

## Meet Our 2025 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellows

The Segal Program congratulates and welcomes our 2025 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellows, in partnership with [Service Year Alliance](#) (SYA). These inspiring citizen leaders join a network of over 170 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 almost 60 inspiring applicants from across the country who all demonstrated the power of national service to change lives. In addition to joining the Segal Program, these Segal Fellows receive an honorarium from Service Year Alliance and work with them to promote national service. **For more information visit [Segal.Brandeis.edu](https://segal.brandeis.edu).**

### **Bahga Ahmed (GA)**



Bahga Ahmed is a Sudanese American who resettled with her family in Atlanta, Georgia, at age three through New American Pathways (formerly RRISA). Her passion for community building began in high school, where she co-founded Universally Diverse, a youth group that brought together refugee students with and without disabilities to promote inclusion, teamwork, and belonging.

Years later, Bahga came full circle as a Community Resource AmeriCorps member at the same agency that once welcomed her family. There, she helped refugees and immigrants access public benefits and co-designed a digital check-in system to make service delivery more efficient. At Catholic Charities Atlanta, she introduced a financial voucher tracking system that reduced delays and improved access to essential rent and food support for newly resettled families.

Through the Civic Pathways Leadership Program, Bahga deepened her understanding of policy and advocacy. Her team built an online tool to help first-time advocates navigate Georgia's State Capitol and connect with legislators. She now serves on the Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA) Policy Committee, helping advance statewide efforts to promote immigrant and refugee inclusion.

Currently, Bahga is a senior at Georgia State University pursuing a B.B.A. in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Cybersecurity. She is passionate about bridging the gap between service and technology by expanding digital literacy and developing tools that make systems more equitable and accessible for all. As a Segal Fellow, Bahga is excited to connect with changemakers from across the country, learn new ways to drive impact through technology, and continue empowering communities through innovation and service.

## **Kelly Lee (DC)**



Kelly Lee is a Washington, D.C. native and committed advocate for youth equity, education, and mental health. She served with City Year DC from 2023 to 2025, first as a Student Success Coach supporting elementary students in literacy and social-emotional learning, and later as a Civic Engagement Project Leader leading community service and school beautification initiatives across the District.

Kelly earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology, graduating cum laude from Trinity Washington University, and later completed graduate-level work in Cancer Biology before transitioning into the psychology field. She is pursuing a Master of Arts in Psychology (Clinical Science track) at American University, with aspirations to continue into a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Her research interests focus on racial and sexual identity discrimination, adolescent mental health, and equitable clinical practice in urban communities.

As a 2025 Segal Fellow, Kelly aims to strengthen her capacity as a citizen leader by integrating service, research, and policy to improve behavioral health outcomes for youth and families in Washington, D.C. She is most excited to engage with the Segal community to learn how others bridge service, research, and policy, and to strengthen her own approach to advancing mental health equity for youth and families in D.C. She looks forward to exploring how collaborative leadership and policy innovation can create more equitable opportunities for young people. Outside of her academic and professional work, Kelly enjoys reading, going to the movies, and playing softball. She values community, creativity, and opportunities to bring people together in meaningful ways.

## **Daniel Nieves (NY)**



Daniel Nieves is an educator and public servant from the Bronx, New York, committed to advancing equity, inclusion, and civic engagement across education and community spaces. A proud Puerto Rican and Turkish-Cypriot New Yorker, Daniel's pathway into public service was shaped by nearly two decades of teaching history and anthropology at the City University of New York and Mercy University, where he centers race, colonialism, and social justice in his work with diverse student communities.

Daniel recently served with AmeriCorps under the NYC Mayor's Office and NYC Service, placed with NYC Parks, where he led community engagement, volunteer coordination, and environmental stewardship initiatives throughout New York City, with a focus on the Bronx. His work reflects a belief in the power of citizen leadership to strengthen communities through shared responsibility, collaboration, and care.

Holding an Executive MBA and having completed doctoral studies in Anthropology and History, Daniel continues to serve his community as a member of his local Community Board and as a volunteer with the New York Botanical Garden. Passionate about plants and urban ecology, he finds inspiration in connecting people to the natural world through service and education. Building on his experience in higher education and public service, Daniel is now exploring opportunities to pivot into leadership roles that integrate DEIB, organizational development, and civic partnership. As a Segal Fellow, he looks forward to collaborating with leaders across sectors and mentoring future changemakers to advance lasting, equitable impact.