HONORS CONVOCATION

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Convocation Ceremony
The University of Maryland School of Public Health is pleased to host the 2016 Honors Convocation, which recognizes outstanding students in the School of Public Health and highlight their accomplishments in academics and service activities.

Welcome
Jane E. Clark, PhD, Professor and Dean, School of Public Health

Departmental Award Recognition
Behavioral and Community Health
Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Family Science
Health Services Administration
Kinesiology
Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health

Dean’s Graduate Scholars Award Recognition
Sandra C. Quinn, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Graduate Scholars
Laura B. Wilson Leadership Award

Dean’s Undergraduate Scholars Award Recognition
Colleen (Coke) Farmer, PhD, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education
Undergraduate Scholar
Senior Scholar
Fraley Award

Jerry P. Wrenn Scholarship Award Recognition
Ron Padron, Advisor, Chair of the SPH Scholarship Committee

TerpStart Scholarship Award Recognition
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Closing
Jane E. Clark, PhD, Professor and Dean, School of Public Health

Key to program abbreviations:
BCH – Behavioral and Community Health, EPIB – Epidemiology and Biostatistics, FMSC – Family Science, HLSA – Health Services Administration, KINES – Kinesiology, MIAEH – Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, PHSC – Public Health Science
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECOGNITIONS

Behavioral and Community Health

Beck-Feldman Research Award
This award honors Drs. Kenneth Beck and Robert Feldman, both of whom serve as BCH professors, for their more than 30-year commitment to public health research. Each spring, BCH presents this award to an undergraduate who has demonstrated involvement in health research projects.

DEBORAH WU
Deborah is vice president of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honor society. She studied social anxiety in preschoolers at the Laboratory for the Study of Child and Family Relationships. Deborah is the co-president of the Taiwanese American Student Association and works as a University Health Center HEALTH Works Peer Educator.

Sharon M. Desmond Community Service Award
This award honors Dr. Sharon Desmond’s more than 20-year involvement and commitment to improving health within the local community. Each spring, the Department of Behavioral and Community Health presents this award to an undergraduate who has demonstrated dedication to his or her community in a health-related capacity.

JESSICA THROWE
While working on a College Park Scholars - Public Leadership capstone project, Jessica’s group received a Do Good challenge grant. Jessica is the campus director for an English teaching organization, with which she volunteered as an English teacher in Romania. She is also founder and president of the No Lost Generation club on campus, which is partnering with the Syrian Orphan Organization and the Syrian American Medical Society.

Glover Dissertation Award
This award is given in the name of Dr. Elbert Glover, who served as chair of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health for almost a decade. Dr. Glover is an internationally renowned tobacco researcher who for many years has been a leader in clinical trials related to smoking cessation. This scholarship is awarded to a doctoral student who is in the process of completing his or her dissertation research.

LUCIANA ASSINI-MEYTIN
Luciana worked with Dr. Kerry Green to first-author a paper on teen parenting consequences, the topic of her dissertation work, which was published by the Journal of Adolescent Health. The study was also recognized at the 2015, Society for Prevention Research with an honorable mention at the Early Career Preventionists Network student poster contest. From 2014-2015 Luciana served as student representative for the Graduate Program Committee in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

David H. Hyde Award
This award honors Dr. David Hyde’s involvement of more than 20 years with BCH, including serving as undergraduate program director, prior to his retirement in 2010. Each spring, BCH presents this award to an undergraduate who has demonstrated strength in the face of adversity.

DAVID OH
David is interning at the Ettenhofer Lab of Neurocognitive Research, a subsidiary of the Uniformed Services University of Health Services, which studies traumatic brain injuries (TBI). The lab aims to develop diagnostic and rehabilitative measurements in an attempt to advance possible treatment for those who are suffering from TBI. David is also enrolled in the Army ROTC program at UMD and will be commissioning in the spring of 2016.
Doris Sands Award
This award honors Dr. Doris Sands, a renowned sexuality educator who was recognized for her tremendous teaching skills and ability to reach thousands of students at the University of Maryland from 1964-1986. Each spring, BCH’s Undergraduate Program Committee selects a student to receive this award based on strong motivation and promise in the field.

