1) Why are you interested in taking on this leadership position for SEIPH?
I am interested in taking on the leadership position of Vice President of Students Engaged in Public Health (SEIPH) for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year. It would be a great opportunity to set higher expectations for myself by taking on new and larger responsibilities while continuing to serve and improve the overall health of my community. Aside from majoring in public health science and acquiring the skills and knowledge from a classroom setting, I have been participating in volunteer opportunities in organizations, such as Public Health without Borders and as a recently joined member of SEIPH. As a leader, group member, and/or both, I am eager to get to know the organization members and the assisting advisor for SEIPH on a more personal and professional level.

2) How will you drive SEIPH's mission forward?
I will drive SEIPH's mission forward, which is to connect, lead, serve and network, by collaborating with my organization members, advisors, officials and partners to plan events and ensure that the activities within the community are planned in an organized fashion, effective towards improving the health and wellness of the public and that they are engaging and enjoyable. Although, I have just recently joined SEIPH, I am confident that if given the opportunity to be Vice President, that I will learn the necessary skills that it takes to be a leader while learning how to improve in areas of weakness or when given constructive criticism. Overall, my goal is to always do my best to support my team in any way, while inspiring and motivating each other to achieve increased productivity and provide open and effective communication.
3) What qualities do you bring that have prepared you well for this position?
The qualities I hold that will allow me to excel as Vice President of SEIPH is that I am hardworking, open-minded and compassionate. Prioritizing tasks, time management and critical thinking are skills that I have improved on throughout the years, which is also reflected upon my academic work, as a UMD student. Being held accountable, whether that is in holding/assisting in meetings, meeting deadlines for upcoming projects or simply the cooperation of inputting thoughts and ideas within the group, will serve me well as a leader. Within any team, there is a likelihood for disagreements to surface. Therefore, respecting others’ opinions, values and beliefs are extremely important to me. Although all individuals are unique, we are all alike in the way that we share emotions. I am grateful for my ability to connect and empathize with them.