Meet the 2015–2016 MU MPH Alumni Ambassadors

Liz Gebhart • Lincoln, NE
Liz graduated from the University of Missouri with a Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) in 2010 and Masters of Public Health (MPH) in 2011. She is currently the Evaluation Coordinator for the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Program at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Akara Ingram • Springfield, NJ
Akara is an Active Duty Commission Officer with the US Public Health Service. She has worked with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a Nurse Officer and with Immigration, Customs and Enforcement monitoring the health status of detained immigrants. Akara is now the acting Health Services Administrator.

Chris Irvin • Sandpoint, ID
Chris is a 2011 graduate of the MPH program. He works as a REHS for Panhandle Health District for the State of Idaho. Chris is registered with NEHA and is a member of the Idaho EHA. Chris specializes in soil and water quality analysis and retail/wholesale food inspections.

Cody Minks • St. Charles, MO
Cody graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Health from SEMO in 2011. He earned his MPH degree from the University of Missouri in 2014 and currently works for the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment as the Cities Readiness Initiative Regional Response Planner.

Kelsey Owsley • Kansas City, MO
Kelsey is the HIV/STD Testing Program Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. As a student, she worked as a facilitator of a teen outreach program, completed a water quality improvement project with Engineers Without Borders, and was an intern for the Missouri Health Advocacy Association.

Rachel Fischer • Washington DC
Rachel graduated in May of 2013 with her Master of Public Health from the University of Missouri Public Health Program. She currently works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Public Health Associate Program and is based in the Washington DC metro area.

Sobia Paracha • Kansas City, MO
Sobia is the Director of Technical Operations at KCMPA-ACO. In her current position, Sobia leads IT initiatives including connection, onboarding and training of each practice to various data-sharing systems across several health information platforms. She also has a degree in Healthcare Administration.

Alex Denning • St. Louis, MO
After graduating in 2012, Alex accepted a fellowship with SAMHSA in conjunction with the Native American Health Center in the San Francisco Area, which led to a position as a Program Evaluator. In 2014, Alex moved to St. Louis, where he works at Kindred Healthcare as a Market Research Analyst.

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