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Welcome! I'm a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year MEM-WRM from Barnstable, MA. I went to Colby College for undergrad and then spent a year working for various nonprofits on my home peninsula of Cape Cod. I focus my studies on rivers and all the topics that intersect with them such as dam removal, stormwater management, and sustainable agriculture. When I am not studying rivers, I explore art to communicate science, train for half marathons, bake all the sweets, play pick up basketball, and dance with my roommates. I am absolutely LOVING my experience at Duke and NSOE! I am wicked excited to meet you all and welcome you to our community!





# Troi Perkins

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I'm a 2<sup>nd</sup> year MEM-ESC and MF student from North Carolina and Vermont. I graduated Pitt Community College and then was adopted by the Wolfpack over at NC State University where I completed a dual degree in Zoology and Wildlife Conservation Science. I then lived in Vermont and New Hampshire for three years where I became involved with citizen science work that had me chasing crows, kayaking lakes, and staying up after midnight searching for Whip-poor-wills. Currently, I focus on topics such as community-based environmental management, non-profit work, environmental education, and the nature of BioBlitzes. I'm also an officer of three clubs and a supporting member of two others. Outside of school, I'm usually with my partner drinking coffee and cuddling with three cats or with friends exploring the vast ecological diversity NC has to offer. Besides the usual outdoor activities, I like board games, playing D&D, and talking about anime and books. I hope I can make you feel just as welcomed within the NSOE community as my fellow classmates, faculty, and staff have!





# Catarina Martinez

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Hey all - welcome! My name is Catarina Martinez and I'm a rising 2nd year MEM-EEP from Miami, Florida. I studied biology and art history at Harvard College then worked in higher education before moving to Duke this summer. At the Nic School, I focus on urban environmental health as well as research/policy translation and community engagement with specific interests in community wellness and food systems. When I'm not in class, I'm usually dancing, reading, doing yoga, tending to my houseplants, falling prey to any ads about so-called superfoods, or attempting the NYT Daily Crossword. Reach out if you have any questions about those things, or just want to chat. So excited to meet you all in the fall!

