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KEY TO PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS:

BCH: Behavioral and Community Health, **EPIB:** Epidemiology and Biostatistics, **FMSC:** Family Science, **HPM:** Health Policy and Management, **KNES:** Kinesiology, **MIAEH:** Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, **PHSC:** Public Health Science

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DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECOGNITION

BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Academic Perseverance Award

The department presents this award to an individual who has exhibited the ability to overcome challenges while maintaining high academic performance.

GRACE OKAFOR

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Grace is a senior honors student in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. In fall of 2020, she presented her research on a qualitative study regarding mental health help seeking behaviors in black undergraduate women. She also serves as an RA on campus.

Community Service Award

The department presents this award to undergraduate and graduate students who have made superior commitments and contributions to the well-being of a community.

CAMERON ETESSAMI

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Cam is a BS/MPH student in the Departments of Behavioral and Community Health and Health Policy and Management. Cam is also a government affairs intern at the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

SARA OLSEN

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Sara cofounded Crossroads Adaptive Athletic Alliance. A Tillman Scholar, she is honored to serve on the President's Commission on Disability Issues and as Director of Content for the Disability Summit. Sara supports BCH workforce development efforts in Public Health Leadership. Sara also received the SPH Leadership Award, see page 23.

Research Paper Award

The department presents this award to a PhD student who published a manuscript in 2019 or 2020 that was innovative, included substantial data analysis and made a significant contribution to the field of public health research.

OLIVIA KACHINGWE

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Olivia is a member of the Community THRIVES Lab and has several publications focusing on the sexual and reproductive health outcomes of youth and young adults. She is also a 2021 recipient of the Graduate School's Outstanding Administrative Assistant Award.



 **Right Page:** Amara Channell Doig

Robin G. Sawyer Health Teaching/Communication Award

This award honors Dr. Robin Sawyer's more than 30-year commitment to a high standard of teaching excellence and health communication. The department presents this award to graduate students who demonstrate promise and involvement in public/community health presentations and teaching.

AMARA CHANNELL DOIG

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Amara is an active member of the Community THRIVES research team. Her recent work focuses on infant feeding among women who have a history of child maltreatment.

Doris W. Sands Scholarship

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, the Department of Behavioral and Community Health's Undergraduate Program Committee selects a student to receive this award based on strong motivation and promise in the field.

ROBIN BACHKOSKY

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Robin held a leadership position in Camp Kesem at the University of Maryland as a development coordinator for three years, starting in the chapter's founding year. She also works as an assistant swim coach for the Severna Park Stingrays.

Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship

This award is presented to BCH undergraduates to provide support for participation in the required departmental internship.

MAYA ADAMS

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Maya was a member of the Incentive Awards Program and College Park Scholars. She also worked for Conferences and Visitor Services as an audit specialist and the assistant orientation manager.

NETHMI GUNARATNE

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Nethmi was an active member of Alpha Phi Omega and UMD Alternative Breaks. She is currently assisting the Community Health and Wellness Department at Suburban Hospital with vaccine distribution and hopes to start her MPH in the near future.





Gold Research Award

This award honors Dr. Robert S. Gold for his contribution to academic excellence and leadership as chair of EPIB from 2013-2017 academic years. This award is given to one doctoral student and one master's student who have each gained ample research experience and demonstrated research productivity.

KATYA KAPLOW

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Katya is a graduate research assistant at the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. She worked with a research team in the Horowitz Center to publish two manuscripts describing the methods and results of a qualitative research project on community health literacy in Maryland.

AMANDA NG

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Amanda will present her research at the Population Association of America conference in May 2021. She is also currently on an ORISE Fellowship at the National Center for Health Statistics.

Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes EPIB students who have made outstanding contributions to the department in the areas of service, involvement, leadership, and scholarship.

JONATHAN ARAM

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Jonathan is a statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics. He has also published research in the areas of drug misuse and survey methods.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

This award recognizes teaching assistants who have made distinguished contributions to the EPIB department by demonstrating excellence in their instructional capacities.

LAUREN KAUFFMAN

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Lauren is a member of the Delta Omega and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and an executive board member of the Graduate Students in Public Health organization.

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 Department of Family Science student interested in pursuing research on ethnic minority families.

SOPHIA CARTER

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Sophia is an Honors College student in the integrated life sciences program. During the pandemic, she has been conducting research on incarcerated fathers with Dr. Roy. She is also a member of OneTentHealth where she does free HIV testing for underserved populations in DC.

Selma Tyser Edlavitch Endowed Scholarship

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 scholarship honors outstanding students in the Department of Family Science.

MARYEMILY BALLAS

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

MaryEmily is a research assistant in the Neurocognitive Development Lab on campus. She is also an active member of the Department of Family Science's honor society, Phi Upsilon Omicron.

NUR BROMUND

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Nur is vice president of Phi Upsilon Omicron and a member of the Tau Sigma Honor Society. She is also a youth development intern with the International Rescue Committee and serves as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the Department of Family Science.

Jeanette Spier Beavers Endowed 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. Beavers 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 scholarship provides support for graduate students enrolled in the Couple and Family Therapy master's program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.

CAMILA ESCAMILLA

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Camila is currently a teaching assistant for the families and global health course in the Department of Family Science. Camila is also a therapist-intern at the Center for Healthy Families where she sees clients on a weekly basis. Camila also received the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

IOANNA GALANI

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Ioanna is a first-year graduate student in the couple and family therapy program. She also serves as a therapist-intern at the Center for Healthy Families primarily working with minority populations and performs teaching assistant duties for the Department of Family Science. Ioanna also received the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.



***Jeanette Spier Beavers Endowed
Memorial Scholarship, continued***

TAMARA HULL

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Tamara is a therapist-intern at the Center for Healthy Families, works for the Bowie Teen Mentoring Program, and is a Jeanette Spier Beavers Award recipient. For her graduate assistantship, Tamara also enjoys serving as a teaching assistant in the family science department. Tamara also received the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

MASHA KARTASHEV

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Masha is part of the TOGETHER Program research team, aiming to better understand the pre- and intra-pandemic needs of Black and Latinx communities in the DMV. Her research, supervised by Dr. Falconier, focuses on how dyadic coping in couples attenuates the relationship between the experience of discrimination and relationship satisfaction.

