



FELLOW PROFILE

Fellow's Name: Savannah McDaniel

Fellow's Partner Organization: Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?

I mainly conduct research on issues consumers are facing in accessing healthcare, compose blog posts, and discuss key healthcare policy issues with partnered organizations and state officials.

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

The overall complexity of the healthcare system is by far the most interesting thing I've learned. Healthcare is a web of related government entities and private businesses, which both work together and in opposition. Learning how consumer advocacy and policy work can address issues that arise in this system is extremely challenging and fulfilling.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

Since going to CC, Colorado has become my second home. I wanted a job where I could learn more about healthcare policy, while also serving the community.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

I enjoy running and hiking, exploring the quirky parts of Denver, and playing guitar.

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

I'm a farm girl at heart. Colorado is home, but I always miss my hometown in rural Kansas, driving down dirt roads, and blasting classic country music.