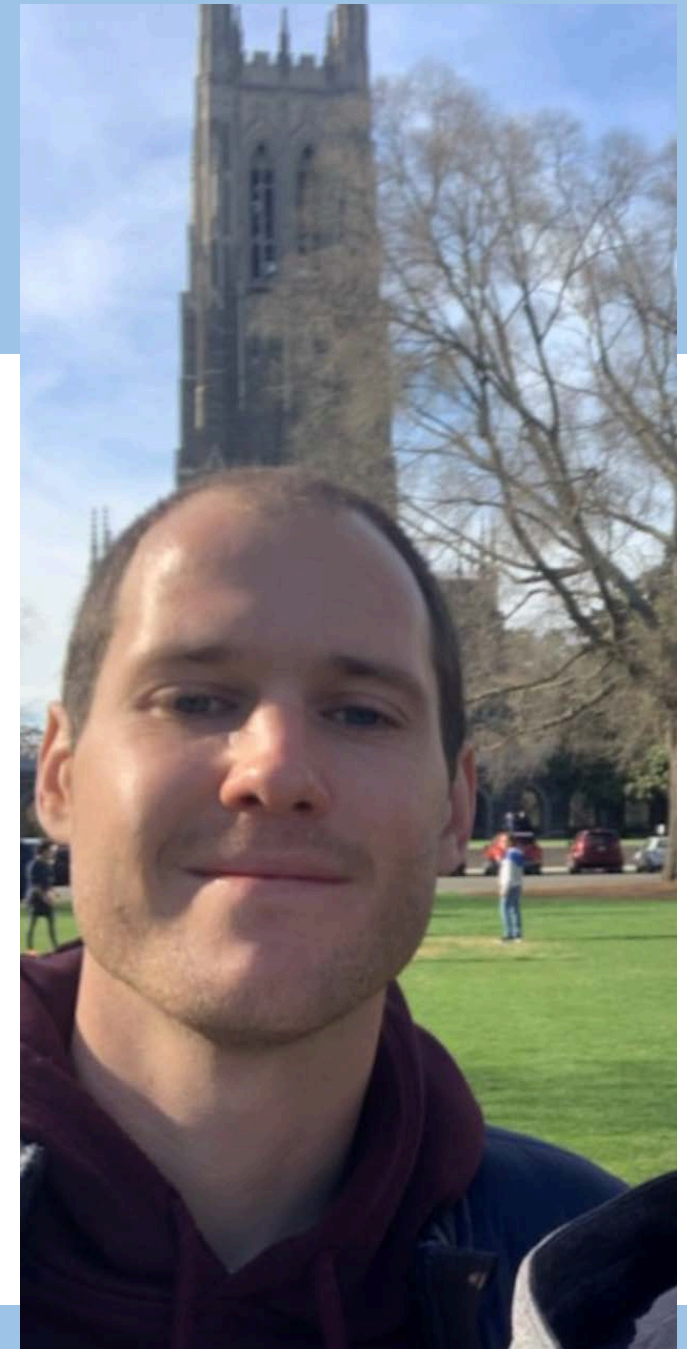




# Jack Alcorn

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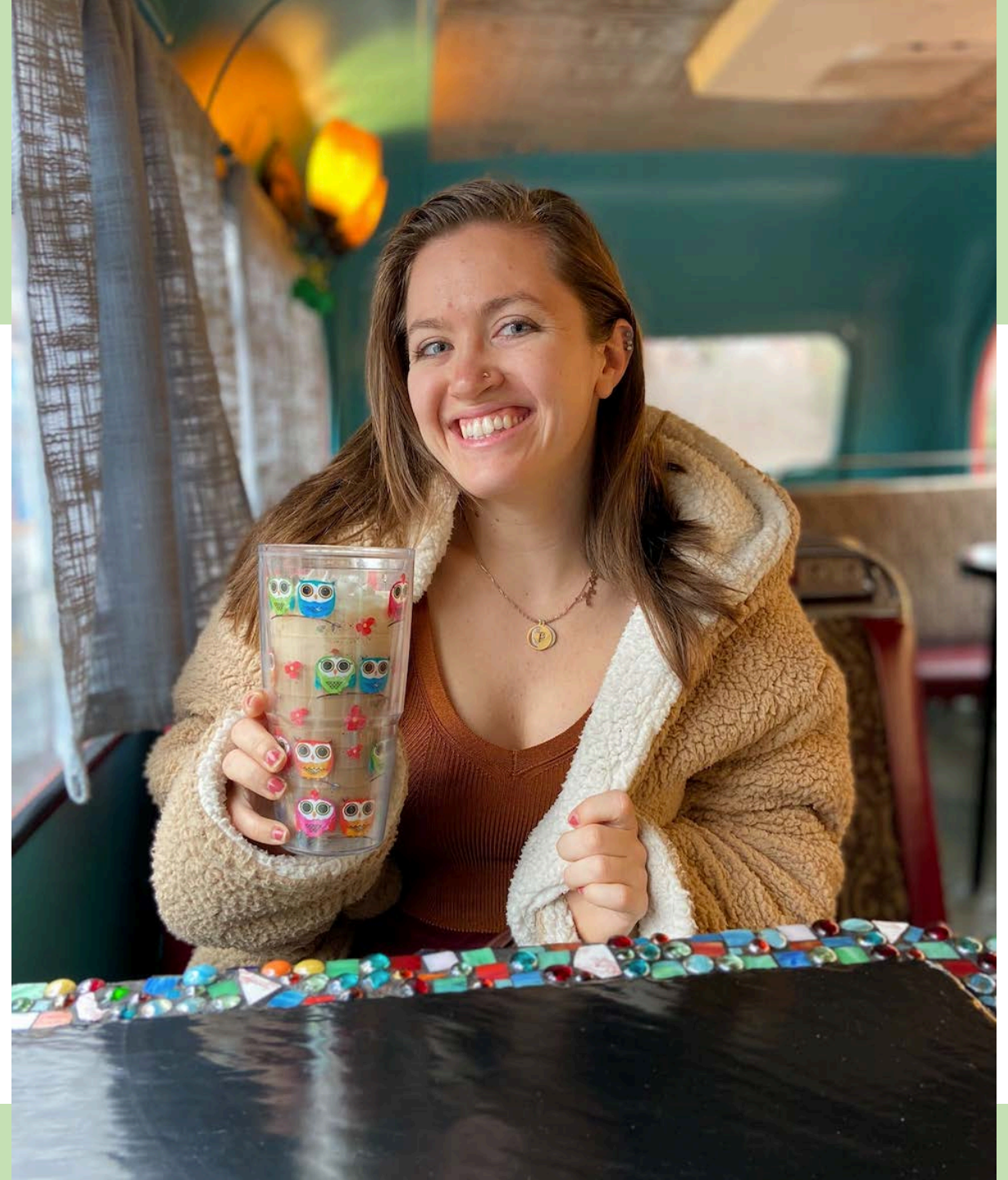
Hello everyone, my name is Jack Alcorn. I am pursuing a dual degree in MEM (Ecosystem Science & Conservation) and Master of Forestry. I was born and raised in Raleigh, NC and went to N.C. State for undergrad. While I do find myself occasionally cheering for Duke sports, it is mostly out of obligation for my graduate school and not due to any allegiance whatsoever. That being said, I do enjoy watching Duke play basketball and viewing amazing ACC games. Before graduate school I worked a number of jobs including Americorps member with Habitat for Humanity (Greater San Francisco), American Conservation Experience Americorps member, Bike & Build Trip Leader, Peace Corps Senegal Volunteer (Agroforestry) and most recently working for a local compost company called CompostNow. My hobbies include staying active, reading, complaining about GIS and following the NBA and Premier League. I look forward to meeting you all and to help in anyway possible!



