

Meet the Early Selection Student

Why GW?

I chose to pursue the Early Selection program because it would allow me to diversify my academic background and take classes in non-STEM fields like Public Health and African American studies. One thing I am looking forward to in medical school is being able to learn about public health policies from a physician's perspective and how physicians play a role in policy implementation.

Henok Asgedom

About Him

- Biology major, Public Health minor
- Class of 2023
- Hometown: Alexandria, VA

Favorite Experiences

My experiences translating Spanish at the Mason and Partners Clinic (MAPS) and volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank have been the most memorable. Being able to serve disadvantaged communities and see the impact I have on people who are experiencing the very language barrier and food insecurity struggles my family and I experienced is a profoundly fulfilling experience. Having lived in a very low-income neighborhood for the majority of my childhood after coming from Ethiopia, I have firsthand experiences of the effects of economic and health disparities. Although witnessing the underrepresentation of my community in medicine and the resulting negative health impact has at times been discouraging, working towards the goal of serving disadvantaged communities has been a great motivation for me.

Henok's advice for applicants



Take care of your physical and mental health throughout the pre-med journey. It may seem like it maximizes time to only focus on school but neglecting health has negative impacts on both academic and non-academic life.