

Meet the Bethesda Campus Recycling Coordinator!

We would like to introduce the new Recycling Coordinator for the Bethesda campus: Sierra Cheri! Sierra joined the NIH in her Recycling Coordinator role in August of 2020. Her passion for the environment combined with her familiarity with the Bethesda campus from her childhood will serve as a great asset in this role! Sierra visited the Bethesda campus many times during her childhood with her mother, Sheila Cheri, who has worked at the NIH for over 30 years. This background knowledge of many buildings on campus will be invaluable for improving recycling at the NIH.

Learning about the work being performed at the NIH stoked Sierra's interest in science for her education. Sierra attended Robert Morris University to study environmental science for her undergraduate studies. While in college, Sierra worked as an intern with the Division of Environmental Protection working on stormwater management, air pollution and laboratory chemical regulations. She also visited recycling facilities and wastewater treatment plants as a part of her education to better understand the logistics of processing waste. Sierra graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science in 2020. After graduating, Sierra joined the Division of Environmental Protection full-time in her new role as Recycling Coordinator.

For recycling, Sierra would like to emphasize the importance of making it a part of your routine. Sorting recyclables from your waste must become a part of your waste management routine. Every time you are about to dispose of an item in the trash, you should think: Can I recycle this and how? One of the mental hurdles that we must get over to improve our waste management is the feeling that one individual cannot make a difference. Even at an organization as large as the NIH, increasing the recycling rate of individual employees is the primary method for increasing recycling yields. We should each do our part to make the environment healthier for humans, plants and animals alike!

Sierra is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling on the Bethesda campus. Please contact her by calling 301-496-7990 or by emailing sierra.cheri@nih.gov. If you are located on another NIH campus, please reference the NIH Recycling Contact List on the next page to identify your contact.

NIH Recycling Contact List

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