

U.S. Fund for UNICEF Youth Engagement Staff Bios 2016–2017



Laura Restrepo
Manager, Youth Engagement

LAURA RESTREPO is the Manager of Youth Engagement programs at the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, where she oversees UNICEF Clubs in high school and college campuses and the development and implementation of youth-related activations in the U.S. In her current capacity, she has led youth mission trips to Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Tajikistan. Prior to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Laura resided in Philadelphia managing state and privately funded programs in early childhood education and intervention. She has worked in the public and private sectors with a focus on international development and business. Laura has been involved with UNICEF for over 15 years as a volunteer, serving in different capacities.



Allison Casey
High School Program Engagement Fellow

ALLISON CASEY is the current High School Program Engagement Fellow at the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, and works to empower high school students across the U.S. to educate, advocate, and fundraise for UNICEF's lifesaving work in over 190 countries and territories. Allison developed a passion for human rights advocacy as she earned a B.A. in English at UCLA. During her undergraduate studies, she enjoyed internships at international nonprofit organizations, where she carried out a student-led "Right to Education" campaign and provided social assistance to refugees. After graduating, Allison traveled to Cambodia to research violence against women and how technology could be used to educate women about their rights. In her free time, Allison is a self-proclaimed foodie and enjoys traveling anywhere with a coast.



Julia Dickhaus
Campus Initiative Program Engagement Fellow

JULIA DICKHAUS serves as the Campus Initiative Program Engagement Fellow for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, supporting UNICEF Clubs on college campuses across the country, and managing the Campus Initiative National Council. Julia has been a part of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF for five years, her involvement beginning while she was a student leader in a UNICEF Club. Prior to this position, Julia developed a deep-rooted passion for health equity and social justice through varying experiences. This includes working in health care delivery and public health education in Central and South America, conducting research on student engagement around global citizenship in partnership with a women's college in Botswana, and research on community support services for older New Yorkers. Julia is a graduate of Rutgers University, where she earned a B.S. in Public Health.