



## Meet Our UN Representatives: Marin Strong

Marin Strong is a community health nurse and global health scientist-in-training living in Seattle, Washington, USA. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2018 from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), where she conducted a research project at Periurban Community Health Centers of Kathmandu, Nepal, to understand care-seeking behaviors of mothers for ill children under five years old. Also, during her BSN, Marin studied globalization, community, and care in Delhi, India, Cape Town, South Africa, and São Paulo, Brazil with the School for International Training.

Community health and health equity have always been at the center of Marin's nursing work; she been a public health nurse for an indigenous health service in the Arctic of Alaska, a team lead for the COVID-19 pandemic response in Texas, and is currently providing primary care at a federally qualified community health center in Seattle. She strives to provide culturally responsive, evidence-based care that honors and respects individuals' lived realities and empowers them to pursue optimal health as they define it.

Currently, Marin is a PhD candidate in Nursing Science at the University of Washington (UW) where her research seeks to understand how intimate partnership dynamics impact pregnant women's prevention efforts and health outcomes associated with HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Western Kenya. Other research projects Marin is involved in include a text-based mobile health application to promote adherence to HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in pregnancy, a programmatic implementation analysis of organizations providing mobile- and street-based medication for opioid use disorder in King County, WA, and a survey of the job functions and roles of nurses in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Marin is also studying for a Master's in Public Health in Epidemiology and has trained in global public health nursing, obtaining a Professional Diploma in Tropical Nursing from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and a graduate certificate in global health nursing from UW.

Marin began her journey with Sigma when she was first inducted as a BSN student to the Eta Iota at-Large Chapter at UNH; she is now a member of the Psi at-Large Chapter at UW. She completed Sigma's Global Advocacy Academy in June 2025, presented research on community-level perspectives of pregnant women's PrEP use at Sigma's International

Nursing Research Congress in Seattle, Washington, USA, and was an Edith Anderson Leadership Education Grant recipient.

Marin is passionate about promoting the incredible, life-saving work that millions of nurses do around the world every day and is honored to be representing Sigma and its nurses as a United Nations Youth Representative.

In her free time, you can find Marin outside with the people she loves cycling, hiking, backpacking, skiing, paddleboarding, taking long walks, and/or getting a coffee.