# Ayse Trail

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I am in the Business and Environment concentration wanting to improve corporate sustainability and implement more circular economy practices. I was born and raised in Walnut Creek, California but a lot of my family lives in Turkey. In my free time, I like to hike, go on food adventures, cook, get creative with embroidery, or hang out with my birds. I am really passionate about waste reduction and have been working on my blog, "I'm Not Trashy" to give people tips on how to live a less wasteful lifestyle. My favorite restaurant to go to Durham is Monuts which has great brunch and donuts. Looking forward to meeting you all and maybe getting some Monuts 😊!





# Kim Corcoran

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Welcome to the Nicholas School!! I am a second year pursuing the Coastal Environmental Management (CEM) Concentration and focusing my studies on protected marine species conservation and policy. I graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Studies in 2018. While in Undergrad, I spent a semester in Australia studying at James Cook University where I researched oceanographic influences on zooplankton distribution and abundance on the Great Barrier Reef. Before coming to Duke, I worked as a Marine Mammal and Aquatic Research Professional Intern at the Seas at Walt Disney World in Florida where I assisted with Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin cognitive and acoustic research. This summer I am interning for NOAA assisting the Coral Restoration Team and am also working with the Nicholas Institute in planning Duke's first ever Blue Economy Summit!

In my free time you can typically find me running or watching football (Go Birds). I am an avid SCUBA diver and ocean enthusiast and can nerd out about the marine environment for hours (just ask my old stand partner on Sea Isle City Beach Patrol). I am looking forward to getting to know all you and show you all the wonderful things about the Nic School and Duke!



# Akash Gulati

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Hello and welcome to the Nicholas School! I grew up in Augusta, GA and moved to Atlanta to do my undergrad in Chemical Engineering. After graduating, I moved to Houston to work in the Oil and Gas Industry for 5 years. This Fall, I'll be starting my 2nd year at Duke in the MEM/MBA Dual Degree Program, focused on Energy and the Environment. At school, I love all things energy: efficiency, transition, and renewables. In my spare time, you can find me cooking, doing yoga, and watching Netflix. Please reach out if you want to hear about the best breweries, yoga studios, and restaurants in Durham! I'm so excited to meet you all!





