



Meet the Newest Members to BACC's Staff

Carly King, M.S., PA-C Health Educator at BACC



Carly King is a new Health Educator at BACC. As a Physician Assistant actively working in oncology, and a former bioinformatics researcher, she has a mix of clinical and research experience to bring to the role. She is originally from Eugene, Oregon, and attended college at Seattle University where she majored in biology. From there, she completed a Master's degree in bioinformatics at the University of Oregon. She had a five-year career in genomic sequencing research at OHSU in Portland, OR, then at a diagnostic start-up company in San Francisco called Convergent Genomics.

While she enjoyed genetic and oncology research, her real passion was working more directly with patients, families, and healthcare colleagues, which led her to pursue becoming a PA at Stanford University's PA program, which she completed at the onset of the pandemic. She was fortunate to do

an additional fellowship year in oncology, and now works on the inpatient team at Stanford Hospital. Her goal as a professional is to provide clarifying information to help people understand their cancer diagnosis and feel empowered to make healthcare decisions. She is honored to be joining the team at BACC, an organization that certainly shares this value.

Outside of work, Carly is a running enthusiast, fan of Oregon sports teams, and a pet parent to a 10-year-old chihuahua named Carrot Cake. She looks forward to meeting you all virtually or in person soon.

We asked Carly two questions to get to know her a bit better:

What is your dream trip or vacation?

My favorite place to visit is the central Oregon coast with my family. Another trip I would like to take is going to Mexico City, to practice Spanish, eat at great restaurants, and see some of the museums.

What were/are your pandemic hobbies?

Much of my early pandemic was spent studying for my Physician Assistant boards test which I passed during the first few months of the initial lockdown. Since then, I've continued to make time for hobbies I have always loved: writing, baking, running, and swimming.

Denise Garlick
Interim Manager of Volunteer Engagement



Denise Garlick is the Interim Manager of Volunteer Engagement at Bay Area Cancer Connections. Prior to BACC, she worked 4 ½ years for Cancer CAREpoint and held various roles related to health and medicine including working as a Psychobiology Research Assistant, a Medical Assistant, and a health/medicine specialist Surfer and Editor at Yahoo! Inc. She has a Bachelor of Science in Human Development/Applied Developmental Psychology.

In addition to her experience supervising volunteers in her prior job, she gained several years of volunteer management experience as an active volunteer at her daughters' schools. Her goal as the Manager of Volunteer Engagement is to provide personalized support to volunteers so they enjoy their volunteer experience at BACC.

Her passion for serving the cancer community comes from knowing many people who have been touched by cancer. She was close to cancer clients in her previous role. In her personal life, she experienced the loss of close family and friends to cancer and has family members and friends who are cancer survivors.

Since entering the “empty nester” phase of her life (her oldest daughter is working in Denver, CO and her youngest is attending UC Davis), she has been camping with her husband in a small RV trailer, spending more time with her parents, connecting with friends, and exploring her artistic side again. What she loves is to go thrift shopping and eat out (Asian snack foods) with her daughters when they visit.

Denise is excited to join the staff and appreciates the opportunity to serve the breast cancer and ovarian cancer community at Bay Area Cancer Connections.

We asked Denise two questions to get to know her a bit better:

What is your dream trip or vacation?

I would like to visit Okinawa Island in Japan. My maternal ancestors were originally from Okinawa and my grandmother, although born in Hawaii, lived there with her grandparents from the age of 2, until she was a teenager. I'm curious about the history and want to see the island where my grandmother spent her childhood.

What were/are your pandemic hobbies?

During the "shelter-in-place" period of the pandemic, I started baking sourdough bread. From a sourdough starter from my neighbor, I spent months feeding the sourdough starter and making bread. I have since stopped making bread because we were eating way too much of it and the starter needed to be fed regularly, just like a pet. Also, during that time, my daughters and I enjoyed making jewelry.