

Michael Keys

First Preference: IT Officer

Second Preference: N/A

Vision

I'm keen to make sure all of HOPE4HEALTH's IT systems are in perfect working order so that the organisation can fulfill its mission as smoothly as possible.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I'm interested in the IT Officer position because it offers a synergy between my keen interest in global/rural health and my IT expertise. I've previously volunteered for four months with a medical NGO in a developing country, and I am a JFPP scholar. I also hold Bachelor degrees in Business and IT, and can bring with me four years of working experience in the IT industry. I'm keen to make sure all HOPE4HEALTH's IT systems are working as smoothly as possible. Also interested in suggesting/implementing IT improvements if I notice anything that could be bettered.

Melanie Hobi

First Preference: Rural Officer

Second Preference: Gold Coast Officer

Vision

Due to my rural background, my vision for Hope4Health centres around rural health and initiatives which improve the health of rural communities. This includes advancement of education on health issues facing rural communities and providing opportunities for students who do not have a rural background to get a feel for what life practicing rurally could entail. I also see the importance in supporting all objectives of Hope4Health including those surrounding local, Indigenous and international communities, and increasing student involvement across medicine and allied health disciplines.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

My interest in this position stems from my rural background and my vested interest in rural health. I am very passionate about changing the stigma and stereotypes that surround practicing rurally e.g. "rural life is boring"; "rural means in the middle of nowhere", as well as improving health outcomes for rural and remote communities. I want to share my passion for rural health and working rurally with other students. I believe I can contribute to Hope4Health by sharing my personal experience with others, whilst coordinating events which support and encourage students with a rural interest. I have excellent communication and teamwork skills which I consider an essential part of working with the Hope4Health committee. Additionally, I believe my professionalism and ability to foster relationships with others will be beneficial in this role, to not only fulfil the responsibilities of Rural Officer, but also to support the overall aims of Hope4Health.

Aiden Jabur

First Preference: AMSA Crossing Borders Representative

Second Preference: Global Events Officer

Vision

I envision HOPE4HEALTH to encourage a holistic and exhaustive perspective on healthcare. Featuring portfolios in Local and Allied health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and Global health, teaching students about these understaffed fields and inspiring change is the grassroots approach that I believe will allow H4H to have the biggest and most meaningful impact.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

My first foray into work on refugee and asylum seeker health was during the recently held NLDS hosted by AMSA, where I elected to complete a short project on improving perceptions and healthcare in this area. Part of my motivation and interest in health for culturally and linguistically diverse populations is also due to my family's heritage in the Middle East - hence I can relate to their issues and culture closely. From my time working in a social enterprise, I've developed my project management and leadership skills as I operated as the Queensland team leader. It's further taught me about analytical problem solving and out-of-the-box thinking to tackle business and logistical issues. Moreover, my role as the sponsorship officer in Surgia has given me a great opportunity to hone professionalism and stakeholder communications. In short, the skills I've gained throughout my extracurricular experiences both throughout undergrad and now in my first year of medicine will prove an invaluable asset to the HOPE4HEALTH team and will greatly assist in achieving the vision for the organisation.