# Johanna Kluck

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Hey guys! I'm Johanna (most of my friends call me Jo) and I'm a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the MEM-EEP program! I'm originally from Nebraska, but I completed my undergrad at Wartburg College in Iowa before moving to NC to study here at Duke. Though I was originally an EEH, I found a love of risk assessment after my first semester here (if you're in the same boat and are considering different concentrations, ask me about making the switch, it wasn't as scary as you'd think!) and most of my current academic focus is on environmental health, risk assessment and adaptive regulation. When I'm not geeking out on risk, I like to stay involved with the Nic School community through groups like FOREM and NicNats, and I'm also the Vice-President of GPSC, which is the student council organization that represents all grad programs here at Duke! If you want to know more about these groups or if you have questions about life in Durham (for example: where to find the best coffee shops between Duke and UNC) feel free to shoot me a message! Have a great (and safe!) rest of your summer, I can't wait to meet you all in August!





# Hannah Smith

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Hey y'all! I am a rising 2nd year MEM-WRM from Kenova, West Virginia. I attended Marshall University to get my Bachelor's degrees in Biochemistry and Anthropology. Between undergrad and grad school, I worked for my local Parks & Rec department (and it was wonderfully similar to the show). In my free time, I explore the woods and abandoned buildings, read anything fantasy, listen to my records, or play soccer. The Nic School and Duke are full of incredible people, and I am so excited to meet y'all!





# Karen Gilbert

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Hi everyone! I'm a 2nd year MEM-ESC and am pursuing the certificate in Community-Based Environmental Management. While originally from West Chester, PA, I went to Smith College for undergrad and then stayed in Massachusetts to do coastal environmental permitting. I'm using grad school to shift my career towards climate and community resilience planning, land conservation, and policy advocacy. This summer, I'm excited to be working with the North Carolina Conservation Network as their Resilience Policy Fellow! Outside of classes, I'm president of the Nic School's Eno Arts and Literature Magazine, and you can often find me photographing nature, running on local trails, baking rich chocolate treats for friends, or watching British TV shows. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and supporting your transition to Durham and the NSOE community!





# Mike Campton

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Hello and welcome to the Nicholas School! I'm a rising 2nd year MEM with a concentration in Environmental Economics and Policy. I grew up in Malaysia and went to undergrad in San Francisco before working in the communications field. Although I am an EEP, I'm focused on studying energy at the Nic School as I look to pursue a career in climate policy. Things I do that make me interesting (I hope) include film photography, biking around Durham, cooking, mixing cocktails, watching soccer, and traveling. I've had an amazing first year at the Nic School and can't wait to kick start your experience here!

