

## Meet Our 2024 National Service Segal Fellows

The Segal Program congratulates and welcomes our 2024 National Service Segal Fellows. These inspiring citizen leaders will join a network of 165 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.

Just under 100 inspiring national service alums from across the country applied for these 3 Segal Fellow spots, and those selected truly demonstrate the power of national service to change lives. In addition to joining the Segal Program, our AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellows receive an honorarium from Service Year Alliance and work with them to promote national service. Our AmeriCorps Segal Fellow takes part in a one-year Fellowship at AmeriCorps headquarters in DC, where they gain access to agency leaders, contribute to national service policy and programs, and implement priority projects. The 2024 AmeriCorps Fellow will help develop and implement the vision, goals, and strategic plan to advance AmeriCorps' mission.

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### **Julia Garcia (2024 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellow)**



Julia Garcia was born and raised in the suburbs of Los Angeles, California. She graduated from University of California, Davis, where she received her B.S. in Environmental Policy, Analysis, and Planning, with a focus in City and Regional Planning, and a Minor in Economics. Julia was inspired by her coursework to pursue a career in transportation planning, which led her to apply to CivicSpark-AmeriCorps. At CivicSpark, she was placed at Los Angeles County - Internal Services Department: Clean Transportation Program, where she worked on a national survey of governments who own and operate EV Charging networks to identify best practices and common challenges, developed a mathematical model to determine optimal fees to recover operations and maintenance expenses, and developed the County's 10 year EV Charger Deployment Plan, which determined where and when 15,000 chargers would be installed at the County's 1,000+ properties.

Her 2 year experience with Los Angeles County inspired her to return to school to pursue a double Master of Sustainable Transportation and of Infrastructure Planning and Management, at the University of Washington Seattle, remotely. She is also working full time as a Sustainable Transportation Coordinator at California State University, Long Beach, where she coordinates all alternative transportation initiatives, including a bus pass program, carpool, vanpool, on campus shuttles, and management of 50 EV Chargers. She also holds a chair on the university's Commission for Sustainability.

## **Priscilla Miller (2024 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellow)**



Priscilla Miller, a resident of Kentucky, embarked on her AmeriCorps journey following a life-altering accident that led to her retirement. Through her extensive involvement with AmeriCorps programs such as Operation UNITE Service Corps, KY Ready Corps, and Kentucky Public Health AmeriCorps, she has developed valuable skills in communication, collaboration, and leadership.

During her tenure as a UNITE AmeriCorps member at Hustonville Elementary School, Priscilla served as a mentor, taught “Too Good for Drugs” lessons, and led the UNITE club, effectively conveying crucial drug prevention information in an engaging and understandable manner for young students.

With KY Ready Corps, she contributed to preparedness efforts and supported the local Medical Reserve Corps. Through KY Public Health AmeriCorps, she serves as a certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist and Community Health Worker.

Priscilla has transformed personal challenges into sources of strength and empathy through her service, enabling her to positively impact the lives of others. Her journey of healing and giving back has allowed her to support her community in meaningful ways. Grateful for the opportunity to contribute, Priscilla strives daily to improve herself. As the mother of two adult children and grandmother of four, she cherishes spending her spare time with her family, hiking, traveling, exploring history, and helping her community to make it a brighter place. Priscilla is enthusiastic about beginning the next chapter of her journey as a Segal Fellow.

## **Michael (Micky) O’Neill (2024 AmeriCorps Segal Fellow)**



Michael (Micky) O’Neill is an AmeriCorps Segal Fellow from Silver Spring, Maryland. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in literature, with a minor in philosophy, from American University in Washington, DC. While growing as a writer and communicator in college, Micky discovered his passion for helping children by coaching community swim teams. He pursued this by moving to Austin, Texas to close the educational opportunity gap as an AmeriCorps Tutor with Literacy First. He returned for a second year as a Team Leader. During service, Micky and his teams helped their students by becoming active partners in their school communities, which imparted the lesson that change comes from strong communities. As a Segal Fellow at AmeriCorps’ headquarters, Micky is thrilled to work for communities across

America. He looks forward to doing so by contributing to AmeriCorps’ Strategic Plan for 2026–2030, finding creative ways to engage the public in planning and building new partnerships within the agency.