SALWA SHAN

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Salwa currently serves as a therapist-intern at the Center for Healthy Families. She is also engaged in research on racial socialization in African American families for her thesis. After graduating, she will be moving into the PhD program to study family science. Salwa also received the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

ALEXANDRA SIMIONE

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Alexandra is a therapist at the Center for Healthy Families working with couples and families to become their best selves. She is also a member of the Center for Academic Success and Achievement team providing support for undergraduate students in the School of Public Health. Alexandra also received the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 23 and the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

KATHERINE TOMLISON

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Katherine is a dedicated researcher in the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Health Labs at UMD and UT Austin. She is also a committed clinician working with the community at the Center for Healthy Families and YMCA Youth and Family Services.

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 supports Couple and Family Therapy students.

SABRINA ALIMI

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Sabrina is a therapist-intern at the Center for Healthy Families clinic, as well as a graduate teaching assistant for two undergraduate Family Science courses.

CHRIS ERB

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Chris is a member of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) research lab. His volunteer activities include data collection for Q Chat Space and qualitative data coding for a study on mental health provider experiences during COVID-19.





FAMILY SCIENCE, *continued*

Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, continued

CAMILA ESCAMILLA

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Camila also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 7.

IOANNA GALANI

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Ioanna also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 7.

TAMARA HULL

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Tamara also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 8.

SALWA SHAN

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Salwa also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 8.

ALEXANDRA SIMIONE

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Alexandra also received the Dean's Outstanding Graduate Scholar Award, see page 23 and the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 8.

Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship

Upon Dr. Noel Myricks' retirement in 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 first-generation college students in the Department of Family Science.

BRUCE ADAMS

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

CHANNAH BELLE-MARIE

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Channah is a two semester academic honors student, hoping to continue on this path for this semester. She also works part-time as a child care provider while being involved in the University of Maryland Chaarg club.

EMMA KEARNEY

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Emma is a former member of Carillon Community's i-Give cohort. She is also a teaching assistant for the School of Public Policy and a high school math tutor.

DEBORAH OMOTOSO

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Deborah actively volunteers alongside Chrysolite Fellowship Charity in Baltimore, helping to distribute free goods to the community. She also participated in the UMD Teaching and Learning Transformation Center's Peer Academic Mentoring Program during the fall 2020-spring 2021 academic year.



CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Endowed Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship provides support for graduate students conducting research and/or applied projects to improve issues of health equity or to identify more effective methods of health service delivery.

AMBER J. EL-AMIN

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Amber is an active duty hospital administrator for the US Air Force with more than 12 years of service and two deployments to Honduras and Qatar. She is also an active member of the Project Management Institute Washington, DC chapter.

SHUO (JIM) HUANG

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Shuo is a PhD candidate researching mutual aid health care. He is also an appointee to the Montgomery County Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee. Shuo also received the Service Award, see page 12.

ELLE POPE

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Elle is a co-instructor for an introductory health policy course and a graduate research assistant for a COVID-19 workforce support program in Baltimore. She is currently working on her dissertation evaluating the impact of physician peer networks on prescribing.

Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project

The graduate student recipients of this award, a current HPM master's student or recent graduate, exemplify commitment to the health of all people and demonstrate excellence in their capstone or internship project.

MARY BURKHOLDER

*Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice
and Policy*

Mary serves on the board of directors of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank and is a member of the Urban Land Institute's Health Leaders Network. She is the author of an article that appeared in the publication Urban Land, "Urban Grocery Stores Show Gains All-Around."

MYLES DAVENPORT

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

As a student trainee for the FDA, Myles supports clearance reviews for the Center for Tobacco Products. He also supports the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research by testing and developing internal standard operating procedures for 506j notifications.

RYA GRIFFIS

Master of Public Health, Health Equity


Rya is a lead teaching assistant as well as a Maryland public health fellow. Rya is also a member of the Health Policy and Management Student Association. With this award Rya wants to recognize the work of disability and accessibility advocates at UMD.

AMANDA MELVIN

Master of Health Administration

Amanda is a proud inaugural member of the first accelerated BS-MPH/MHA program cohort, and a teaching assistant for BCH 377. Amanda is also a former UMD Health Center peer educator. She extends her deepest gratitude to the HSR health team for helping bring her capstone vision to life.

 **Left:** Myles Davenport

 **Right Page:** Ivy Benjenk (far left) and Dan Marthey (center) with fellow health policy and management students at the Supreme Court.



Kaiser Permanente Endowed Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship supports graduate students conducting research and/or applied projects to identify more effective methods of health care service delivery in community healthcare initiatives.

PORTIA BUCHONGO

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Portia is a third-year doctoral student interested in value-based healthcare delivery models and using cross-sector partnerships to improve health outcomes. She sits on the University Senate Programs, Courses, & Curricula Committee and volunteers with SisterMentors. Portia also received the Gliner Endowed Humor Scholarship, see this page (right column).

DAN MARTHEY

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Daniel serves as a research and teaching assistant in the Department of Health Policy and Management. He is also a student research affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center and former president of the Health Policy and Management Student Association.

GILDA (SOFI) MARTINEZ

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Gilda is a fourth-year PhD candidate and has served as an instructor of HPM 601. She also works at the US Department of Health and Human Services as a social science analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Art Gliner Endowed Humor Scholarship

This award is given to School of Public Health graduate students who have used humor-based activities to promote healthy aging or public health in research, teaching or community outreach.

AITALOHI AMAIZE

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Aita is a member of the Hospital and Public Health Interdisciplinary Research Lab and is an instructor for the online MPH program. She is also an active member of Divest Princeton and SisterMentors, and serves as the Administrative Director of OurSpace World, Inc.

