



MASSACHUSETTS
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Academic Scholarship Recipient

Laura DelleChiaie



Laura Dellechiaie is the Assistant Health Director for the Town of Milton, where she has worked for almost 3 years. Previously, she worked for the City of Marlborough Board of Health. She received a dual bachelor's degree in Public Health and English from Worcester State University, and is pursuing her master's degree in public health at the University of New England. She chose to pursue public health because it requires constant learning, relationship-building, protecting the environment, and improving people's health. In her spare time, she enjoys running, going for scenic nature walks or hikes, and going to the beach.

Emerging Professional Scholarship Recipient

Felix Garcia, SE, CPO



Felix Garcia is a Public Health Inspector in the Town of Acton's Health Division, where he has worked for almost a year. Previously, he worked for the City of Lawrence's Inspectional Services. Felix has also conducted sanitation work in Ghana. He received a dual bachelor's degree in management and health & industry, with a minor in Spanish, from Bentley University, as well as a Certificate from the Tufts University Institute for Nonprofit Practice. Felix likes collaborating with others in the field and learning about new research and technologies that can help municipalities serve their communities. Most recently, he has been interested in sewage disposal systems and the science involved in their regulation. In his spare time, Felix likes to spend time outdoors and with family and friends, go to the beach, and try different cuisines.

Academic Scholarship Recipient

Katharine Dagle, REHS, SE, SI



Katharine Dagle is the Assistant Health Director for the Bedford Health Department, where she has worked since 2015. She is pursuing her master's degree in public health at Southern New Hampshire University. Katharine likes public health because the field is currently evolving and growing, so there are always ways in which we can learn to improve the health of our community. She believes that education is the key to prevention. She enjoys serving her community and positively impacting the health of residents, businesses, and visitors.