CHRISTINE OLIVEROS
Christine was a scholar, community service chairperson, and mentor for the Incentive Awards Program, where she planned and implemented community service events. She has also served as the community service chair for the Filipino Cultural Association. Christine has been development officer and activities officer for the UMD chapter of the Silver Wings Association, a student service organization.

Robin Sawyer Health Teaching/Communication Award
This award honors Dr. Robin Sawyer’s more than 25-year commitment to a high standard of teaching excellence and health communication. Each spring, BCH presents this award to an undergraduate who demonstrates promise and involvement in public/community health presentations and teaching.

RACHEL MEMENZA
Rachel has received The Honors College Citation in University Honors. During the 2013-2014 academic year, she served as both vice president and treasurer of the Maryland Women’s Club Crew Team.

Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Leidos Fellowship
Thanks to support from the Leidos Corporation, the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics provides fellowships to graduate students to support their independent research under the supervision of EPÍB faculty.

AGNIESZKA ROMAN
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology
While pursuing her MPH, Agnieszka has maintained a full-time job as a public health research analyst on contract with National Institutes of Health’s Office of Disease Prevention. She is also a member of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition and has volunteered with the Mission of Mercy dental clinic.

AMELIA JAMISON
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology
Amelia has conducted research with the Maryland Center for Health Equity and interns with the Montgomery County Health Department. She is also a member of both the School of Public Health Diversity Committee and the department executive committee.

Family Science

Andrew Billingsley Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship honors Dr. Andrew Billingsley, former chair and professor of the Department of Family Science, who is one of the nation’s leading scholars on African American families. His scholarship is awarded to a Family Science student interested in pursuing research on ethnic minority families.

SHYNEICE PORTER
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Shy is defending her original thesis research that seeks to validate a measure on the perception of a shortage of African-American men among African-American women. Shy also completed original undergraduate research that was published in the March 2016 edition of the College Student Journal. Shy was named a 2016 Fellow for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship Program. She has served as chair of the Maryland Council on Family Relations professional development committee.
Edlavitch Family Science Fund
Selma Tyser Edlavitch was a distinguished community volunteer whose generosity had a tremendous impact on Washington area families. Her sponsorship of the Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum of the Washington Hebrew Congregation benefited family members of every age, including young children, adolescents, single adults, married couples, and the elderly. This fund provides an annual scholarship to an outstanding student or students in Family Science.

SARAH OBEN
Bachelor of Science
Sarah is working toward joining Phi Upsilon Omicron, an honors society in the Department of Family Science. She has worked as a research assistant for a human development research project at UMD. Sarah is treasurer for the UMD Community Learning Garden and working as an intern with the UMD Campus Pantry, which strives to alleviate food insecurity on campus by giving emergency food to students and faculty.

MICHELA LEBOFFE TABAKU
Bachelor of Science
Michela served as a mentor for Northwestern High School students with the Project for Social Change. She has also volunteered at the nonprofits Shepherd’s Table and Maryland Youth Ballet, serving those who are physically and mentally handicapped.

Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship
This fund recognizes Dr. Ned Gaylin’s outstanding career, which included creation of the Couple and Family Therapy Master’s program and tenure as the first chair of the department. Gaylin’s commitment to improving the welfare of students continues through this scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to Couple and Family Therapy students.

MAGDALENA STRAUB
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
In Chile, Magdalena worked as a researcher in a grant-funded project titled “Civic Commitment in Youth and its Relationship with the Development of Their Personal and Social Identity.” After receiving her undergraduate degree in psychology in Chile, Magdalena worked as a pro bono therapist in a vulnerable community in Santiago. As part of her studies as a Couple and Family Therapist, Magdalena and a fellow student started a group therapy process with middle school Latina students dealing with acculturation processes.

Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship
Upon Dr. Noel Myricks’ retirement from the Family Science faculty and appointment to Emeritus status in summer 2004, the Department established an endowed scholarship honoring this distinguished educator. Dr. Myricks was an outstanding teacher and nationally recognized family scholar specializing on the intersection of families and the law. This scholarship is awarded to a first-generation college student in Family Science.

AMBER ROSS
Bachelor of Science
Amber is a member of the UMSuccess student organization, where she serves as the Historian and Coordinator of Events. Amber also serves on the Dean’s Student Advisory Committee where she provides input and informs Dean Jane E. Clark of school wide concerns.

VANESSA CHAPARRO
Bachelor of Science
Vanessa stays active in her community by sending bracelets and cards to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital patients. She also collects food and clothing donations for other local organizations.

Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship
A dedicated therapist, political activist, and mother, Jeanette Spier Beavers cared deeply about the rights of the underprivileged and issues affecting families throughout the world. Ms. Spier was a clinical social worker whose professional work included an individuals and couples therapy practice, adoption counseling, assisting the mentally ill, and extensive writing about families with disabled children. This fund provides annual scholarship support for graduate students enrolled in the Couples and Family Therapy masters program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.

ASIA EWELL
Asia is an inductee of the Tau Sigma National Honors Society. She’s also an active member of the North Carolina AIDS Action Network, North Carolina’s statewide HIV/AIDS advocacy organization.
Health Services Administration

Dushanka V. Kleinman Excellence Award
Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman served as interim HLSA chair from 2013-14. She created this award to recognize a current HLSA masters student or recent alum who demonstrated excellence in their capstone or internship project.

PAVARISA KAOTIRA
Master of Health Administration
Pavarisa is certified in public health by the National Board of Public Health Examiners; the vice president of the Health Services Administration student association and director of the MHA buddy program. Pavarisa has volunteered for Terps Against Hunger and the Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy dental clinic and Health Equity Festival.

Laura B. Wilson Service Award
This award honors Laura B. Wilson Ph.D., perpetuates her legacy, and recognizes her leadership in envisioning the Department of Health Services Administration in the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

ROBIN BLOODWORTH
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services
Robin has coauthored several publications and is the first-author of three manuscripts. She served as the student representative on the HLSA chair search committee. She has eight years of research experience, including with UMD’s School of Public Health and the R.H. Smith School of Business Center for Health Information and Decisions Systems.

Kinesiology

Outstanding Physical Education Masters Certification (K-12) Award
This award recognizes an outstanding graduate student pursuing certification to teach K-12 physical education.

VICTORIA KENNO
Master of Public Health, Physical Activity
Victoria received an outstanding rating for her teaching placement at Crofton Middle School, and maintained a 3.66 GPA. She volunteers as an assistant coach with Montgomery Village Sports Association’s fast pitch youth softball team, and coaches club volleyball.

Sally J. Phillips Dissertation Award
This award is given to a Kinesiology doctoral student who is in the final phases of completing a high quality dissertation in preparation for a career in academia.

KRISTI TREADWAY
Kristi’s doctoral work focused on investigating the lineage and generational differences of social activism in women’s professional tennis. She was awarded the Ann G. Wylie dissertation fellowship from the UMD Graduate School (2014) and was inducted into the Lavender Leadership Honor Society at UMD in 2015.

Whitlark Fellowship
The fellowship supports selected international research activities by doctoral students in the Department of Kinesiology.

SAMUEL M. CLEVENER
Samuel has had research published in the international, peer-reviewed journals Sport, Education and Society and The International Journal of the History of Sport. He is also a mentor for incoming doctoral students in the Department of Kinesiology’s Physical Cultural Studies program.

Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health

2016-17 All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship
This fellowship honors graduate students in MLAEH who are outstanding scholars and graduate assistants. The candidate must have made a significant contribution or impact while serving as a teaching assistant, research assistant, or administrative assistant.