PORTIA BUCHONGO

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Portia also received the Kaiser Permanente Endowed Graduate Scholarship, see this page (left column).

RAYNA WALLACE

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Rayna is a second-year MPH student with a concentration in health equity. She has served as a graduate teaching assistant and completed a master's thesis examining barriers and predictors to mental health service utilization among African American college students.



LearnEveryDay Scholarship

This award recognizes a student who is advancing research and development of lifelong learning for older adults via internet technology.

IVY BENJENK

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Ivy works as a graduate assistant for the Hospital And Public Health Interdisciplinary (HAPPY) Research lab. She has had publications in *Medical Care*, *JAMA Psychiatry*, and *Psychiatric Services*.

Seabury Aging Research Fellowship

This award honors Retired Seabury Resources for Aging CEO, Joseph Resch, and provides fellowships for graduate students conducting research in aging at the School of Public Health and the Center for Aging.

ASMAA ALBAROUDI

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Asmaa is a 2020-2021 Health and Aging Policy Fellow, where she is placed in Congress on the Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health. She is also a team member in UMD's Hospital And Public health interdisciplinary research (HAPPY) Lab, led by Dr. Jie Chen.

DANIEL CALLOW

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Daniel has published several studies exploring the beneficial effects that physical activity has for preserving cognition and brain health in older adults with and without cognitive impairments.



Outstanding Service Award

Awarded to current HPM students involved in outstanding service to the department, the School of Public Health, campus or community and who demonstrate commitment to service.

JIM (SHUO) HUANG

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Shua also received the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Endowed Scholarship, see page 10.

MARQUE LONG

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Marque supports the Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition with implementing a Health in All Policies resolution in the county. Additionally, he serves as the president of the Health Policy and Management Student Association. Marque also received the Dean's Outstanding Graduate Scholar Award, see page 22.

ESLY RAMOS

Master of Public Health, Health Policy, Analysis, and Evaluation

Eslly is a graduate assistant for the Department of Health Policy and Management. She assists with creating and editing the department's weekly newsletter. She is also part of the Department of Health Policy and Management Student Association.

UPASNA SAGAR

Master of Health Administration

Upasna is a member of the team that helps in organizing health management and policy specific events for her department. She also volunteers in the Medical Staff Services unit at White Oak Medical Center and works as an intern in Revenue Cycle Management division at SOC Telemed.

LARRY TINSLEY II

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

KINESIOLOGY

Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student Award

This award provides support to PhD students in the Department of Kinesiology for assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, research support equipment, labor, subjects and scholarly travel.

WILLIAM EVANS

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

William (Bill) is a PhD candidate studying the role of inflammation in the etiology of heart failure. He has published several papers on cardiovascular health and physical activity. Bill volunteers with Cru, Maryland Club Running, and is a member of Georgetown Run Club. Bill also received the Jeremy C. Rietschel Graduate Mentorship Award, see page 18.

CHRISTOPHER GASKINS

*Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and
Cognitive Science*

Christopher is an occupational therapist and member of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. He is also an executive board member of the non-profit Dare to be D.E.A.F. and co-founder of the non-profit GoTherapy, Inc.

SARA MASCONI

Master of Arts, Kinesiology

Sara is a graduate student and researcher in the Human Integrative Physiology Laboratory. She is also the Founder and President of Fidos For Freedom, Inc. at UMD and a service dog trainer for the non-profit organization, Fidos For Freedom, Incorporated!



 (Left) Jessica Hunter

James H. Humphrey Graduate Student Published Research Award

This award is named in honor of Professor Emeritus James H. Humphrey who was a prolific scholar in the field, publishing over a hundred books. Awardees have published journal articles which will have high impact in a peer-reviewed publication in the previous year.

JESSICA HUNTER

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Jessica defended her dissertation in August 2020 and currently holds a postdoctoral research position at Harvard University.

RYAN SAPP

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Ryan has published two papers over the past year and has two others currently in review. He also recently defended his dissertation.

JUNYEON WON

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Jun is a PhD candidate at the Exercise for Brain Health laboratory led by Dr. J. Caron Smith.



***Alice Morgan Love Memorial
Endowed Scholarship***

This scholarship is presented to undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Kinesiology with strong academic and leadership skills and a commitment to community service.

RACHEL BLACK

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Rachel is an active member of Public Health Beyond Borders where she is a project leader for the Peru team. She is also working as a physical therapy aide in an outpatient office.

KELLY BOUMA

MCERT, Physical Education

Kelly is a student intern in Howard County Public Schools where she has been gaining teaching experience in both the virtual and hybrid learning environment. She was named a Maryland Teacher of Promise and will be working in Montgomery County in the fall. Kelly also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

LISAURY CASTILLO

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Lisaury is a certified Pharmacy Technician at Lawsons Pharmacy, providing quality care and assistance to patients every week. Lisaury also volunteers at United Methodist Church to feed the homeless, and actively spreads resources to others about the vaccine.

DYLAN CHAN

MCERT, Physical Education

Dylan student-taught at Glenarden Woods Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School. He also completed his undergraduate studies at UMD where he earned his degree in kinesiology. He will teach in the Colonial School District in New Castle, Delaware for the 2021–2022 school year. Dylan also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

AMY CUNNINGHAM

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Amy is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. She is a part of the University's Equestrian Club and works as a clinical assistant at an outpatient physical therapy clinic. It is her goal to become an orthopedic physician assistant.

IKECHUKWU EKWUNIFE

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Ike is an active member of UMD's Gymkana troupe, and a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. He is also a member/mentor for College Mentors for Success, known for assisting underprivileged youths in high school going to college.

PEYTON FISHMAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Peyton is a perennial Deans List recipient at the University of Maryland. She has participated in many dance and theater productions and she is an active member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority.



***Alice Morgan Love Memorial
Endowed Scholarship, continued***

ISABELLA GORDON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Isabella tutors for the Academic Achievement Program and was on Club Soccer for three years. She has been inducted into ODK, has served as service vice president of the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega and currently runs the Bandana Project on campus. Isabella also received the Jerry P. Wrenn Scholarship, see page 24.

