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Jasmine Alexandria Parham is a PhD student in Biology at Duke University. Her research examines the impact of mercury pollution from artisanal gold mining on birds in Peru. She hopes to better understand how diet and habitat use influence mercury bioaccumulation in tropical birds. Jasmine has previous experience studying how mercury moves through aquatic and terrestrial food webs in the Shenandoah River Valley