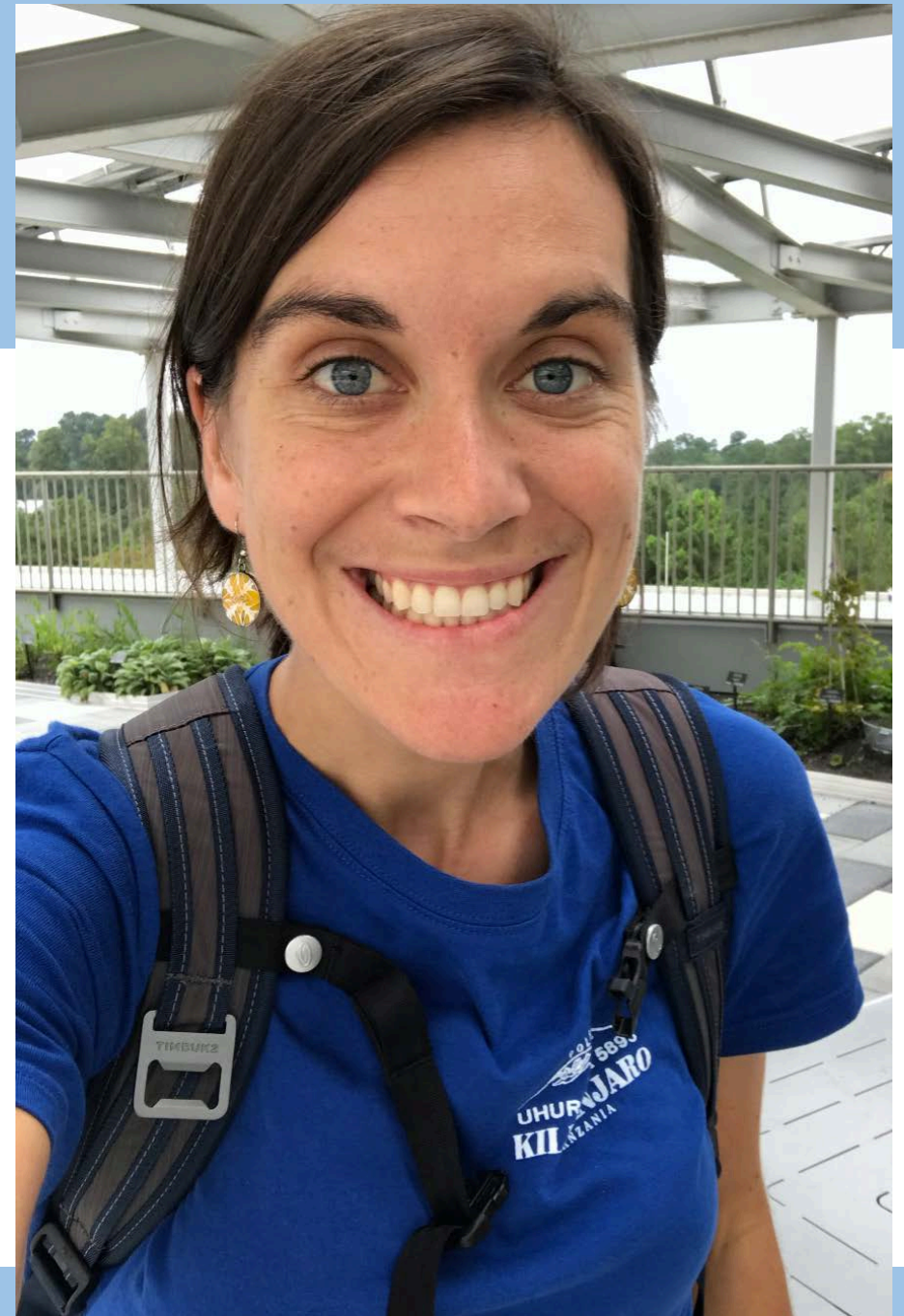




# Ardath Dixon

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Hello! I'm a rising 2nd year working toward an MEM with an Ecosystem Science & Conservation focus, plus the GIS certificate. Essentially, I like exploring the woods & making pretty maps. I've lived in MA (childhood), NH (camps & outdoor ed), CT (college & 3 yrs of social work), CA (camp director & zip-line tour guide), and now NC (Nic School!). I love trail running, cycling, trivia nights, campfires, live music, and boats of all kinds. Welcome all to the Nic School community, looking forward to meeting you soon!



# Abhishek Jain

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Hello everyone! My name is Abhishek Jain and I am a rising second year in the Energy & Environment concentration. In this picture, you're witnessing me in my Halloween Costume. The Nicholas School bestowed me with "The Most Spookiest Costume" award that night for obvious reasons. Apart from winning awards, I love all things about energy! I love working with Data Analytics and Energy in the Built Environment. I've had an amazing first year, being a part of all things fun and professional, and I certainly hope I can help you be a part of the Nicholas School community. I am absolutely stoked to welcome all of you! See you soon.