DANIELA HAGAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Daniela is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and joined the Carillon Community as a freshman. She has volunteered as an explosive performance representative for the non-profit, Athletes for Hope. She is currently interning with the UMD football team.

KAITLYN HANNIGAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Kaitlyn is active in her sorority, Sigma Kappa and is a part of their wellness committee. She is also a member of CHAARG, a women's workout organization that empowers females in the fitness community. She also works for UMD RecWell as an intramural sports official.

SARAH HEALY

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

ARIONA JOHNSON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Ariona is an active member of the campus tour guide committee. She is also a member of the Sports Business Society and involved in women's multinational support organizations on campus.



CHRISTOPHER JONES

MCERT, Physical Education

Chris is an active member of the Best Buddies program at his internship placement, as well as being a swim and dive team coach. He constantly volunteers to help his community in response to new COVID-19 protocols in the area surrounding his home. Chris also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

HABEN JOSEPH

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Haben is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon society. He also works with multiple student organizations, such as Reformed University Fellowship and the Kinesiology Student Organization.

STEPHEN JUNG

MCERT, Physical Education

Stephen also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

JUSTIN KORTICK

MCERT, Physical Education

Justin was a team manager for the Towson University men's basketball team for all four years of his undergraduate studies. He was also involved with the Towson University Athletic Department along with many coaches and administrators. Justin also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.



***Alice Morgan Love Memorial
Endowed Scholarship, continued***

EMILY LUFSEY

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Emily works at Shady Grove Hospital as a rehabilitation aide working along side physical and occupational therapists to treat patients, she has also completed her thesis on the effects of traumatic brain injury, analyzing the best course of rehabilitation for patients.

KATERINA MAHERAS

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Katerina is an active member of Phi Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies and Phi Delta Epsilon fraternity. During her time at Maryland, she interned with UMD's sports medicine team and was a Green Terp Ambassador. She also volunteers at a homeless shelter.

KHADAR MOHAMUD

MCERT, Physical Education

Khadar is an active member of the MCERT program and Shape Maryland, which serves current and future health and physical education professionals throughout Maryland. He was named one of the two University of Maryland Outstanding Future Professional Award recipients. Khadar also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

DANIELA ORELLANA

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Daniela is an active member of the Coalition of Latino Student Organization and Latinx Student Union. She also volunteers for the Sanctuary DMV Food Justice in her free time and works as a tech for a Chiropractic Clinic.

MELKA PAULOS

MCERT, Physical Education

Melka is an active member of SHAPE Maryland that supports present and future physical education educators. He also volunteers time as a youth mentor and young adult leader in the community. Melka also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

DANA PERAL

MCERT, Physical Education

Dana was a volunteer for the UMD Children's Developmental Clinic and worked as an applied behavior analysis therapist and climbing instructor. She was also a treasurer for the Team Associated Games student club. Dana also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

RACHEL PERKINS

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Rachel is a member of the Pre-Physical Therapy Association at the University of Maryland. She is also an active volunteer for the Children's Aid Society in Charles County, Maryland and works as a registered behavior technician for Positive Behavior Corporation.

BRANDON PHAM

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Brandon is currently the president of the Kinesiology Student Organization and an active member of both the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and the Pre-Physician Assistant Club. He is also a pharmacy technician at Safeway. He plans on attending physician assistant school after graduating.



*Alice Morgan Love Memorial
Endowed Scholarship, continued*

TAMIA RODRIGUEZ

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Tamia is a leader within her community as she is active in assisting physical activities at Hillcrest Heights Boxing Gym. She is also a young entrepreneur within Tradehouse Investment Group. It is her goal to impact lives daily and become a doctor of physical therapy.

JACK ROMERO

MCERT, Physical Education

Jack is an aspiring physical educator seeking to promote physical literacy among children in the community. The focus of his thesis projects for the Department of Kinesiology and the MCERT program centered on child participation in sports and physical activity. Jack also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

DILLON SHAHEEN

MCERT, Physical Education

Dillon is an avid attendee of professional development opportunities in the teaching community. In addition to the Alice Morgan Love Scholarship, he was a recipient of the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship. Dillon also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.

SEFANIT TEKLE

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Sefanit has managed to excel academically while being an active member of the Eritrean community. During the pandemic, she and her family have successfully raised funds to help displaced Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia, Sudan and Libya.

CELINE THAI

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Celine is part of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She is also an active member of the community outreach for the Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program at UMD and a member of the French Language Organization where she helps students develop their French skills.

AIRA VILLANGCA

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Aira volunteers by creating logo designs at a local antique store in her area to help the small business grow. She is also part of the SPH-STEP program in TERP Focus Stream, a group project that does virtual focus sessions to encourage studying.

MEGAN WELLS

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Megan has been on the Dean's List for seven consecutive semesters and is an active member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She plans to attend Columbia University beginning Fall 2021 to pursue her master's degree in occupational therapy.

CHRISTINA ZARRELLI

MCERT, Physical Education

Christina has held a cumulative GPA above 3.5 during the MCERT program while also completing program requirements and teaching full time as a physical education long-term substitute at Bushy Park Elementary. Christina also received the Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship, see page 18.



Quinn Endowed Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to meritorious students who are preparing for a career as a physical education teacher.

KELLY BOUMA

MCERT, Physical Education

Kelly also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 14.

DYLAN CHAN

MCERT, Physical Education

Dylan also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 14.

BRENT JOHNSON

MCERT, Physical Education

CHRISTOPHER JONES

MCERT, Physical Education

Christopher also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 15.

STEPHEN JUNG

MCERT, Physical Education

Stephen also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 15.

JUSTIN KORTICK

MCERT, Physical Education

Justin also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 15.

KHADAR MOHAMUD

MCERT, Physical Education

Khadar also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 16.

MELKA PAULOS

MCERT, Physical Education

Melka also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 16.

DANA PERAL

MCERT, Physical Education

Dana also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 16.

