

Martha Santiago

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EDUCATION

- Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL Sep. 2023-June 2026 (expected)
- Environmental Science major; Political Science minor
 - Relevant coursework: Earth: A Habitable Planet, Health of the Biosphere, Humans and the Environment, Political Ecology, Geobiology
 - Dean's List Winter 2024, Spring 2024
- Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA Aug. 2022-May 2023
- Relevant coursework: Global Implications of Climate Change, Environmental Law and Policy
- Loyola Academy**, Wilmette, IL Aug. 2018-June 2022
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude, National Merit Commended, AP Scholar with Distinction

EXPERIENCE

- Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois
- Climate Change Research Group, Undergraduate Researcher** Jan. 2024-Present
- Attend weekly meetings supervised by Professor Daniel Horton
 - Potential research topics include air quality, climate change impacts, and paleoclimate
- Democratic National Convention**, Chicago, Illinois
- DNC Sustainability Volunteer** Aug. 2024-Aug. 2024
- Volunteered as an "Eco Educator" with a focus on waste diversion and ensuring clean recycling and compost streams
 - Educated delegates and guests about the sustainability of the convention
- University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, Wisconsin
- STORM REU, Research Intern** May 2024-Aug. 2024
- Participated in an NSF funded REU in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at UW Madison; mentored by Dr. Hannah Zanowski
 - Conducted research on the internal variability of different Arctic Ocean variables and analyzed the relationships between variables
 - Developed skills in Python, writing, and communication, culminating in a poster presentation and flash talk to ~200 people

LEADERSHIP/ACTIVITIES

- Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois Oct. 2024-Present
- Transfer Student Organization, Executive Board Member**
- Help plan events to foster the transfer student community
 - Serve as a "floater", assisting multiple executive board positions where needed
- Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois Sep. 2024-Present
- NU Votes Ambassador**
- Raise awareness about voter registration and the importance of the 2024 Presidential election
 - Give presentations to classes, hold one-on-one conversations, and share digital materials; have presented to over 550 Northwestern students so far
- Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois
- Office of Student Transition Experience, Transfer Peer Adviser** March 2024-Present
- Mentor and support a group of 20 incoming transfer students before, during, and after their transition
 - Created a guide with resources related to Northwestern and Evanston
 - Facilitate dialogues about wellness and social justice

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Students for Ecological and Environmental Development, Service Chair

Oct. 2023-Present

- Help plan and attend meetings on environmental policy, education, and outreach
- Research topics such as environmental policy before general meetings
- Serve as one of the leads of the local outreach subcommittee; plan service events

Environmental Justice Evanston, Evanston, Illinois

EJE Committee Member

June 2023-Present

- Attend and take notes at meetings to discuss current environmental justice issues and action to take
- Help facilitate community wide events, such as a Climate Hope event, in collaboration with other Evanston and Northwestern organizations