George Washington University One Health Day 2016 Student Competition Team

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Mallory is pursuing a Master of Science in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, the George Washington University. She is currently a global health intern at the Department of Health and Human Services where she works within the Department of Pandemic and Emerging Threats to promote health diplomacy as it specifically relates to the Zika Virus. As a student interested in health policy, Mallory is interested in One Health because of the emphasis it places on interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork. She is looking forward to utilizing the One Health approach on Capitol Hill, to solve many local, national and global health problems.

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Jeffrey is a second-year medical student pursuing his medical degree at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Prior to pursuing his medical degree Jeffrey completed two years of cardiovascular research at the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences in Orlando, FL, focusing on adrenaline and stress-induced cardiomyopathies. He also spent two years volunteering in the post cardiac surgery unit of the Orlando Regional Medical Center, in Orlando, FL. This past summer, Jeffrey researched miRNA derived biomarkers for esophageal carcinoma and esophageal adenocarcinoma at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is very interested in cardiovascular physiology and would like to pursue a career as a cardiothoracic surgeon. Jeffry is hopeful that spreading awareness of One Health to the next generation of upcoming physicians and health care providers will encourage a more holistic approach to patient care.

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Emma is pursuing a Masters in Public Health in Environmental Health Science & Policy at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, at the George Washington University. This past summer, Emma had a formative practicum experience with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Science Policy, and hopes to one day advocate for the protection of human and environmental health both domestically and globally in her future career. While pursuing her undergraduate degree in biology at University of California - San Diego, Emma interned at the Global Energy Network Institute, where she collaborated with engineers and biologists to educate the public about global environmental concerns and their solutions. As a dual-citizen of the US and New Zealand, she is particularly interested in the global reach of the One Health Initiative, and believes that multidisciplinary and international cooperation is the key to solving global health problems.

Laura is a Masters Candidate in Public Health Microbiology & Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University. She is interested in emerging zoonotic diseases and the impact they have on human and animal health and the economy. She is currently working as a student researcher at the Animal Parasitic Diseases Laboratory at the USDA Agriculture Research Services, researching the fetal immune response to Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus. Prior to working at the USDA, Laura worked at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences determining reporter genes in Shistosoma mansoni. She has been accepted to attend Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine beginning fall 2017. She hopes to one day be a public health veterinarian focused on emerging animal diseases that impact the human-animal connection, either by threatening economic development and sustainability or as a potential zoonotic or biosecurity threat. Laura is particularly interested in the One Health Initiative because she believes that the answers to stop the development and spread of zoonotic diseases is a collaborative approach between professionals within all fields, not just medical professionals.