JACK ROMERO

MCERT, Physical Education

Jack also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 17.

DILLON SHAHEEN

MCERT, Physical Education

Dillon also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 17.

CHRISTINA ZARRELLI

MCERT, Physical Education

Christina also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 17.

Jeremy C. Rietschel Graduate Mentorship Award

Named for a 2011 graduate who never hesitated to help another student, this award is granted to PhD students in the Department of Kinesiology who have given generously of their intelligence, skills and time to help other graduate students advance their research and/or complete their graduate degree.

WILLIAM EVANS

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

William also received the Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student Funding Award, see page 13.



MD INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Wait Family Endowed Graduate Scholarship

The Wait Family Endowed Scholarship is provided to graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in environmental health research.

SUHANA CHATTOPADHYAY

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Suhana is actively engaged in studying environmental microbiology relevant to public health and mentors undergraduate students in this area. She has published eleven peer-reviewed articles and is a recipient of the UMD Global STEWARDS (NSF-NRT) Fellowship.

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE

Barbara and Carl Alving Endowed Research Award

This award supports junior class standing students majoring in public health science who demonstrate research excellence and the potential or ability to translate health-related research in clinical or community applications.

VIJAY VANATHAYAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Vijay is the secretary and also a founding member of the Maryland Science Café club. He has also worked as a research assistant at the Motivated Cognition Laboratory studying the human quest for significance.



Whitlark Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship supports undergraduates majoring in public health science demonstrating strong academics, potential for future leadership in public health and, when possible, commitment to integration of physical activity and public health.

MARIELA MELGAR

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Mariela Melgar is a diligent student who maintains a good-standing GPA. She maintains a part-time job and volunteers in her community in her free time.



Do Good Challenge Award

SARA HATFIELD

Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health and Family Science

Representing Public Health Beyond Borders, Sara received the third place prize in the project category of the Do Good Challenge Award competition held by the UMD Do Good Institute. As vice president, Sara has helped the group maintain its support to partner sites abroad via virtual training and services, advocated for increased federal funding for communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and partnered on a town hall with Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen.



VEERAJ SHAH

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences, Health Policy and Technology

Representing Chat Health, Veeraj received the first place prize in the venture category of the Do Good Challenge Award competition held by the UMD Do Good Institute. Run by 40 student volunteers, Chat Health has been used by more than 4,000 students and is bridging the gap between college students and medically-accurate health information through accessible SMS chatbots, which use artificial intelligence to mimic human conversation.



📷 Left: Veeraj Shah

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD RECOGNITION

BS/MPH and BS/MHA Capstone Projects

The inaugural cohort of accelerated masters program students are recognized for completing their capstone projects.

MIREIM ALIBRAHIM

*MPH, Department of Epidemiology
and Biostatistics*

Concentration: Epidemiology

*Association Between E-Cigarette Use and
Asthma Status*

MIFRAH BAQAI

MPH, Health Policy and Management

*Concentration: Health Policy Analysis
and Evaluation*

*Community Water Fluoridation Advocacy:
Influencing policy through a compendium*

BROOKE FRUMAN

MPH, Health Policy and Management

*Concentration: Health Policy Analysis
and Evaluation*

*An Analysis of the Expansion of Behavioral
Telehealth Services during the COVID-19
Pandemic and the Future of Telehealth Access
and Reimbursement in Maryland*

RACHEL GERSTENFELD

MPH, Health Policy and Management

*Concentration: Health Policy Analysis
and Evaluation*

*Genetic Testing Policy and Genetics Workforce,
Privacy, Coverage, and Reimbursement
Policy Challenges*

ELIZABETH HUTMAN

*MHA, Health Policy and Management
Health Service Administration*

*Analyzing the integration of publicly-funded
substance use treatment into HIV primary care in
Cape Town, South Africa*

ERICA YING-JA LEE

*MPH, Department of Epidemiology
and Biostatistics*

Concentration: Epidemiology

*Association Between Weight Perception and
Major Depression Among Young Adults*

AMANDA MELVIN

*MPH, Health Policy and Management
Concentration: Health Equity*

*Should We Send the Kids Back? The Creation
of a Return-to-School Model to Assess the
Risk of in-person Learning During the
COVID-19 Pandemic.*

JALEH MONTAZER

*MPH, Health Policy and Management
Concentration: Health Equity*

*A Review of Enacted Community Accountability
Measures and the Adaptation to Prince George's
County Food Policy Initiatives*

CHRISTINE NZOKOU

*MPH, Health Policy and Management
Concentration: Health Policy Analysis
and Evaluation*

Baltimore Maternal and Child Health Project



DELTA OMEGA HONORARY SOCIETY 2021 INDUCTEES

Delta Omega is the honorary society in public health. The Gamma Zeta chapter of Delta Omega was established at the University of Maryland School of Public Health in 2011 to honor our distinguished students, alumni, faculty and honorary members. The mission of the society is to encourage and recognize excellence in practice, research, education and academic achievement in the field of public health.



Jan-Michael Archer, PhD (MIAEH)

Ivy Benjenk, PhD (HPM)

Abbie Bridges, MPH (BCH)

Andrew Conway, PhD (FMSC)

Raul Cruz-Cano, PhD (EPIB)

Freweyni Gemerew, MPH (HPM)

Carlton Green, PhD *Honorary* (Dean's Office)

Samantha Griffin, MPH (KNES)

Rya Griffis, MPH (HPM)

Muhiuddin Haider, PhD (MIAEH)

Travis Hyams, PhD '20 (BCH)

Opiaah Jeffers, MPH (EPIB)

Olivia Kachingwe, PhD (BCH)

Leena Malayil, PhD '19 (MIAEH)

Lis Maring, PhD (FMSC)

Sherry Maykrantz, MPH, PhD (HPM)

Brielle Merchant '14, MHA (BCH)

Sohil Paravantavida, MHA (HPM)

Kevin Roy, PhD (FMSC)

Jocynen Smith-Lee, PhD '13 (FMSC)

Kirsten Stoebenau, PhD (BCH)