Beth Thompson

First Preference: Nursing and Allied Health Officer

Second Preference: Rural Officer

Vision

My vision for Hope4Health is to engage students from all sectors of healthcare to strive for a world with no health inequalities. Currently, a large amount of the Paramedicine cohort does not know what Hope4Health does, and most have not considered a career in global or rural health. Whilst people were scrambling for placements on the Gold Coast, multiple rural opportunities were left unfilled. I want to change this; I want allied health students to see rural healthcare as something to be excited about- an opportunity rather than a burden. I hope to do this by actively engaging with the allied health cohorts to demonstrate how time spent in a rural area can benefit their skillset, employability and career. This would include specific allied health events, resume building activities and genuine opportunities to give back to the community. More specifically, this could involve working with the Red Cross to set up cohort-wide blood drives, development of new placements in the Torres Strait and promotion of current initiatives such as Grow Rural so that they are unmissable. Through this, I hope we can increase the presence of Hope4Health, thereby increasing our impact.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I am interested in the Allied Health officer role as it puts me in the best position to fulfil what I have outlined above- creating a bridge between the allied health sector and Hope4Health. Allied health workers account for more than a quarter of the health workforce, and I want to make them account for more than a quarter of this club. I hope to contribute by using my presence in the allied health cohort to develop and strengthen partnerships with clubs such as the Griffith Paramedic Society, Griffith Psychology and Counselling Association and Griffith University Physiotherapy Society. As I have worked in the not-for-profit sector as a fundraiser, I have fantastic networking skills and understand the importance of engagement. This is also my second degree, so I have a strong sense of what makes students stand out in the minefield of post-graduation employment. Having spent time as a volunteer mentor to refugees and a welfare caller for Red Cross, I also believe I have the dedication to holistic healthcare that is required for this role. Most importantly, I am super friendly and want to do a good job.

Jasmin Somers

First Preference: Global Events Officer

Second Preference: Indigenous Officer

Vision

My vision for Hope4Health is to grow awareness, engagement and active involvement in the pursuit to reduce healthcare inequality on a local and international scale. I believe that through empowering and mentoring students, in both allied health and medicine fields, we can build a strong, united community that can make great advancements in improving healthcare equality.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

My passion for eradicating healthcare inequalities drove me to study medicine in the first place. I wanted to pursue a career where I would one day work on the frontlines to improve healthcare access and quality, both locally and internationally. Everything from travelling to outback Indigenous communities and to developing countries, highlighted to me the stark reality that people are suffering, and even dying, just because they don't have access to good quality healthcare. However, instead of just empathising with the grief that I see around me, I am choosing to take action and join the pursuit to eradicate healthcare inequality. Therefore, it would be such an honour to be given a position in Hope4Health as your ethos and goals perfectly align with my passion for change. This year, I was the Chief Operating Officer/Vice-President of ENACTUS (a social entrepreneurship organisation), a United Nations Millennium Fellow and cofounder of a social enterprise which supports refugees and asylum seekers. In these roles, I have not only been able to develop project management and communication skills, but also learnt how to be an effective, proactive and inclusive leader. I can use the knowledge, skills and network I acquired in these roles, to help grow Hope4Health and catalyse social change.

Ellena Shaw

First Preference: Rural Officer

Second Preference: Global Events Officer

Vision

My vision for Hope4Health is an organisation that is able to capture people's attention and foster interest in the important healthcare issues affecting rural and indigenous people in Australia and worldwide. It needs to be diverse, open and accessible to everyone, with events that are informative and inspiring. I hope I can help in Hope4Health achieving this vision!

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I come from a small rural community, and up until starting medicine, my studies and work have focussed on the issues affecting rural and remote communities. This has included research and policy work - and now I want to use these skills to help spread the word about the unique needs of rural and remote communities when it comes to healthcare. I hope I can apply everything I've learnt in my previous social science and development studies degree, as well as policy work in government to help Hope4Health make a real difference for people living outside of urban Australia.

Annie Gynther

First Preference: AMSA Code Green Representative

Second Preference: Sunny Coast Officer

Vision

I hope to build on the awesome work and activities that have been developed by the Sunny Coast reps and team this year! Ultimately, I want to help reduce inequalities in health at a local, national and global level. I intend to do this by committing my time to the role and engaging more students to join/participate in Hope 4 Health and attend events.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I am passionate about reducing inequalities in health and think either of these positions would enable me to utilise my skills and enthusiasm in a productive way! I hope to continue the development and promotion of Hope 4 Health at SC. Ideally, I would use my fab organisational skills to run some of the events that had been planned (before COVID cancelled them). If possible, I would love to run some of the GC events like the birthing kits night at SC too. Using my own creativity and with input from others, I also hope to develop some initiatives specific to the Sunny Coast.

