



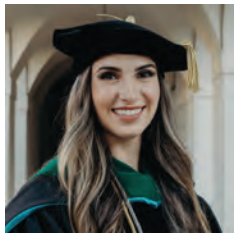
# PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER PANEL 2021



## **Harji Charaia, MHA**

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Harji graduated from UCSD with a Public Health major and Business minor in 2016 and went on to earn an MHA from USC in 2018. Over the last five years, Harji has contributed to strategic and operational teams at an academic medical center, pediatric hospital, medical foundation, and healthtech startup. He currently works as a Technology Strategist at Keck Medicine of USC and as an Independent Consultant for Community Affairs at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Harji is interested in opportunities that enable him to leverage technology and policy to address social determinants of health and, in turn, improve the economic prosperity of the communities he serves.



## **Dr. Jessica Diab, DPT**

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Hello! My name is Jessica Diab and I graduated from UCSD with my B.S in Public Health and minor in General Biology. I then attended graduate school one year after undergrad to obtain my Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Physical therapists are movement experts who improve quality of life through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and patient education. Physical therapists diagnose and treat individuals of all ages, from newborns to people at the end of life. We work with preventative care, post-operative care, neurological cases and more.



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Stephanie Escobar is alumni of UCSD and a first-generation college graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree in Human Development at UCSD and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science from San Diego State. Her work experience encompasses settings in higher education and non-profit healthcare organizations. As a public health professional, she has worked with populations of all ages and various community sectors. Stephanie is passionate about community engagement and improving health outcomes through education. In her current position as a Community Health Promotion Specialist with the County of San Diego, she supports education and outreach efforts to ensure that the community is being provided the support and resources they need to prevent and reduce the spread of the COVID-19.



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I received my bachelor's degree in Human Biology from UC San Diego. I later received my Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California. My education focused on learning about the intricacies of the healthcare sector and ways to reduce inefficiencies. I've worked in various parts of healthcare, including a start-up, a large regional health system, and a national consulting firm. I joined ECG Management Consultants almost two years ago. Since then, I've had the opportunity to help various hospital/health system and medical group clients tackle some of the most challenging and complex issues.



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My name is Araz and I graduated from UCSD with a BS in Public Health in 2019. I decided to take some time after graduating to gain experience in various public health disciplines before I begin my graduate education. I currently work on the Safer at School Early Alert Pilot Program as a qualitative researcher and data management lead. I've also worked as a Community Engagement Coordinator in tobacco control policy and as a COVID-19 Contact Tracer during my gap year. My research interests include maternal and child health, refugee and displaced populations, and epidemiology of war and conflict. In my free time I'm usually hiking, gardening, or working on a DIY project around the house.

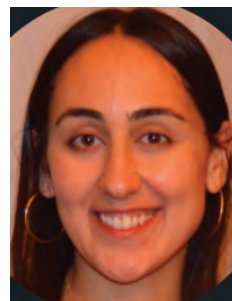


## **Megan Malone, MPH**

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Megan is a passionate global health practitioner who earned her BS in Public Health from San Diego State University and MPH in Global Health at the University of Washington where she focused her work on community-based disease prevention. Her current role is leading the UCSD COVID-19 Response Team in San Diego. She serves as Founder of The Akazi Project, a social enterprise powering her women's health clinic in Malawi, Africa where they provide cervical cancer prevention and treatment efforts. Megan has focused her academic and professional career at bridging the gaps in care for communities and creating more equitable and innovative approaches to healthcare access.



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After my undergraduate studies, I worked with a local grassroots organization whose mission is to increase the health and wealth of marginalized communities. Thereafter, I decided upon a career in law and moved back to San Diego to attend California Western School of Law. I have had the opportunity to do criminal defense work and also revisit my passion for health-related matters through classes and other extracurricular opportunities. Currently, I serve as a judicial extern wherein I have the opportunity to work on a variety of federal (and state) issues.

**Thank you to our panelists for your time and support!**