Leandra Stubbs, PhD '20 (BCH)

Natasha Williams PhD (FMSC)



DELTA OMEGA STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARDEES

Department of Behavioral and Community Health

FIRST PLACE

Leena Daniel

Project Title: Understanding Adolescents' Perceptions of Leadership for Health Promotion in a School Setting
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hannah Lane

HONORARY MENTION

Lenora Blakely

Project Title: Facilitators and Challenges of Access to Housing in the Context of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Program for Youth Experiencing Homelessness
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio

HONORARY MENTION

Maisha Huq

Project Title: Recommendations for Breast Cancer Education for African American Women Below Screening Age
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cheryl Knott

Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

FIRST PLACE

Jonathan Aram

Project Title: Self-Reported Drug and Alcohol Misuse by Disability Status in the National Survey on Drug Use and Health
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Natalie Slopen

HONORARY MENTION

Weijun Yu

Project Title: Characteristics of Asymptomatic Patients, Length of Stay in Hospital, Gender Differences and Other Attributes Among COVID-19 Carriers: A Multi-center Retrospective Cohort Study in Hong Kong
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Quynh Camthi Nguyen

HONORARY MENTION

Rajrupa Ghosh and Bethany Ogbenna

Project Title: Obesity Phenotypes and Metabolomic Profiles: A Systematic Review
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Department of Family Science

FIRST PLACE

Rebecca Foss

Project Title: The Effectiveness of the 14-hour Version of the TOGETHER Relationship and Financial Education Program
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Mariana Falconier, Mark Lachowicz, & Jinhee Kim

HONORARY MENTION

Brennan Winer

Project Title: Shifting Tides and Federalist Patchworks in LGBT Health Policy: Applying ILGA-EU Human Rights Indices to an American Context
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Fish

HONORARY MENTION

Izidora Skracic

Project Title: Women's Own Experiences of How Depression Influences Fertility Desires and Contraceptive Behaviors
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julia Steinberg

Department of Health Policy and Management

FIRST PLACE

Portia Buchongo

Project Title: Thriving in a Post-COVID Age: An International Collaboration and Career Development Tool to Increase Diversity and Inclusion in Healthcare Management, Health Services, and Health Policy Research
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

HONORARY MENTION

Marjani Cephus

Project Title: Evaluation of the Wellness Connections Program: Improving the Health of Individuals with Mental Health Diagnoses and Substance Use Disorders
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lori Simon-Rusinowitz

*Delta Omega Student Research Poster
Awardees, continued*

Department of Kinesiology

FIRST PLACE

Kirsten Peterman

Project Title: “Will There Be a Season?” the Impact of COVID-19 on Anxiety Within NCAA Student Athletes and Non-Athlete University Students

Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith

HONORARY MENTION

Gabriel Pena

Project Title: Better Indices of Sleep Quality and Quantity Relate to Lower Depression and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith

HONORARY MENTION

Naomi Arnold

Project Title: Listening to Classical Music is Associated with Lower Symptoms of Depression in Older Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith



*Maryland Institute of Applied
Environmental Health*

FIRST PLACE

Richard Remigio

Project Title: Investigating the Role of Clinical Measures Before Dialysis Treatment as Mediators in the Total Association Between Ambient Temperature and Mortality/Hospital Admissions

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amir Sapkota

HONORARY MENTION

Jan-Michael Archer

Project Title: Fighting for Health and Justice in Uniontown, AL: Community Science Air Quality Monitoring Using Low-Cost Sensors

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sacoby Wilson

HONORARY MENTION

Lucy Kafui Kavi

Project Title: Characterization of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Exposures Among U.S. Hairdressers Serving an Ethnic Clientele

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephen Thomas

Public Health Science Program

FIRST PLACE

Brennan Winer

Project Title: Shifting Tides and Federalist Patchworks in LGBT Health Policy: Applying ILGA-EU Human Rights Indices to an American Context

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Fish

HONORARY MENTION

Lenora Blakely

Project Title: Facilitators and Challenges of Access to Housing in the Context of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Program for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio

HONORARY MENTION

Basilica Arockiaraj

Project Title: Health Literacy and Self-Management Behaviors Among Individuals with Type II Diabetes

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Natalie Slopen



Gold “Creativity in Crisis” Prize

This prize recognizes innovative solutions by students emphasizing the application of public health knowledge to promote health and prevent disease in the context of the pandemic. The prize is given under the auspices of the Gold Public Health Innovation Endowed Award.

Undergraduate Students:

ANNE MAMISH

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Project: Health Literacy and Vaccine Compliance

ANDY OKHUEREIGBE

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Project: COVID-19 on Childhood Development

Master’s Students:

SAMIHA AHMED

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Project: E-Mentoring Female Minority Researchers

AMANDA MELVIN

Master of Health Administration

Project: Return to School A-Team Model

Doctoral Students:

DANIEL CALLOW

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Project: Mental Benefits of Physical Activity in Older Adults During COVID-19

LESLIE JORDAN

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Project: Forward Focus Coping During COVID-19

RICHARD REMIGIO

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Project: Climate and End-Stage Renal Disease

Honorable Mention Submissions:

RACHEL MARTIN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Project: 2 submissions on Bioethics, 1) Physician Assisted Suicide and 2) Genetic Enhancement

“SEMI” AYO-GBENJO

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Project: Personal Journal on Behavior Change with Health Behavioral Frameworks

EDEN ADHANOM

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Project: Food Insecurity in College Park

**Gold “Creativity in Crisis” Prize,
continued**

MASHA KARTASHEV

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Project: Dyadic Coping in Black
Heterosexual Relationships

Social Action Student Award

This award recognizes an SPH student or team that demonstrates excellence in social action through a planned event, campaign or project designed to improve the well-being of traditionally marginalized groups.

ZARA DUNEFSKY

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Zara is a recent transfer student. Her research has appeared in the Baltimore Sun and she has been involved in clubs such as the Student Government Association and UNICEF at her old institutions.

