. I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to join SOURCE, and I am excited to get to work!
Hello everyone, my name is Celina Santiago and I am a student in the full time MPH program at Hopkins! I grew up in the New York/New Jersey area and then lived in Pennsylvania for my undergrad at Villanova University. Volunteering has always been an important part of my life, giving me the opportunity to understand the world through the lens of other people. Each experience has taught me something different from compassion to cultural sensitivity. But each experience has also afforded me the privilege of sharing a snapshot of other’s lives. I have volunteered with youth and children teaching and mentoring, as well as volunteered teaching adult’s ESL. I have helped serve dinner at a homeless shelter and have also volunteered with hospice where I had to learn what it means to just be present. After graduating, I did a year of volunteer service in South West Baltimore through a local organization called Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry. I worked at the Bon Secours Women’s Resource Center which is a day shelter for women experiencing homelessness or who are in transition. While in Baltimore, I was able to fully immerse myself in the incredible community work that was going on here. In my role at the Center, I organized workshops and classes that covered a range of topics specific to the women there. In reaching out to different organizations and attending a variety of community events I became exposed to the unique and very much necessary work that was happening here. Outside of my position, I got involved in other organizations in the city such as Back On My Feet Baltimore which I have enjoyed being a part of since I have been back. I got to see the different sides of Baltimore that are often overlooked. I was constantly inspired by the people that have dedicated their lives to fighting for justice for the people in Baltimore. Understanding health disparities from this perspective was a big part of my decision to study Public Health. I know that there is so much more to learn about and I am looking forward to taking every opportunity I can to do just that.
I am so excited to be a part of SOURCE’S work in continuing to grow the connections between the communities in Baltimore and our Institutions! There is something for everyone to get involved in here in Baltimore and it is a chance to engage the things we learn about.
Hello everyone, my name is Niyati Sharma and I am excited to be part of the SOURE Board as a representative of the MPH subcommittee. I am an Australian trained Dermatologist with a passion for nutrition, food as well as getting involved in local communities especially in the context of low to middle income countries or areas with healthcare disparities. My journey in life has been described as that of a ‘global nomad’ as I was born in India, lived in Algeria and then grew up in Australia where I attended all my schooling. After medical school I was fortunate to gain an entry into the Dermatology speciality and as a result was shipped over to work in Singapore for a year to learn about the Asian skin diseases. Last year I was fortunate to work at the Ann and Robert Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago to complete my Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship. Now in my second year in the states I have finally arrived in Baltimore to undertake my MPH program.

Apart from my extensive travel history (for fun) I love volunteering in India, East Timor and Papua New Guinea where I have been exposed to several public health issues that I would like to hopefully address in the near future.

I have also worked in many leadership roles especially during my university years. I was on my student governing board at The University of Adelaide and found the experience challenging yet enjoyable. As leadership comes in many roles, I was also involved in setting up an organic tea company in Australia with my family called SereniTEA Infusions. This experience allowed me to challenge other roles like managing staff, being an accountant and understanding the true meaning of patience and resilience.

So why nutrition you ask? Well I become interested in the role diet plays in diseases especially in the food borne disease such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and hyperlipidemia after meeting up with a Japanese plastic surgeon at her vegan cheese café in Kyoto on my travels to Japan one year. Upon returning to Australia I delved into the medical research and slowly transitioned to a wholefood plant based lifestyle with many benefits seen in both the lives of my family and my patients. (You can find me on Instagram as Dr_VEGAN to see what I eat if you are curious!).

As Hippocrates said, “Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food”.
Hi Everyone! I’m Jason Boyd, a current student in the Master of Science: Entry into Nursing Program. I will be graduating from the program in May of 2019.
I am originally from Olympia, Washington, but have spent the last few years living in Portland, Oregon. I attended the University of Washington where I received my Bachelors of Arts in American Studies.

I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Georgia from 2011-2014 as an Education Volunteer. During my second and third years in Georgia I worked with the medical officers and the Healthy Lifestyles Committee to teach all incoming volunteers how to stay healthy and safe during their time in Georgia. Twice during my years in Georgia I worked with the Healthy Lifestyles Committee to organize and lead a three day training for volunteers and their Georgian counterparts on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and how to be aware of stigma. The training focused on how they could bring these ideas back to their communities and implement them there.

During the nursing program, I participated in the JHU SON Community Outreach Program (COP) that pairs nursing students with community-based organizations to work on a variety of projects. I was placed at the Wald Community Nursing Center and have assisted with community outreach, bimonthly blood pressure screenings at the Northeast Market, and developed a Men’s Health Passport to better help men in the community keep track of their health needs. After completing this, I was given the opportunity to continue being part of COP as a program assistant.

I’m incredibly excited to be working with SOURCE!
My name is Sarah Boyd, and I am a MPH student at the School of Public Health. I am the SOURCE Program Assistant for the SOURCE Service Scholars and the Baltimore Action Projects this school year.

Prior to pursuing my MPH, I worked for a program focused in disease elimination at the Task Force for Global Health in Atlanta. Before moving to Atlanta, I served in the Peace Corps as an Education Volunteer in northern Mozambique. There, I taught physics and English at the local high school, worked with young women’s groups to increase sexual and reproductive knowledge in our community, and coordinated a conference focused on the development and empowerment of young women. I graduated from Middlebury College with a BA in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. During my time at Middlebury, I volunteered with organizations focused on reducing domestic and sexual violence in both the school and local community.

