## **Jalen Carter**

Jalen Carter is from Altadena, CA. She earned her B.S from Duke University with a Major in Neuroscience and Minor in Chemistry. While at Duke, she conducted neuroscience research that focused on the elucidation of epigenetic mechanisms of neural plasticity and memory formation. She was awarded a BIOCORE scholarship, an NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) award, which funded her extensive research. Currently, she works at the regional offices of Southern California Permanente Group (SCPMG) acting as a liaison between local and senior leadership to advance staff education, policy, and technology for the Ambulatory Clinical Services and Front Office Operations departments. Her passion for her dual experiences studying neural systems and managing healthcare operations led her to pursue a Master of Public Health degree. Through the use of community organization, data integrity, and technology, she hopes to promote health equity for at-risk populations, especially minorities seeking behavioral and maternal healthcare.

She loves volleyball, basketball, and music. In her free time, she can be found watching Laker games or laughing during game nights (virtual during quarantine) with her family and friends.