DEEPTI GHIMIRE

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Deepti is an active member of the university’s chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success and Public Health Beyond Borders. She also volunteers as a tutor to recently resettled refugee youth with the Peer to Peer Program.

RYAN NGUYEN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Ryan is an active member of Phi Delta Sigma and the Humankind project. Within these two teams, Ryan is working towards bringing awareness to mental health issues within the male and Asian community.

SYDNEY QUAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Sydney has been nominated for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars for the Towson and UMD chapters. She was a sports captain for the lacrosse team and a three-year champion on her volleyball team.



GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

Dean's Graduate Scholars

The Dean's Graduate Scholars are students who have excelled academically and contributed to the greater SPH community through campus activities, community service and volunteering. These students are engaged citizens of the School and have made a notable impression on their department, faculty and peers through their academic and co-curricular achievements.

JAN-MICHAEL ARCHER

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Jan-Michael is a passionate advocate for racial and environmental justice. He has dedicated the last three years to working with residents in disfavored and over-polluted communities throughout Maryland and in Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

ABBIE BRIDGES

Master of Public Health, Community Health

Abigail is an internship advisor for undergraduate students in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. She also works as a public health fellow with the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy where she provides technical assistance to Local Health Improvement Coalitions in Maryland.

DANIEL CALLOW

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Daniel has published several studies exploring the beneficial effects that physical activity has for preserving cognition and brain health in older adults with and without cognitive impairments.

CYNTHIA CAMPOS

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

Cynthia is a full-time account manager in the health insurance field who is focused on earning her Master of Public Health degree. She was also an intern with the Healthy Futures Program at the University of Maryland.

SANDRA CHAO

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Sandra is a full-time researcher at Mathematica and a Gates Millennium Fellow through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Her dissertation examined competition in the Medicare Advantage market. She has co-authored four articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

ANDREW CONWAY

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Andrew is a current research scholar with the National Research Center on Hispanic Children and Families. Andrew was recognized by the University as an Outstanding Graduate Assistant in 2020 and received a Wylie Dissertation Fellowship this year.

RACHEL GERSTENFIELD

Master of Public Health, Health Policy, Analysis, and Evaluation

Rachel is completing her MPH capstone focused on genetic testing access and policies through her internship at the National Organization for Rare Disorders. She is also a graduate assistant for the Department of Health Policy and Management.

RAJRUPA GHOSH

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Rajrupa is predoctoral fellow at the National Cancer Institute. She also represents the SPH as an ambassador for This is Public Health, ASPPH. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant and Outstanding Service awards in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

BRIDGETTE HEINE

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics

Bridgette is a successful biostatistics MPH student with a 4.00 GPA. She is a research assistant in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and graduate assistant in the Teaching & Learning Center in the UMD College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences. She previously interned as a data analyst for Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.



Dean's Outstanding Graduate Scholars, continued

ELIZABETH HUTMAN

Master of Health Administration

Elizabeth is completing her master's through the accelerated BS/MPH program. She works as a graduate assistant for the Department of Health Policy and Management Business Office and is a graduate research assistant for the Global Mental Health and Addiction Program.

OPIAAH JEFFERS

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Opiaah has a passion for maternal and child health and has served as a perinatal community health worker in the DC/MD area. At the start of the pandemic, she volunteered with Prince George's County Health Department and is currently University of Maryland's National Association of County and City Health Officials Student Chapter president.

KATHERINE KIM

Master of Arts, Kinesiology

Katherine is a master's student dedicated to teaching and fostering peer research skills by assisting the transition of kinesiology classes from an in-person to online format and providing skill-based guidance for undergraduate and graduate students in her lab.

MARQUE LONG

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Marque also received the Outstanding Service Award, see page 12.

SHIFALI MATHEWS

Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences

Shifali conducts research with Dr. Amir Sapkota on climate change and health. She is a part of the Frederick County Public Health, Extreme Weather Events, and Resilience subgroup to develop recommendations for climate adaptation. She is also a teaching assistant for SPHL100.

ZAHRA SABOORI

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Zahra has worked closely with the SPH on designing and implementing public health fundamentals courses and served on multiple committees. As a Wylie Dissertation Fellowship recipient, her dissertation focused on community health workers managing intimate partner violence.

ALEXANDRA SIMIONE

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Alexandra also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship, see page 8 and the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

Leadership Award

The graduate student recipient of this award exemplifies outstanding leadership attributes and has demonstrated strong promise for a career dedicated to excellence and innovation through leadership.

SARA OLSEN

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Sara also received the BCH Community Service Award, see page 4.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

Jerry P. Wrenn Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship

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 students on track to fulfill graduation requirements within the next year and who demonstrate experience and leadership in their field of study.

ESMERALDA CAMPOS

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Esmeralda is an undergraduate public health science major. She is also currently in a accelerated BA/MPH program for epidemiology.

CODY FISCHER

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

ISABELLA GORDON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Isabella also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 15.

STACEY GREAVES

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Stacey is a single mom of five, with a full-time job and part-time job and a proud Terp in the family science program. She puts her studies to good use working at a behavioral health clinic where she serves clients in case management and as a drug and alcohol counselor.

OLUWASEYI KINTUNDE

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Oluwaseyi is an active member in the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital volunteer department. She is also a front line worker in Medstar's Emergency Department and a pregnancy center volunteer.

OLUWALAYOMI OMOLOLA

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Oluwalayomi is the active president of Bethel Campus Fellowship and intern at the MTV Staying Alive Foundation. She has also contributed to the research at SPH Center on Young Adult Health and Development and received the Outstanding Student Leadership Award for her excellent service as a health educator.

ABHINAASI SINGH

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Abby is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon and Office of Multi-ethnic Student Education Academic Excellence honor societies. She is also a client manager at the Silver Spring same day testing location for COVID-19 testing.

CAMILLE SMITH

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Camille is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. She was the Community Service Chair for the Kinesiology Student Organization and a sports medicine intern for the Maryland Athletics department.