# Chiara Klein

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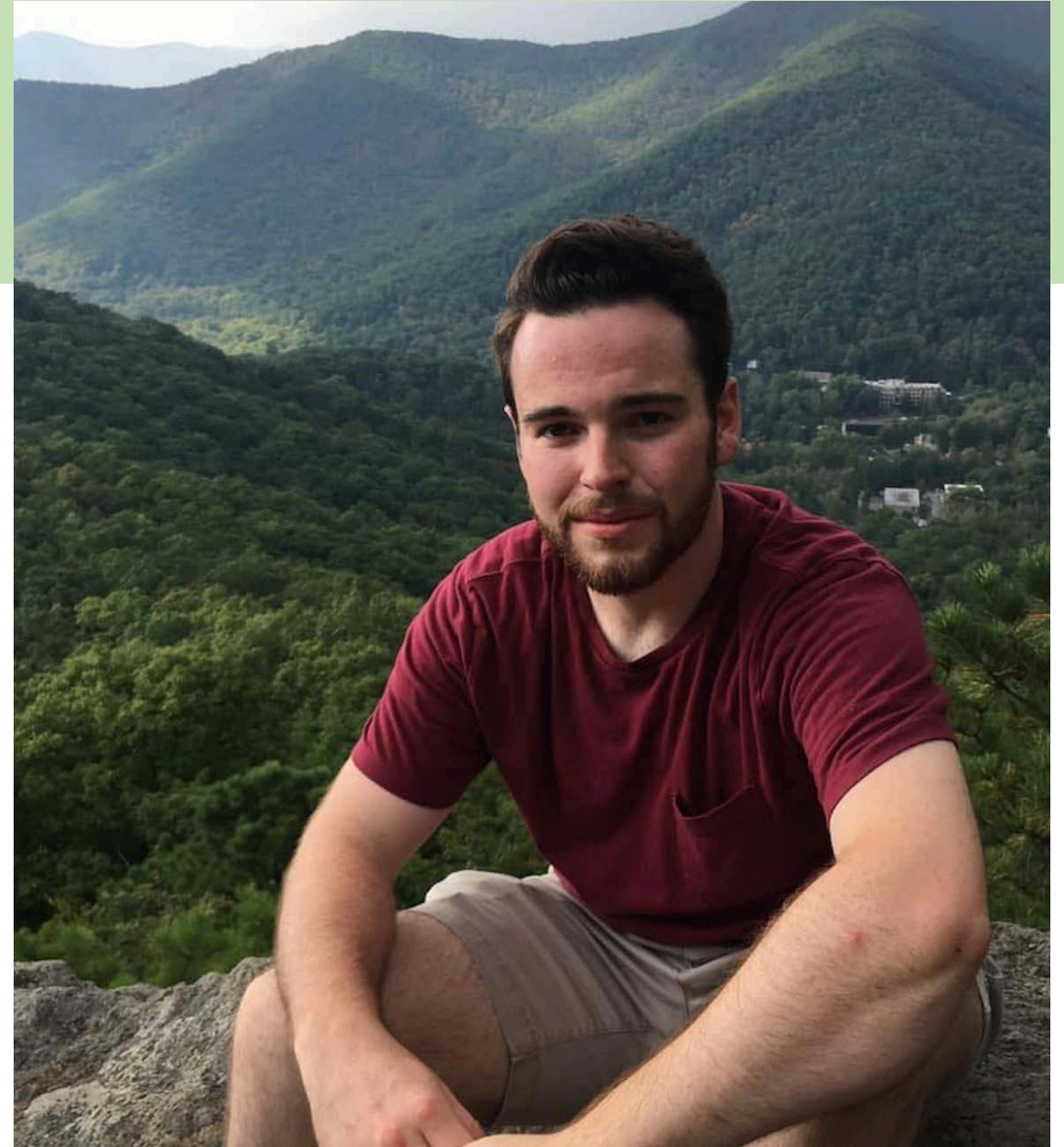
Hi incoming Nic schoolers! I am a rising 2nd year MEM-ESC, originally from Warwick, NY. I have my BA in English literature from Syracuse University and have explored many interests in the time since graduation. I started off as an environmental educator on a barrier island off the coast of North Carolina; I followed this up with some time in Washington D.C. doing environmental advocacy and policy work for a faith-based nonprofit. Then it was off to Medellin, Colombia to teach English as a Second Language, and then a return to NC to work as an educator at the Museum of Life and Science here in Durham. Within the environmental world, I am most interested in education, the intersection of spirituality and the environment, science communication, environmental justice, and wildlife conservation, especially of red wolves. When I am not being a student, I love taking trips (especially abroad), finding excuses to go to the beach, writing poetry, going to museums, exploring with friends, and cooking delicious food. I'm excited to get to know you and welcome you to the Nic school!



# Conor Mulderrig

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Hi everybody! I am so stoked to welcome you all to NSOE! I am a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year MEM-EEP focusing on climate policy. North Carolina born and raised; I am originally from Winston-Salem but I spent my undergrad at UNC-Asheville studying climatology. I was a little nervous to come to NSOE right out of undergrad, but I am so thankful that I did! My first year was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences that I have ever had, and I can't wait for you all to experience it! Outside of school, you can catch me playing pickup basketball, on the golf course, or in the kitchen forgetting how to make appropriate amounts of food. So excited to meet you all!