JESSICA MONTRESOR-LOPEZ
Doctor of Philosophy, Toxicology and Environmental Health
Jessica is a member of the Delta Omega public health honor society, and had three publications accepted by peer-reviewed scientific journals in the past two years. She has served as the vice president of the St. Louis chapter of the Penn State Alumni association for four years.
Graduate Scholars

JARED FISHER  
Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology  
Jared Fisher is a Flagship Fellow and has been a co-author on five peer-reviewed manuscripts since arriving at UMD, and will be first-author on two forthcoming manuscripts. He has served on search committees for epidemiology faculty positions and has tutored fellow graduate students in SAS and biostatistics.

JESSICA GLEASON  
Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health  
Jessica has been accepted into the school’s doctoral program for Maternal and Child Health. She is the committee chair and one of the founding members of the social and peer engagement committee for Graduate Students in Public Health.

JESSICA GREENBAUER  
Master of Health Administration  
Jessica competed in the National Association of Health Services Executives annual student case competition, in which she and a teammate were given a unique case study focused on increasing access to healthcare while reducing expenses. Jessica is the president of the Health Services Administration Student Association and chief of staff for the University of Maryland’s Graduate Student Government, where she advocates for graduate students by bringing their concerns to university officials, the Board of Regents, and lawmakers.

AMELIA JAMISON  
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology  
Amelia has conducted research with the Maryland Center for Health Equity and interns with the Montgomery County Health Department. She is also a member of both the School of Public Health Diversity Committee and the department executive committee.

LINDA LI  
Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences  
Linda is a graduate research assistant in Dr. Robin Puett’s Environmental and Spatial Epidemiology Laboratory, exploring the relationship between ambient air pollution exposure and chronic diseases. She has also participated in research projects at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene through her internship and capstone experiences. Linda is a member of Graduate Students in Public Health social and peer engagement committee and serves as secretary of the Graduate Student Government sustainability committee.

JIAYUN LU  
Master of Public Health, Biostatistics  
Jiayun has been participating in a research project investigating whether military deployment affects the association between sexually transmitted disease and risky behavior. A manuscript based on the findings of the project is forthcoming.

DAVI MAZALA  
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology  
Davi was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health (Gamma Zeta Chapter) in 2011. His graduate work focused on investigating the underlying mechanisms behind disease progression in both Duchenne muscular dystrophy and ALS.
RIANNA MURRAY
Doctor of Philosophy, Toxicology and Environmental Health
Rianna was inducted into two academic excellence honor societies during her graduate studies at UMD: the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Rianna co-authored six scientific articles published in peer-reviewed journals, and was the lead author on one of these articles. Rianna is a faculty advisor of Public Health Without Borders, and served as staff advisor on two Alternative Break short-term service-learning trips.

SUMA NAIR
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services
Suma Nair is focused on improving quality of care and health outcomes for underserved and vulnerable populations—an interest borne from her work at the Health Resources and Services Administration with quality improvement initiatives in community health centers. In her free time, Suma volunteers with an international humanitarian organization on projects to improve health and well-being.

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RYAN SAPP
Master of Arts, Kinesiology
Ryan presented his masters thesis research, “Habitual aerobic exercise-associated differences in serum-induced endothelial cell migration rate and circulating microRNAs,” at the NIH Symposium on Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine. Ryan is a student representative for the American College of Sports Medicine Mid-Atlantic chapter and program coordinator for the UMD Summer Training and Research (UM-STAR) and UM Aging, Diversity, and Professional Training (UM-ADAPT) programs at the School of Public Health.

ERIN TAGAI
Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health
Erin received the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy seed grant to study the relationship between health literacy and decision-making for colorectal cancer screening among African-Americans. She also taught HLTH285 - Controlling Stress and Tension for three semesters. Erin served as co-chair of the Graduate Students in Public Health community partnerships committee, and participated in a summer project at Esperanza Center in Baltimore working with children recently emigrating from Central America.

