



CLASS OF 2013



Michele Bailey earned her B.S. in Biology from Notre Dame. Before coming to Michigan, Michele worked as a counselor at a camp for disabled teens and volunteered at Growing Home, an organization that provides job training for adults through a non-profit organic agriculture business; she also was a TA for a genetics lab at Notre Dame and contributed to research of *Drosophila retinophilin*. Her hobbies include dance, Indie music, and watching TV and movies.



Michelle Ernst earned her B.A. in Sociology from Loyola College. She interned at the Baltimore Child Abuse Center and at a group home for medically and developmentally fragile children. Before entering the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program she worked with presurgical patients at Good Samaritan Hospital in New York and was participated in extensive genetic counseling shadowing experiences. Her hobbies include going to the beach, traveling and watching football. Michelle also works in the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program where she assists with administrative activities.



Emily Higuchi earned her B.S. in Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology from the University of Washington. Her advocacy work included working with the Seattle Crisis Clinic and volunteering at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Emily also worked at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center studying DNA recombination in meiosis before entering the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program. In her spare time she enjoys bike riding, cooking, and hiking. Emily also works with the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic.



Erin Milne earned her B.S. in Genomics and Molecular Genetics from Michigan State University. During her undergraduate years Erin contributed to research on probiotic bacteria and was a TA for an Honors Biology lab. Her advocacy work included working at The Listening Ear, a 24-hour crisis hotline. Erin's hobbies include baking, dancing and running. Erin currently provides administrative support to the University of Michigan Cancer Genetics Clinic.



Dana Schlegel earned her B.A. at Harvard in Biochemistry. After graduating, Dana was a Peace Corps volunteer for 2 years, teaching biology in Mozambique. Dana also worked for over a year as a Portuguese medical interpreter at Dana-Farber in Boston. In her spare time she enjoys singing, dancing, and reading novels. Dana is enrolled in the Genetic Counseling and Public Health Dual Degree Program and will earn a M.S. in Genetic Counseling and a Masters of Public Health. This semester she is working as a research assistant for Scott Roberts in the School of Public Health.



Lavania Sharma earned her B.S. in Bioinformatics from Vellore Institute of Technology in India. After graduating she completed a one year certificate course in Medical and Genetic Counseling at Kamineni Hospitals, Hyderabad, India. This program involved didactic coursework and clinical training in Medical Genetics. She also volunteered as a Community counselor with the Indian Institute for Health and Family Welfare. Lavania's hobbies include singing, swimming, and playing the keyboard.