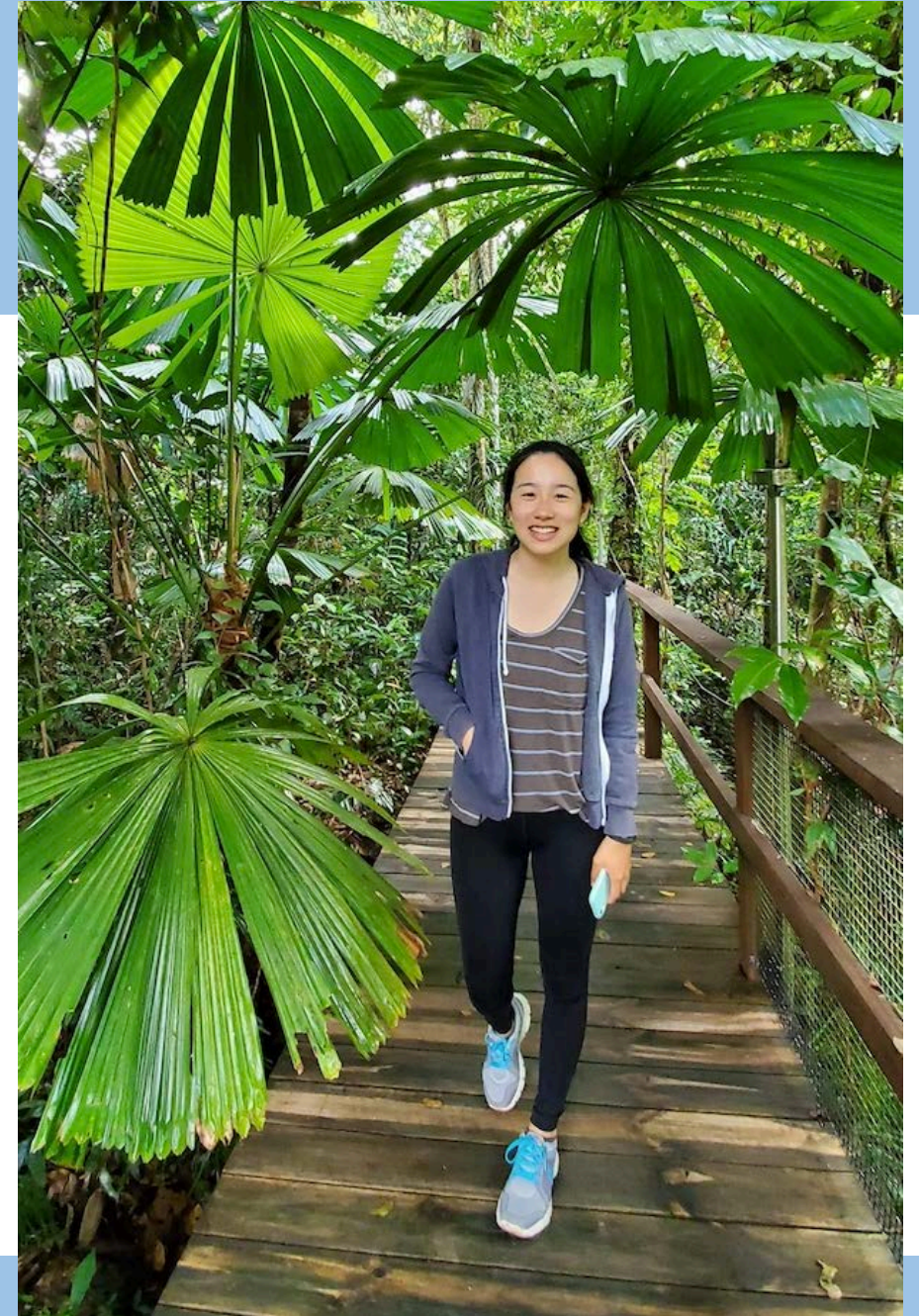




# Grace Chan

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Hi everyone! I am a second year MEM in the Environmental Economics and Policy concentration. I'm from San Mateo, CA and went to University of California, Davis for my undergrad. After graduating, I spent two years working in environmental consulting in the San Francisco Bay Area. I'm most interested in both climate change and marine policy, and hope to combine those in the future. In my free time, I enjoy cooking and trying new recipes, exploring new places, and hanging out with friends. I'm so excited to get to know all of you and share in the great experiences that the Nic School has to offer!