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health (FMSC)
Andrew is a member of the 2015-2016 cohort that completed the U.S. Policy Communication Training Workshop with the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, D.C. He also received a Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship during summer 2015. Andrew has been the journal club co-leader at the Maryland Population Research Center since 2015, and served as president of the Maryland Council on Family Relations from 2014-2015.
Laura B. Wilson
Leadership Award
Established to honor Laura B. Wilson, PhD, founding chair of the Department of Health Services Administration, in recognition of her many leadership roles and strategic contributions to the School of Public Health. For Dr. Wilson, “leadership” includes a focus on actions that benefit the entire community, on results that make a difference for populations in need, and on proactive, innovative, interdisciplinary team efforts. The graduate student recipient of this award exemplifies elements of Dr. Wilson’s outstanding attributes and has demonstrated strong promise for a career dedicated to excellence and innovation through leadership.

Stephanie Cork
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology
Stephanie has become a leading figure in advancing diversity and inclusion issues on campus, with a particular focus on graduate student issues. Stephanie serves on the president’s commission on disability issues, the Graduate Student Government, and the Graduate Researchers, Employees, Assistants and Teachers committee. She is the co-chair of the Disability and Research Summit. Her dissertation research focuses on institutional ethnography of diversity work at post-secondary institutions.

Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars

Elyse Abrams
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Elyse is a member of the UMD Primannum Honor Society and has made the Dean’s List every semester of her college career. Elyse is also the vice president of academic affairs for Delta Phi Epsilon. Elyse’s service trips include travelling on medical missions with Operation Smile to both the Dominican Republic and China.

Daniel Callow
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Daniel is a member of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honor society, as well as the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Honors Program. He previously worked in the Institute for Research in Electronics and Applied Physics (IREAP) lab and has recently started working in the Cognitive Motor Neuroscience lab with Dr. J. Carson Smith.

Amy Caplon
Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health
Amy is a student in the UMD Honors College and the SPH departmental honors program, and member of the SPH honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon. Amy raised money for Children’s National Hospital as the logistics captain of the TerpThon Dance Marathon, and advocated for safe alcohol and drug use as a Peer Educator for the University Health Center.

Rebecca Gibson
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Rebecca has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Tau Sigma Honor Society. In her spare time she volunteers within the community.

Jennell Goodall
Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health
This spring Jennell took part in UMD’s School of Public Health Center for Health Behavior Research team with Dr. Curbow, conducting interviews to collect qualitative and quantitative data on health literacy pertaining to colonoscopy procedure and results. During summer 2014 Jennell participated in an Alternative Summer Break, working with the Highland Support Project in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Kurt Hufker
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Kurt completed a creative research project for an Honors Humanities citation, which included the design and creation of a surfboard from raw materials. Kurt is also involved with Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honor society. Over the summer, Kurt volunteered in the Emergency Department at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Samiha Islam
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Samiha has been on the Dean’s List every semester of her college career. She has also been a member of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honor society, since spring 2015. Samiha has volunteered at the Behavior Management Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. While volunteering at the clinic, she assisted with therapy sessions for children aged 2-11.
DANIEL KESSLER  
*Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health*  
Daniel serves as the treasurer for Active Minds at Maryland, an organization that aims to remove the stigma surrounding mental health issues on college campuses. Daniel was recognized on the Dean’s List for achieving semester academic honors during the fall 2015 semester.

RUSSELL LANGLEY  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Russell is a member of the SPH honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon, for which he has maintained a 3.5 GPA.

CATHERINE PEREZ  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*  
Catherine is an inductee of the UMD chapter of Tau Sigma National Honor Society. She has been a volunteer/intern at the Focus Foundation since 2008, where she is working on a paper to be published in a neurodevelopmental academic journal.

EYVONNKA RIZKALLAH  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*  
Eyvonnka is a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and treasurer of Students Engaged in Public Health. Eyvonnka assumed responsibility for a soccer tournament fundraiser, which promoted public health awareness within the community and supported the children at St. Jude’s Hospital. She was also part of the planning committee for the 2016 Vaccine Hesitancy Civic Engagement event that helped raise awareness about the importance of vaccines.

DEBORAH WU  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science Behavioral and Community Health*  
Deborah is vice president of the SPH honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon. She studied social anxiety in preschoolers at the Laboratory for the Study of Child and Family Relationships. Deborah is the co-president of the Taiwanese American Student Association and works as a University Health Center HEALTH Works Peer Educator.

