



Meet Our UN Representatives: Amy Staley

Amy Staley is an award-winning global nurse leader based in New York City. Amy is the Patient Care Director of the Neuroscience ICU/Step-down unit and Remote Telemetry Program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center (NYP/WC). She is also Co-chair of the Nursing Now Challengers' Committee where she works to amplify and empower the voices of nurses and community health workers throughout 91 countries.

While she was in nursing school, Amy worked as an advocate for pregnant teens in the foster care system throughout New York City. She credits a great portion of her success as a nurse to these teens who entrusted her with the care of both them and their children. When the first COVID-19 vaccines arrived in the United States, Amy fulfilled her wishes to assist often-forgotten communities by applying for a grant to benefit low-income communities throughout the United States of America. Once received, Amy used this grant to benefit pregnant adolescents and children within the foster care system in addition to a local harm reduction center.

In 2022, Amy spoke at the 77th United Nations General Assembly events, where she advocated for both vaccine and health equity for the United States and Africa, among other nations. Since this event, she has spoken in over 150 countries as a proud registered nurse. Some of her noteworthy work has taken place in collaboration with the World Health Organization, Johnson & Johnson, Harvard University, ICN Congress, People Power Health, and the Africa CDC.

Amy earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Mercy College, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wagner College, and Master of Science in Nursing from Columbia University where she currently serves as a member of Sigma's Leadership Succession Committee. In 2021, Amy was the recipient of the Nursing Clinical Excellence Award: Rising Star at NYP/WC. In 2024, Amy published her work created within the Sigma Mini Global Advocacy Academy to improve access to medical care for underserved and/or unhoused asylum seekers in New York City.

As a nurse leader with an unwavering commitment to reducing inequities and empowering early career nurses, Amy Staley knows that when you advocate for one nurse or patient, you are advocating for all nurses and patients. Amy is proud to represent both her patients and colleagues by multiplying and amplifying the voices of the nursing profession as a Sigma United Nations Youth Representative.