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NEHA Staff Profiles
As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the Journal around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on pages 52 and 53.

Holly Cypress
I joined the NEHA staff in June 2021 as administrative support for the Program and Partnership Development (PPD) department. I live in Maryland and work with our Washington, DC, office team. I graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor’s of science in business with a marketing major. I worked at Black Entertainment Television as a corporate marketing manager, developing industry targeted advertising and marketing campaigns. From there, I went on to work for a design firm and help create an online employee benefits reference site for the state of Maryland. I then joined a full-service marketing firm and worked with the Child and Family Services Agency in Washington, DC, to create their first resource handbook for foster and adoptive parents and legal guardians. This handbook has received many accolades from other family services agencies across the U.S.

After taking 5 years away from the workforce to care for my ailing mother, I went back into the job market for Green Seal, a global nonprofit organization that pioneered the ecolabeling movement with a mission to transform the economy for a healthier, greener world. I worked as the administrative assistant to the chief finance officer and office manager. Through my work at Green Seal, I truly found a greater level of appreciation for sustainability and the importance of a healthy environment.

I am very proud to now work as the administrative support professional for the NEHA PPD department, which works with federal partners—such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—on important and diverse projects including climate change, food safety, water quality, preparedness, and more.

Stephanie Lenhart
I am a self-proclaimed native of Colorado as I have been in the state since I was little. I grew up with a fondness for numbers and puzzles, leading me to pursue accounting and finance in school. There was something satisfying about the initial simplicity of accounting that called to me. After I graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, I started my career working in mutual funds before going on active duty with the U.S. military.

I spent a few years with U.S. Air Force Space Command and found that nonprofit work was what I wanted to focus on after my time was up in the U.S. military. I wanted to work with an organization that helps others and supports continual improvement. Prior to leaving active duty, I obtained my master’s degree with an emphasis in accounting and a specialized focus on nonprofit accounting. Needless to say, I really enjoy working with numbers.

I started with NEHA in June 2021 as a senior accountant within the organization’s finance department. While my days are usually busy, my primary functions are cash management, accounts receivable, and the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program.

In my personal life, I have a deep love for anything that is related to Marvel, anime, or puzzles. When I am not working, you can usually find my family outside with our three huskies trotting along the beautiful Colorado trails.

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