Isabella Shue

First Preference: Global Health Events Officer

Second Preference: IT Officer

Vision

My vision for Hope4HEALTH is to further build upon the objectives of Hope4HEALTH in raising awareness of local and international health inequality and improve the health outcomes in these communities. This has taken on greater importance in the current climate of global COVID-19 pandemic. I hope to facilitate stronger links within Hope4HEALTH, medical student community and other university campuses, in utilising the resources of the organisation in order to reach out to and support the broader community. This includes increasing the involvement of other allied health courses and increased student engagement. I would like to see Hope4HEALTH become leaders in a united effort to address and eliminate the health inequality by engaging and partnering other organisations to promote Hope4HEALTH.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I am interested in applying for the position of Global Events Officer. I am also interested in the role of IT Officer as I am keen to learn the skills involved. As a medical student, my interests go beyond just learning about the clinical management of diseases. I am passionate about making a difference by being an active and contributing member of my community. My medical education in conjunction with my volunteer work has developed my clinical understanding, which I feel would provide valuable contribution to the organisation. My experiences have provided me with valuable transferable skills for these roles. My participation in the CARE Volunteer Program at Greenslopes Private Hospital involves working with other volunteers in assisting predominantly elderly and war veteran patients. Through the program, I learnt the importance of teamwork and the interaction between volunteers and health professionals to ensure optimum patient care. In addition to studying at university and volunteering, I am a member of a dance academy which involves performing at and advertising for public events, teaching and supervising young children. These commitments have improved my time management and leadership skills, adept in multi-tasking to fulfil multiple responsibilities and personal goals while maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Caitlin Rutherford-Heard

First Preference: AMSA Sexual and Reproductive Rights Representative

Second Preference: Global Events Officer

Vision

I have a passion for helping reduce the inequalities in reproductive/maternal health mortality both in Australia and overseas. After attending HOPE4HEALTH's events throughout the year, it is clear to me that I can and want to do more to help fight for people who don't have a voice or aren't having their voice heard. I would like to help HOPE4HEALTH benefit, educate and relieve these communities in anyway possible.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I have a passion for obstetrics and gynaecology and am motivated to help change the health issues facing women in rural, indigenous and international areas. I studied midwifery for 2 years and went over to the rural towns in India in that time. This gave me the personal insight and passion to help reduce the inequalities that face these communities. In my undergraduate degree I was a part of the school society therefore I have experience in organising events, encouraging students to get involved and writing summaries/recommendations for events held. I can bring all of these experiences with me into my role in HOPE4HEALTH.

Mirai Anfield

First Preference: Global Events Officer

Second Preference: AMSA Healthy Communities Representative

Vision

Perspective and purpose can often be lost in a busy study life and I'd like to be part of growing H4H into a prominent organisation that humbles and inspires the future of the medical profession. I want to help strengthen the link between us, as seemingly helpless university students, to those far less privileged. In a time where our personal comforts have been restricted and our focuses have shifted to our immediate communities, the health of those in the most vulnerable places has been somewhat omitted from our global psyche. I want to spread awareness. Of course, I'd love people to take action and help those less fortunate (through what will hopefully be face-to-face events). But for now I just want more people to open their eyes, and their heart, to what's really going on.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I love bringing people together and curating events that have focus and impact. It's been unfortunate to have only gotten such a glimpse as to what H4H events are like this year. (Although I have no doubt they are pretty fun and amazing!) but I'd love to help translate the ideas and causes into a COVID-safe form. I also love the idea of bringing healthy habits into both existing and new events for H4H. Despite being medical students the demands of studying, often mean that our healthy eating, exercise and sleep habits are compromised. These are fundamental to optimal health, yet so many of us seem to be lacking proper education on nutrition, benefits of moving your body, and the importance of restful sleep. It's interesting to me how little we prioritise these things. I want to be part of changing that, for the benefit of all my peers. I've got a special interest in how specific foods effect mood, and think it'd be wonderful to start things off with an informative online campaign to shed light on some of these things! It would also be nice to strive for healthy foods provided/on sale at all H4H events, incorporate some alcohol-free events, and maybe introduce on campus exercise initiatives.

