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## Our Team

**Allison Bailey** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year master's student at UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, where she is specializing in Pollution Prevention and Remediation with a focus on Data Science. Congruently, she spends her time lobbying, podcast producing, writing op-ed pieces, as well as hosting events to gather community support to address critical environmental issues affecting our nation. Before graduate school, she held the position of National Program Manager for The Mission Continues, an organization that empowers veterans to continue their service in their community. As the National Program Manager, she oversaw the design and strategy of a program that developed thousands of asset-based community leaders and volunteers to make a community impact in public schools, under-resourced neighborhoods, and national and public parks. She also holds a Master of Science in Journalism from Boston University and served in the U.S. Army as an Intelligence Officer conducting city threat-assessments in Iraq and as a Military Police Officer shaping regional security in Afghanistan.

**Anthony Luna** is interested in the intersection of food systems, public health, and environmental health. Following graduation from the University of Kent in 2014 with a BSc in Mathematics, Anthony returned home to work at his family's grocery store. This experience introduced him to the current state of food systems and how they can impact the health of lower-income communities. As a result, he was inspired to join COPE Health Solutions as a unit volunteer. He became a program leader which allowed him to coordinate quality-of-care assessments and support training intensives. Anthony was then promoted as a Data Analyst, where he worked with health systems in New York City to improve contracting strategy and manage inpatient costs. Anthony decided to leave this role to focus on other, more tangible aspects of patient health including community engagement, preventative care, and food access. He is now a Staff Researcher at the University of California Cooperative Extension supporting agriculture research. Anthony is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Bren School, where he specializes in Pollution Prevention and Remediation. He hopes to develop processes and policies which incentivize food systems which are healthier for people and the planet.

**Kazia Mermel** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year master's student at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, where she is pursuing a focus in Strategic Environmental Communication & Media and a specialization in Economics and Politics of the Environment. Prior to attending Bren, her experience lay mainly in the fields of biology and marine science through work at Sea Education Association, Oregon State University, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She found this research fascinating but felt something lacking in her career aspirations. When Kazia graduated from Carleton College with a B.A. in Biology in 2017, she decided to take a step back from academia. During the course of a two-year stint at a national grocery chain, she got an up-close view of the amount of waste generated by food systems on a daily basis. Spurred by concern over this wasteful system, Kazia decided to attend Bren, leaving behind pure academic research to focus on working for a better food system.