Meet Our 2022 National Service Segal Fellows

The Segal Program congratulates and welcomes our 2022 National Service Segal Fellows, in partnership with Service Year Alliance (SYA). These inspiring citizen leaders will join a network of 150 lifelong Segal Fellows making an impact across a wide range of issue areas and sectors. Through their participation in the Segal Program, Fellows are supported with professional development, leadership resources, and a powerful community with which to continue their growth as an agent for social change over their lifetime.

Our AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellows were selected from a large pool of inspiring candidates. In addition to joining the Segal Program, they receive an honorarium from Service Year Alliance and work with them to promote national service. For more information visit Segal.Brandeis.edu.

Gabyiliz Machado (2022 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellow)

Gabyiliz Machado is a native Chicagoan. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.A. in Global Studies, with a concentration in Race and Cultural Diversity, with additional minors in Anthropology and Latinx Studies. After graduation, Gabyiliz served with City Year as a tutor and mentor at an elementary school in her Chicago community. Following this service experience, Gabyiliz served as an AmeriCorps Human Resources Associate at a housing and financial education non-profit. Today, Gaby is committed to serving communities-of-color by helping them overcome underemployment through career readiness skills. She hopes to continue to work in workforce development to create opportunities for communities-of-color to obtain gainful and fulfilling employment, and establish upwardly mobile careers. In addition to racial and economic equity, Gaby is passionate about all things wellness, including yoga, pilates, meditation, and herbalism. She received her Yoga Teacher Training (YTT) certificate in 2022. As a Segal Fellow, she is excited to build relationships with others in the program and further develop her leadership skills.

Paulina Martin (2022 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellow)

Paulina Martin grew up in Mansfield, MA, with her mom, dad, and two younger sisters. In 2021, she earned her B.A. with honors from the College of the Holy Cross in history and peace and conflict studies, where her primary focus was gender, race, and social movement theory. Her senior thesis focused on the 19th century gender purity movement and the weaponization of white power. As an undergraduate, she helped lead the college’s Feminist Forum and Spring Break Immersion Program. She completed multiple internships oriented toward equity, notably at the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, the United Way, and the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren. After graduating, Paulina completed an AmeriCorps year of service with Maggie’s Place in Phoenix, AZ. She lived in a home with pregnant and newly parenting women experiencing homelessness, extending support and love, as they worked toward self-sufficiency. Paulina remained in Phoenix after her service and currently teaches World History in the Phoenix Union public high school district, while working toward her M.Ed. in Secondary Education. She is passionate about community building, local politics, and the power of public education to disrupt cycles of poverty. Outside of the classroom, Paulina is a CrossFitter, reader, and budding hiker. She hopes to continue her work in the education sector and is thrilled to be a Segal Fellow to collaborate across disciplines to improve outcomes for disadvantaged young people.