

Siena R. Ward

EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
Master of Public Health (MPH)

December 2024- Present

University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL.
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and History
Kugelman Honors Program
Graduated summa cum laude

December 2024

Pensacola State College, Pensacola, FL.
Associate of Arts, General Studies
Graduated summa cum laude

May 2022

CERTIFICATES

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
Certificate in Public Health Epidemiology

In Progress

GRANTS AND HONORS

- Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, University of West Florida, 2024
- ARGO Foundation Scholarship, 2024
- Elizabeth Crowell History Scholarship, 2023
- Presidents List, University of West Florida, Spring 2023-Spring 2024
- Deans List, University of West Florida, Fall 2022
- Presidents List, Pensacola State College, 2020-2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of West Florida – Anthropology Capstone

Health of the Homeless: Navigating Health Disparities in Homeless Populations

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Meredith Marten, Department of Anthropology

Conducted an extensive literature review on the social and structural health disparities in the United States homeless population. Completed a research poster and presented to the UWF Anthropology department.

University of West Florida- 2024 Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)

Social and Structural Determinants of Dental Health in a New Mexico Forensic Sample

Faculty mentor: Dr. Allysha Winburn, Department of Anthropology

Extensive experience conducting research and writing an article on the social determinants of oral health and health inequality within a public health and forensic mindset. Completed an academic project proposal and budget, completed a research poster presented at the University of West Florida symposium, and developed a literature review and conference presentation.

University of West Florida - History Capstone Project

The White Plague in Pensacola: Community Responses to Tuberculosis in the 1920s

Faculty Mentor: Dr. John Jenson, Department of History and Philosophy

Gathered over 20 primary sources related to public health and tuberculosis in the 1920s in Pensacola, Florida. Examined community responses to a historical health crisis and their decisions to not implement a tuberculosis sanatorium to combat the spread of the illness.

PRESENTATIONS

Ward, S., Perritt, T., & Winburn, A. (November 2024) Speaker, podium presentation. Oral Health as Evidence of Embodied Social and Structural Inequity in a New Mexico Forensic CT Sample. Mountain, Swamp, Beach Forensic Anthropology Conference. Pensacola, Florida. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Allysha Winburn

Jones, J. & Ward, S. (November 2024) Speaker, podium presentation. In the Wake of Disaster: The Vital Importance of Forensic Anthropologists in Mass Fatality Events. Mountain, Swamp, Beach, Forensic Anthropology Conference. Pensacola, Florida.

Ward, S. (October 2024) Presenting author, poster presentation. Living with Leprosy: Psychological and Social Consequences of Stigma in India. National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. Faculty mentor: Elizabeth Barrett & Dr. Meredith Marten

Ward, S. (August 2024) Presenting author, poster presentation. Social and Structural Determinants of Dental Health in a New Mexico Forensic Sample. University of West Florida Summer Undergraduate Research Program Symposium. Pensacola, FL. Faculty mentor: Dr. Allysha Winburn.

Ward, S. & Valente, K. (October 2023) Presenting author, poster presentation. “Forever Natural”: A PFAS Art Project. University of West Florida No Defense PFAS Symposium. Pensacola, FL. Faculty mentor: Dr. Jocelyn Evans.

MEMBERSHIPS

April 2024- December 2024	National Residence Hall Honorary
August 2023-December 2024	UWF Residence Hall Association
August 2023-December 2024	UWF Honors Council
January 2024- Present	Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
June 2023- Present	National Society of Collegiate Scholars
October 2022- Present	National Society of Leadership and Success
October 2022-Present	Golden Key International Honour Society
December 2024- Present	FSU Master of Public Health Student Association

LEADERSHIP

Florida State University- Master of Public Health Student Association

Historian & Social Media Manager May 2025- Present

Serves as the primary point of contact for all outreach across platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, GroupMe, and Nole Central. Creates and distributes promotional materials for events, supports the planning of social and educational activities for both MPH students and the broader campus community, and ensures consistent representation at all MPHSA events and executive board meetings. Documents

events through photography and expands student engagement by collaborating with other campus organizations and developing new initiatives to increase visibility and participation.

Florida State University- Public Health Professions Conference

Media & Design Co-Chair December 2024- April 2025

Designed and produced digital marketing materials to promote the public health professions conference with consistent branding and messaging. Collaborated with different planning committees to develop visually compelling materials, including programs, flyers, and other promotional graphics. Coordinated with speakers and sponsors to create content and visuals for promotional use.

University of West Florida- Kugelman Honors Program

Student Mentor, August 2023-December 2024

Offered personalized academic and career guidance to roughly 10 students a semester, assisted in goal setting and problem-solving, and facilitated workshops and support groups to enhance students' personal and professional growth. Fostered a positive and inclusive learning environment through regular check-ins and mentorship activities.

University of West Florida- Honors Council

Secretary, Social Co-Chair, Service Co-Chair, August 2023-December 2024

Maintained accurate records of meetings, coordinated schedules, and facilitated effective communication among team members. Planned and organized social events, managed event logistics, and fostered community engagement and participation. Coordinated community service initiatives, led volunteer recruitment efforts, and collaborated with local organizations to address community needs.

University of West Florida- Resident Hall Association (RHA)

Marketing Coordinator, August 2024-December 2024

Maintained the RHA website and social media accounts, developed and promoted all RHA marketing materials for programs, fundraisers, meetings, and recruitment as well as actively promoted and recruited new members for RHA.