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**COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT  
FELLOWS**

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**Thank you to the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Research for Equity and Power, and Homewood Children's Village for financial support of the 2020-2021 fellows.**

# *Community Engagement Fellowship Field Sites*



- **Isabella Colletti** – Sojourner House
- **Chandler Dangerfield** – Homewood Community Engagement Center
- **Jessica Farrell** – Office of State Representative Ed Gainey
- **Mikhaila Fogel** – Homewood Community Engagement Center
- **Evelyn Garon** – Office of Community and Governmental Relations
- **Katie Holler** – Research for Equity and Power
- **Kelsey Probst** – Homewood Children’s Village
- **Carillon Young** – Bible Center Church

# *The Fellows*

## *Isabella Colletti*



Isabella Colletti is a Generalist Master of Social Work student at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a Community Engagement Fellow and intends to follow a Community, Organization, and Social Action (COSA) concentration track while exploring other certificate opportunities. She is also a COSA Representative on the School of Social Work's Student Executive Council.

Isabella was raised in Manchester, Connecticut and is a Salve Regina University Class of 2019 alumna. She obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in healthcare administration and management. She is a graduate of the VIA Program, which explores social issues and responsible citizenship in history and the present. In addition to her commitment to learning, Isabella also held leadership positions in student organizations.

Her academic and extracurricular background encouraged an interest in service, leading her to join the National Health Corps of Philadelphia 2019 to 2020 cohort. Her role included providing health education to students and resource connection for them and their caregivers. Through additional service opportunities, Isabella fostered deeper relationships with community members and was even recruited as a campaign organizer intern and now core team member with the National Trauma Campaign.

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## *Chandler Dangerfield*



Originally from West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – first year, MSW student Chandler Dangerfield now calls Pittsburgh home. Chandler interns as the Resident Engagement Facilitator at the Community Engagement Center in Homewood where she works alongside the center director, Daren Ellerbee, to further the centers' mission of building stronger communities and a stronger University.

Chandler is passionate about social justice, mental health, and creating, protecting, and preserving safe spaces for black people and other people of color. Her affinity for strengthening disenfranchised communities has called Chandler to pursue Social Work with a focus on Community Organizing and Social Action, Chandler's professional interests lie in the intersection of law and social work.

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## *Jessica Farrell*



Jessica Farrell received her bachelor's degree in Child Development from Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles, California. During her undergraduate career, she was involved in Student Government, Women's Leadership, and Leadership Scholars. As recognition for Jessica's leadership, she received the University's highest honor, The President's Award.

Jessica is continuing her education at the University of Pittsburgh because of the diverse curriculum and leadership opportunities. Jessica is a second-year student in the Master's in Social Work Program on the COSA concentration track. She is also pursuing a certificate in Human Services Management. Jessica previously served as Co Business Manager for the Student Executive Council. Jessica is in her second year with the Community Engagement Fellowship. She is an intern with Office of State Representative Ed Gaaney.

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## *Mikhaila Fogel*



Mikhaila Fogel is originally from Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin but moved to Oxford, Ohio to attend Miami University. While at Miami, she completed her Bachelor's degree in Social Work and earned a Certificate in Fostering Justice Communities.

After graduating from Miami in May of 2020, she moved to Pennsylvania to earn her MSW with a concentration in Community Organizing and Social Action and a certificate in Human Services Management from the University of Pittsburgh. Her current placement is at the University's Community Engagement Center in Homewood. While at Pitt, Mikhaila hopes to get involved with the Executive Student Council for the School of Social Work. Mikhaila is currently serving as the COSA Co-Rep for the Student Executive Council at the School of Social Work.

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## *Evelyn Garon*



Evelyn Garon is an advanced standing MSW student with a focus on Community Organizing and Social Administration (COSA) and on track to obtain a certificate in Human Services Management. She is a Virginia native and received her bachelor's in social work from James Madison University in 2019. After completing her undergraduate education, Evelyn moved to Pittsburgh to serve the community through an AmeriCorps program.

This opportunity allowed her to appreciate the volume of community engaged work happening throughout the city and led to her decision to continue her education at the University of Pittsburgh. Evelyn is currently completing her field placement at the University's Office of Community in Governmental Relations (CGR), where she works under the supervision of Jamie Ducar, the Director of Community Engagement. In this role, Evelyn is able to experience first-hand how the University engages with internal and external stakeholders in order to build meaningful relationships and create sustainable partnerships.

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## *Katie Holler*



Katie Holler is an advanced-standing MSW student specializing in Community Organizing and Social Administration. She is currently serving as Vice Presented for the Student Executive Council within the School of Social Work. She graduated magna cum laude from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Bachelors degree in social work. From Franciscan University, she received both the St. Maximilian Kolbe Award for Outstanding Service and the Instruments of Peace Award for Social Work. Katie is also a member of the Xi Nu chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society.

After graduating from Franciscan University, Katie worked with survivors of human trafficking at Refuge for Women, first as the Assistant Program Director then as the Program Director. She is passionate about educating community members about issues related to social justice and hopes to use her experience to amplify the voices of those most in need to the macro level of change.

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## *Kelsey Probst*



Kelsey Probst is an advanced-standing MSW student specializing in Community Organizing and Social Action. Kelsey is currently interning at Homewood Children's Village in the Office of Research and Evaluation.

Kelsey is a Pittsburgh Native. She graduated from Franciscan University in 2020 from which she obtained a bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in Theology. She is also a member of the Xi Nu chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society.

During her time at Franciscan University, she was a member of the Center for Leadership, a four-year co-curricular program that fosters virtues, imparts knowledge, and cultivates practical skills essential for effective, lifelong leadership. She also had the privileges of being a Resident Assistant for two years.

Kelsey had many opportunities to go on mission/service trips both domestically and abroad. These experiences and others have led her to be passionate about criminal justice reform, creating a more sustainable environmental, and equitable community development. Kelsey hopes to utilize the Community Engagement skills she is currently learning to pursue these passions and give back to the Pittsburgh community.

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## *Carillon Young*



Carillon Young, an Ohio native, is a first year generalist COSA student at the University of Pittsburgh. She completed her undergraduate studies at Bowling Green State University in 2019 earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication, with an individualized minor in Human Ethnic, Gender, and Development Studies. During her undergraduate career, Carillon completed research as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, authoring a study investigating the food sufficiency of American households and its effects on the overall development and well-being of children.

Carillon served as the Civic and Community Engagement Chair on the executive board at the BGSU section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc.

Prior to attending graduate school, Carillon worked as a community outreach specialist at the Lucas County Family Council for the Help Me Grow program.

She worked with community stakeholders and health professionals to coordinate local and multi-county events to provide information on early prenatal and well-baby care, parent education, and early intervention to families within vulnerable communities. She looks forward to continuing community engagement work and furthering her education at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work.