My background has provided great opportunities to work with amazing organizations and groups engaged with creating change and making social justice progress within our community. These opportunities demonstrated the importance of community-level work and has inspired me to continue my engagement with my community wherever I live.

I am excited to support two of the SOURCE programs this year, and I look forward to being a part of the SOURCE Student Governing Board.
Hello! My name is Christina Bryant but please call me Tina. I am currently a part of the full-time MPH program at the Bloomberg School of Public Health but I will also be carrying on to pursue an MSW as part of the dual program with University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work. I hope to be a licensed clinical social worker working in global mental health and spreading general mental health awareness when all is done. I am originally from Montgomery County just West of Washington, DC but I'm now happy to live in the Baltimore area! I am also a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer from Senegal ‘13 to ‘15.

I'm so happy to be working with SOURCE as I have participated in service-learning and volunteer activities my whole life. My role here brings it all full circle and I am excited for what is to come this year! SOURCE is such a robust, well-established program with amazing values and a noble mission that the Baltimore community can hugely benefit from. I have been very excited to learn more about Baltimore now that I am a part of this community and hope to continue to have opportunities here in the future.
My name is Sophia Geffen. I am an MPH student and the Social Justice Program Assistant with SOURCE. I grew up outside of Boston, Massachusetts and received my undergraduate degree from Pomona College in Public Policy Analysis with a concentration in Global Health.

I developed a passion for community engagement and social justice from a young age and my understanding of both is constantly evolving. When I was 15, I spent the first of three summers living in Latin America and engaging in community-based development work with Amigos de las Americas. While in Dominican Republic, I witnessed a significant disparity in access to cancer care that have motivated me throughout my career. When I was 8, my father was diagnosed and later cured of cancer. While in DR, I saw my 7 year old host sister receive a similar oral cancer diagnosis, but with a very different prognosis. After months of traveling 3 hours each way to access care, Yoselin died far too early. This experience stuck with me long after I left the DR and has since inspired me to interrogate and alleviate the inequities we see on both a global scale and in our own neighborhoods.

I spent the past several years working at Fenway Health, a federally qualified community health center that specializes in LGBTQ-competent care, where I managed a research project aimed at developing HIV prevention tools and strategies for LGBTQ youth and the adults who serve them. Facilitating a Youth Community Advisory Board and serving on city-wide coalitions
reinforced the importance of cross-sector partnerships and authentic community participation in research and policy development. My current interests are in supporting programs that are developed and led by youth for youth, particularly around sexual health and identity. As a member of the leadership team for the Global Campaign Against Racism and now the Social Justice Program Assistance for SOURCE, I am also interested in how to integrate social justice pedagogy into medical, nursing, and public health education in order to provide anti-racist, anti-oppressive student education, public health research and programming, and medical care. I look forward to learning from my fellow Governing Board members, SOURCE staff, students, faculty, and community members while carrying out and engaging in critical reflection around the mission of SOURCE!
JEN TAYABJI
Program Assistant for the Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP) course and The Connection Community Consultants

My name is Jen Tayabji and I am a first-year student in the MSPH program in Health Policy at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. While I'm originally from central Maryland, I worked with non-profit organizations in central Illinois for quite a while. Most recently, I worked as a community organizer, communications director, and program coordinator for a health care advocacy organization. I provided free client services and helped individuals navigate the health care system. I was a Certified Applications (CAC) Counselor and a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor, helping individuals enroll in Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance through the Affordable Care Act. I also helped organize campaigns to protect the ACA, Medicare, and other vital programs. I am passionate about health care policy and consumer advocacy, with an emphasis on Medicare, Medicaid, and the ACA. I am particularly interested in working on health care issues related to mental health and substance use disorders as well as issues affecting older adults. I enjoy cooking, spending time with my family and cats, yoga, and running.

I am really excited both to be back in Maryland and to be working with SOURCE. Having worked at a community-based organization in a college town, I know first-hand how important student involvement and collaboration can be. I hope to help further SOURCE's mission of community engagement in East Baltimore by serving on the SOURCE Student Governing Board.
Hey y'all! I'm a first-year MSPH student in the Health, Behavior & Society department in the School of Public Health. I've been working in international public health and has worked on a variety of nutrition and maternal & child health projects, providing technical assistance on mobile tool development and implementation. I graduated from James Madison University in 2015, where I served on the board of a student-run nonprofit to end drinking & driving as well as volunteered on a 24/7 sexual violence helpline. I've also been very involved in volunteering with Planned Parenthood, participating in many local Virginia election campaigns by working to elect progressive candidates.

I'm thrilled to serve as a SOURCE Program Assistant, assisting with the HIV Counseling & Testing Program and The Identity Clinic program. I've really enjoyed being part of the East Baltimore community so far, and I can't wait to work with the SOURCE governing board to further support this wonderful community.
Dan is a fourth-year PhD student in Health, Behavior & Society. He is a member of SPARC. On SPARC he works with a project to measure Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s institutional commitment to community engagement with Baltimore. He is a teaching assistant for the Baltimore Community Practicum course.
The SOURCE for community involvement opportunities.