# Chelsea Sloggy

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Hi there, new friends! I am a second year MEM-ESC pursuing the Community-Based Environmental Management (CBEM) Certificate. I'm originally from central Florida but have lived in NC for over ten years now. I completed my undergrad at NC State (Go Pack!) where I majored in conservation biology. Before returning to grad school, I worked in environmental education (EE) for three years and am still very connected to the EE community. At NSOE, my studies are focused on community-centered land conservation. I am interested in working with non-profits and local governments to help empower communities to become more sustainable, resilient, and equitable while protecting ecosystems for recreation, education, wildlife, and environmental quality. In my free time, I love gardening, hiking, biking, climbing, and travelling with my husband and our dog. We also enjoy cooking and hosting friends, which usually involves grilling and drinks around the fire pit. I can't wait to meet you all and welcome you to Duke!





# Amanda Braun

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I'm a second-year dual-degree MEM/MBA candidate, which means I'll be graduating with you all in 2022! I studied Sociology and International Development at Colorado State University before pursuing roles in outdoor recreation, hospitality, and technology in the mountains of Colorado, Alaska and abroad. As a Water Resource Management student with many interests, I focus my studies on waters of the Western U.S., environmental finance, and corporate sustainability. In my free time you'll find me exploring trails around Durham, listening to reggaeton music, and searching for powder snow on my skis. I am excited to facilitate an open, kind and inclusive experience during orientation to create an environment where you feel comfortable to ask anything!





# Hassan Nadeem

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Hi, my name is Hassan and I am in my second year of pursuing a Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree with a focus on Energy & Environment. I am interested in enabling businesses to reduce their reliance on carbon-based energy resources, and thus accelerate the clean energy transition. I completed my undergrad in Chemical Engineering from Pakistan and went on to work at a Fertilizer manufacturing facility. Later, I switched careers to corporate strategy and developed business feasibility cases in Telecom and Energy sectors. I aspired to study at the Nicholas School as it has one of the best professional programs in energy and environmental management. It inculcates leadership and provides great opportunities for interdisciplinary studies. I want to do work that enables large global firms to procure renewable energy at scale, and thus speed up the deployment of solar and wind energy. With a versatile curriculum, we are empowered to develop multifaceted solutions which serve the needs of multiple stakeholders. What keeps me moving... I enjoy running, case competitions, traveling .... and tea!





# Rani Kumar

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Hey all! I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> year MEM in the ESC concentration. Originally from Boulder, CO, I did my undergraduate studies at the University of San Diego in California. I have spent several years working and living in Latin America, including serving as an Environmental Educator in Peace Corps Nicaragua. I've really enjoyed my time in Durham and getting to know all the outdoor options North Carolina has to offer. Excited to meet you all soon and to have you join the NSOE community!





# Kat Horan

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Hey all – welcome! I’m a third year WRM MEM/MBA, originally from Miami, FL. I attended Boston College and called Washington, DC home for six years prior to moving to Durham. Through my work experience in the environmental non-profit and government sectors, I realized that inadequate funding was a barrier to the success of many of the impactful projects I was excited about. I came to Duke to build my technical and financial skillsets and hope to pursue a career connecting private capital to projects or organizations that benefit our environmental and public health. I am especially interested in protecting source water through stormwater management, land conservation, and sustainable agriculture initiatives, and have served on the Duke Water Network executive board while at NSOE. Outside of school, I like to travel, hike, and eat/drink my way through Durham. You can often find me out at Durty Bull or Fullsteam Brewery with my pup, Roy, and am co-president of the Fuqua Beer Club with fellow MEM/MBA, Katie Davis.

