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Fellow Name: Morgen Seim

PIFP Partner Organization: ACLU of Colorado

Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:

In my position at the ACLU, I get to work with every department within the organization! I do intake for the legal department, tabling, organizing, and research for the field program, outreach to local law schools, and daily office management alongside the Operations Manager.

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?

One of the most important objectives of the ACLU of Colorado is informing people of both their civil rights and civil liberties. While the ACLU is typically seen as an organization that provides legal help, this summer has shown me that education, the organization's other goal (in addition to advocacy), is a crucial means of maintaining one's inalienable rights. Through events such as Denver Pride and Juneteenth, I've seen how valuable it is to know what rights people have in their positions as students, protesters, parents and citizens of the U.S..

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

I honestly had no idea what I wanted to do this summer and was introduced to the program by a few friends who were planning on applying. When I looked at the program description, I knew that it was the perfect opportunity to explore the nonprofit world, a sector that I had yet to experience. Looking at the descriptions from previous fellows, I knew that each and every PIFP organization could offer me amazing opportunities to meet selfless, inspiring individuals, partake in worthy initiatives and find what truly interests me. I knew that this fellowship would be the best way for me to spend my last summer before graduating as it would change (enhance) my perspective of Colorado and the nonprofit world and hopefully allow me to make some sort of difference in Colorado and beyond!

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

I spend most of my time outside of work either climbing or exploring Denver!

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?

I'm a Norwegian citizen who speaks barely any Norwegian...