



HANVIT OH

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Hanvit Oh '14 graduated with a Masters in Public Health from Emory University. Her public health interests include maternal child health, population health, and infectious diseases, and her technical skills encompass data analysis, epidemiology, and public health surveillance. She is a firm proponent of translating scientific research into evidence-based policies that inform the public to make optimal health choices. Her professional experience spans working at non-profit, federal health agencies, and intergovernmental agencies.

How did your experience at Marshall help you after graduation?

Marshall was not only the place where I discovered my gifts, but also where I could fearlessly actualize my vision and passions. I discovered a passion for international causes and issues, including global health, poverty, and women's education rights, and I practiced the gift of project management and leadership as I founded a campus-wide event to promote cultural diversity within the school. It was the institution I represented for the Minnesota All-State Band. I will forever cherish the pure joy of discovering the means to make the world a better place, and to make my visions a reality. All of these discoveries and experiences continue to serve me today as a global public health professional as I've worked to promote peace-building efforts in civil-war-torn countries, support refugees with their transitions, and tackle the COVID-19 pandemic that affected millions of people. Marshall taught me that nothing is impossible as long as you go after it like a bulldozer.

Who at Marshall inspired you?

During my time at Marshall, I remember the classes above me were very inspirational. As older sisters and brothers, they helped me see the opportunities that Marshall could offer and reminded me to grab every chance to maximize them.

Who currently inspires you?

Former Director-General of the World Health Organization, Lee Jong-Wook. He was the first South Korean leader of a United Nations agency. He worked tirelessly to ensure health equity around the world through vaccination and advocacy for the marginalized.