**Outstanding Senior Scholars**

DAVID AMICI  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
David has worked with Dr. Eva Chin in the Molecular Basis of Muscle Physiology Lab since his freshman year. In 2014, David’s Maryland Summer Scholar project identified a mechanism that may contribute to the increased rate of muscular injury in individuals who take statin cholesterol drugs. His senior honors thesis investigates the pathology underlying inclusion body myositis, the most common muscular disease diagnosed in adults. He founded the UMD club weightlifting team during his freshman year.

SIVAN BEN-MAIMON  
*Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health*  
Sivan worked on a smoking cessation study at UMD. He has served as a peer educator, and has also volunteered at Community Clinic, Inc. Health & Wellness Services.

EMILY BJANES  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Emily is a member of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honors society, and the Primannum Honor Society. Emily serves as secretary for Gymkana, an 80-person, drug-and-alcohol-free gymnastics and acrobatic group. Emily serves as student leader for OneU, a Christian group on campus. Last year Emily travelled to Guatemala with OneU to do humanitarian and relief work.

ELIZABETH COSTELLO  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*  
Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Science in Public Health Science, graduating cum laude in December 2015. During her time at the university, Elizabeth was a member of Students Engaged in Public Health Science, serving as secretary and treasurer from 2014 –2105 and president in fall 2015.

EVA GONZALEZ  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*  
Eva made the Dean’s List in both spring and fall of 2015. She is a member of Delta Chi Xi Honorary Dance Fraternity Inc., and serves as both vice president and secretary for the organization.
SANA HAIDER  
*Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health*

Sana has worked with SPH’s Center for Health Behavior Research, helping Dr. Faika Zanjani and Lauren Crook in an NIH-funded research project. Sana is the current president of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honors society, and a member of the University Student Judiciary’s central board. Sana traveled to Nicaragua as a health ambassador volunteer program participant with Aspire Global Health, and lived with the Miraflor mountainous community to participate in health initiatives in remote schools and homes.

THERESA HAUGE  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Theresa completed a research-based senior thesis with Dr. Rodolphe Gentili in Cognitive Motor Neuroscience. She was inducted into the honors society Phi Kappa Phi in 2015, and received a Jerry P. Wrenn Scholarship for the winter 2016 semester. Theresa is currently working as a resident assistant. She is certified as an emergency medical technician and volunteers with her hometown Emergency Medical Services.

CHRISTINA LUTHERS  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

Christina interned at the National Institutes of Health (NCI, NICHD, and NIMHD), and has been published in the *Transportation Research Record, American Journal of Public Health*, and the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. She is a recent initiate of Omicron Delta Kappa, a premiere leadership fraternity and honor society. Christina is the president of the co-ed community service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega - Epsilon Mu chapter, and is a dedicated volunteer with A Wider Circle.

ELIZABETH PHAM  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Elizabeth is a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and received the Academy of Academic Excellence Award from the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education. Elizabeth has spent the past few years helping her parents with their business. She enjoys working with the elderly and children with different types of mental or physical disabilities.

MOLLY RAULIN  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

Molly is a member of the Maryland Council on Family Relations community service committee. She plans to pursue a law degree and establish her own family mediation practice specializing in divorce and custody issues.

AIMEE TANDOI  
*Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health*

Aimee is a member of the SPH honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon. She interned at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and worked in a Medicaid department at Coventry Healthcare. Aimee has volunteered at a Burmese refugee clinic, taught English and health concepts to non-English speakers in Thailand, and traveled to Ethiopia with Public Health Without Borders. She plans to pursue an MPH with a specialization in Infectious Disease Epidemiology post-graduation.

JONGMI PARK  
* Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Jongmi is a senior with an interest in health care and is aspiring to become a nurse after graduation.
**Fraley Award**
The undergraduate student in the senior class from each department who most completely exemplifies the qualities of a Dean’s Scholar is bestowed with the Fraley Award, the highest undergraduate honor offered by the School of Public Health.

