

## NEHA NEWS

**NEHA Staff Profile**

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 one NEHA staff member. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 49.

**Angelica Ledezma**

I began my journey with NEHA in December 2017 as a member services assistant. Through this position I had the opportunity to interact with our members and learn about the important work they do. I quickly became involved with NEHA's Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition and have since moved into my new role as the AEC manager where I oversee the

administrative portion of the conference. I also serve as the liaison for the association's board of directors.

Prior to joining NEHA, I graduated from the University of Denver (DU) where I studied biology and psychology. I was also involved with the University Programming Board coordinating various campus events. My interest in sustainable practices and addressing climate change grew while at DU. This interest is what initially drew me to NEHA. I have since loved learning more about the wide span of work our members engage in such as food safety, water quality, and everything else within environmental health. I am eager to continue learning from our members and eager to play such a big role in something as exciting as the AEC.

I grew up in California and have lived in Colorado for the last 12 years. While I'm not a fan of the cold winter weather, it's well worth it for the abundance of outdoor activities the state offers year-round. When I'm not working, I can usually be found enjoying beautiful Colorado with my husband or reading a book while snuggled up with my two adorable miniature dachshunds.

I'm glad to be part of all the exciting things happening at NEHA and I'm honored to serve such a dedicated profession. I hope to harness the energy from last year's AEC in Anaheim, California, and to grow the conference with every coming year. I look forward to working with many of you along the way! 🐾

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