Neha Athreya

First Preference: Social Media Officer

Second Preference: Publications Officer

Vision

I would love the opportunity to be involved in raising awareness for some of the great causes that HOPE4HEALTH supports, such as the advancement of education and relief of poverty and sickness. Many of my family members live in countries where health education and services are not as easily accessible as in Australia. Having seen struggles such as these firsthand, I am passionate about advocating for the advancement of health equality. I would love to see more inclusion and involvement of all health professionals in HOPE4HEALTH, to facilitate a more collaborative effort towards health equality across all health professions. I also hope to see even more involvement in online and in-person events from a wide range of students. Additionally, I would like to encourage more students to share their own experiences or perceptions of health inequalities, as I believe that this would foster a safe environment in the HOPE4HEALTH community, as well as highlight the importance of raising awareness.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I would love the opportunity to advocate for change in the roles of social media officer or publications officer. Especially in the current climate with the COVID-19 pandemic, I believe that online and digital media has more influence than ever, and I would like to utilise these platforms to promote the amazing work that HOPE4HEALTH do. Having been to several HOPE4HEALTH events throughout the year, such as Birthing Kits night, Op Shop Ball and the International Global Surgery Day Conference, I have really enjoyed learning about the different causes that HOPE4HEALTH supports, as well as how online events can be very effective in raising awareness. In these roles, I would hope to contribute to using digital platforms to promote events such as these, as well as sharing information through social media and other online forums that can reach a wide range of students. I have previous experience using Canva to create Facebook posters and banners, and I thoroughly enjoy coming up with creative and fun designs that appeal to a diverse cohort. I would love the opportunity to join the HOPE4HEALTH team and would have a lot of fun working with other like-minded individuals who are also passionate about promoting some great causes!

Caren Yameogo

First Preference: Global Events Officer

Vision

Even though I wasn't as involved in the organization as I wanted to be (thanks 'rona), I can see that Hope4Health has done an amazing job over the years to raise awareness about health inequities faced by so many communities, and to get medical students actively involved in that mission. My vision for H4H would be to take this a step further and introduce medical students to global, rural, or indigenous health professions, to hopefully encourage them to pursue careers in those fields so that they can continue to fulfill H4H's mission beyond medical school. I believe an annual H4H global health conference, or a similar event, would be an effective way to introduce students to global health pathways, engage them with professionals

in the field, and highlight the many ways they could make a difference in helping reduce health disparities. My vision for H4H is also to expand even more in the future by reaching out to medical students in other universities and establish H4H student-run chapters in different campuses across Australia. As the organization relies mostly on fundraising, advocacy and volunteers, it might be beneficial to also involve undergraduate students who are interested in a career in medicine, and allow them to help out at H4H events, as this may help the organization grow even more and reach a bigger audience.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

H4H's mission and values for reminds me a lot of an organization I was part of during my undergraduate studies. I was involved with my university's chapter of UNICEF USA, which, through advocacy and fundraising events, aimed to provide health care, immunizations, safe water and nutrition to children around the world. As president of the organization, I was mostly involved in planning fundraisers and other events, holding meetings, and giving presentations, so I hope to bring some of that experience to H4H and tailor what I learned to the organization's needs. This experience taught me how to be organized, creative, adaptable, and most importantly how to work with a team towards a common goal. I am mostly interested in the global health portfolio of H4H because I am passionate about global health and being a part of H4H's global health subcommittee made me want to be more involved. I am applying for the global events officer role because it seems to resemble the work I used to do with UNICEF, and I think I would be comfortable enough with that position to be fully committed while also balancing out my studies. I am also interested in being Ubuntu Through Health's representative because I really like their mission and their work and I would love to help promote and organize their events as well.

Alexander Lauer

First Preference: Sunny Coast Officer

Second Preference: Rural High School Visit Officer

Vision

To be an inclusive organisation that uses the position within the university structure to empower students to promote health in the community. This should lead to a better understanding of and connection between health consumers and the professionals entering the field.

Why are you interested in this position and how can you contribute to our organisation?

I enjoy the challenge of integrating people from different backgrounds into a team. Taking advantage of individuals insights and experience to make changes I have experience in working in allied health, managing yes and work consultatively.