**JESS CARRIGNAN**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*
Jess is a member of the Kinesiology Honors Program. She is completing her honors senior research project with Dr. Jae Shim, studying the physical function preferences and limitations of lower extremity prosthetic devices from the perspective of the amputees themselves. Working with Dr. Shim, Jess published the article “Common Basketball Injuries and Their Prevention.” Jess has been a student manager with the women’s basketball team for four years and helped create the Lil’ Terps Kids Club program.

**KAVYA SUNDAR**  
*Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health*
Kavya has interned at the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the World Health Organization in Geneva. She is interning full-time at the Baltimore City Health Department STD Clinics, specifically to develop and implement a study on the uptake of an HIV prevention method. At UMD, Kavya is the UMD Program Coordinator for Health Leads and co-captain of Moksha, a nationally-competitive, award-winning Indian classical dance team.

**MELISSA GREBERMAN**  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*
Melissa is writing her honors thesis on the relationship between intimate partner psychological abuse, conflict tactics, and depression, using data collected through the SPH Center for Healthy Families’ Couples Abuse Prevention Program. She was a research assistant for a Family Science doctoral student’s dissertation and a family advocacy intern at the DC Children’s Advocacy Center. She was secretary of Phi Upsilon Omicron, the Family Science honor society, and is a member of Phi Alpha Epsilon, the SPH honor society.

**MICHAELA ONEL**  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*
Michaela held an inter-disciplinary internship conducted by the Universities at Shady Grove and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. She also received the Student Academic Achievement Award for the 2015-2016 academic year. Michaela served as secretary of the Students Engaged in Public Health club and led guided study sessions for Public Health Biology classes.

**Jerry P. Wrenn Scholarship Award**  
Established in honor of Dr. Jerry P. Wrenn, who was a faculty member, student advisor, associate dean of student services, and finally dean of the College of Health and Human Performance (which became the School of Public Health), this scholarship supports outstanding SPH seniors who demonstrate financial need.

**DAVID AMICI**  
**ORNELLA GOMEZ**  
**DIAMOND GREEN**  
**SANA HAIDER**  
**THERESA HAUGE**  
**TALIA SHEPHEARD**  
**JOSHUA SINGER**  
**ANTHONY SLATON**  
**BRADY STEVENS**

**TerpStart Scholarship**  
The new TerpStart Matching Scholarship Program uniquely gives donors the power to change an untold number of students’ lives. Donors establish a need-based endowed scholarship and the university doubles the awards granted from the endowment’s income forever. In order to qualify for a TerpStart Scholarship students must demonstrate financial need, meet any restrictions associated with the award and maintain satisfactory progress towards a degree in SPH.

**HYUNJAE KIM, Whitlark TerpStart**  
**ASQUAL BISRAT, Mockenhaupt TerpStart**  
**ALEX HUYNH, Hatfield TerpStart**  
**CARLY HANFT, Hahn TerpStart**  
**MELISSA MERA, Gold TerpStart**  
**LAWRENCE WAKEFIELD, Furman TerpStart**  
**KIA MATTHEWS, Brown/Dumolien TerpStart**  
**JIHYE HWANG, Anderson/Ginsberg TerpStart**  
**DIAMOND GREENE, Alving TerpStart**
About the UMD School of Public Health

AT A GLANCE
More than 25 degrees and academic programs
More than 2500 undergraduate students
More than 250 graduate students
More than 50% of our undergraduate majors and nearly 40% of our graduate students are members of racial/ethnic minority groups
More than 140 faculty members and more than 45 staff
Less than 8 miles from Washington, D.C., which provides our students with unparalleled access to unique research, internship and professional development opportunities

SCHOOL-WIDE RESEARCH CENTERS
Maryland Center for Health Equity
Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy
UMD Prevention Research Center

SELECTED RESEARCH INITIATIVES
• Global Health and Climate Change
• Health Disparities, Health Equity
• Health Literacy and Cultural Competence
• Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Programs
• Healthy Aging
• Maternal and Child Health
• Mental Health and Substance Abuse
• Physical Activity
• Social and Environmental Justice
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