Irene's Scholarship

Maureen Gleason Bryant established this scholarship in honor of her mother, Irene Wallace Gleason Baxter. It assists students who have taken a break away from a formal degree program and now have returned to complete their education in the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

ARELY HERNANDEZ

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Arelly is a part of a community pediatric dental facility. She helps translate and promotes awareness to Spanish-speaking families about the benefits of a healthy smile. She also works at a gym near her home teaching children in the daycare how to stay active.



TerpStart Endowed Scholarships

The university matches the awards generated from donor-created TerpStart Endowed Scholarships in perpetuity. To qualify, students must meet any requirements of the award and maintain satisfactory academic progress towards a degree in public health.

ISABELLA MARIE SALAFIA

Carl and Barbara Alving TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Isabella is an active member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority where she serves as the apparel chair. She is also a member of the Eta Sigma Gamma Fraternity.

DANIELLE LIVINGSTONE

Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Danielle is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society prior to this year serving on the Event Planning Committee. She was also recognized as a Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar for the 2020-2021 year.

DANIEL ELI VEGA

Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Daniel has been executive vice president of the Circle K International organization for the 2020-2021 school year. He has also worked as a tech at the College Park Pivot Physical Therapy Clinic.

BRYANNA NKETIA

Gold Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Bryanna (Bry) is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and the former vice president of LGBTQ-Students and Allies in Public Health. They are also an honors ambassador and member of Design Cultures and Creativity.

***TerpStart Endowed Scholarships,
continued***

ANUSHREE SANGRAULA

*Hahn Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Anu is a project coordinator at the Comprehensive Assessment and Intervention Program. She is also president of Public Health Action Through Civic Engagement and is a team leader for the Maryland Math Program, a part of the Maryland Mentor Corps.

DARIAN TRANSUE

*Ruth and George Douglas Hatfield TerpStart
Endowed Scholarship
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Darian has been a part of the sports medicine internship for the past two years working with the University's football team. She also has worked with residential facilities for the past year. Darian aims to be a certified athletic trainer in her future after Maryland.

FATIMA KOROMA

*Mockenhaupt-Popp Family TerpStart
Endowed Scholarship
Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

Fatima is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She also works as a research assistant in the Department of Family Science.

BRIANNA JELINEK

*Whitlark TerpStart Endowed Scholarship
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Brianna graduated a semester early and now works for Medstar Health Physical Therapy.

Maryland Promise Scholarships

The Maryland Promise Scholarship Program provides supportive educational and financial opportunities to undergraduate students from the state of Maryland and Washington, D.C. exhibiting strong academic and leadership potential. Through the Clark Challenge for the Maryland Promise, donor contributions are matched one for one.

ANGIE TAYEL

*LifeBridge Health Maryland Promise Scholarship
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Angie is enrolled in the Global Public Health Scholars program, has volunteered with Organization of Arab Students and Islamic Relief, and hopes to become a pediatric Occupational Therapist.

***Dean's Outstanding
Undergraduate Scholars***

The Dean's Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars are students who have excelled academically and contributed to the greater SPH community through campus activities, community service and volunteering. These students are engaged citizens of the School and have made a notable impression on their department, faculty and peers through their academic and co-curricular achievements.

DASUNI CHOUDHARY

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Dasuni is an active intern for the Department of Health and Human Services. She is also an active UMD health advocate and participates in organizations such as the UMD Student Government Association's Health and Wellness Committee.

HAMMAD BAQAI

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Hammad is the vice president of recruitment for Phi Delta Epsilon and is the President of Penny Appeal UMD where he plans global relief and public health advocacy projects for the UMD community. He is an active member of the Integrated Life Sciences program and acts as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the School of Public Health.



Dean's Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars, continued

ERIN CROSSLEY

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Erin is a member of the Kinesiology Student Organization, Mighty Sound of Maryland and Alternative Breaks. In addition, she is a volunteer coach/tutor for Soccer Without Borders–Baltimore.

GABRIELLA FROHLICH

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Gabi is the founding intern of the Victor Center's Community Health Awareness (Education) Initiative and president of Challah for Hunger. She is also treasurer of an a cappella group and active member of Mortar Board as well as the Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies.

KELLY GRANAHAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Kelly is an active member of the Universities at Shady Grove Student Ambassadors Program and works as a chair-in-training for their Recruitment Opportunity Liaison Committee. She is also currently a research assistant helping to revise Helen Osborne's book, "Health Literacy From A to Z."

ABBY KAHN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

While excelling at her job as a physical therapy technician, Abby is also vice president of the Kinesiology Student Organization and a proud member of UMD's Gymkana.

ALISA KOTZ

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Alisa is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honors Society and is part of the Federal Fellows Program, with a concentration in Public Health Policy. She has also done research at UMD in community health and serves on the board of Challah for Hunger.

LAUREN MALDONADO

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Lauren is the social media and events coordinator of Phi Upsilon Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter Honor Society. She is also an active member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Phi Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

MADILYN MANDICH

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Maddie is an active member of the club running team and serves as a student ambassador in the Health Professions Advising Office. She is also a sports medicine intern in the Athletic Department, having worked with the track and field and women's soccer teams.

SADE PARSON

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Sade has served as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the School of Public Health and peer educator for the University Health Center. She is also a part of the Departmental Honors Program and is proud to have been recently admitted into the accelerated BS/MPH program.

CALI PLATT

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Cali is in the Honors College and currently serves as an undergraduate teaching assistant. She completed her term as president of Sigma Delta Tau last semester and is an active member of the Order of Omega and Phi Alpha Epsilon honors societies.

GRACE VIRDEN

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Gracie is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and is also the vice president of membership for Kappa Delta. She spends her free time as a member of One Love Club, Preventing Sexual Assault and volunteering for Prevent Child Abuse America.





Dean's Outstanding Senior Scholars

EMILY BENDLIN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Emily Rebecca is an active member of the student organization Combating Overdoses in Rural Areas and the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She has also served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the School of Public Health and contributed to two epidemiology courses.

LILY CENTRA

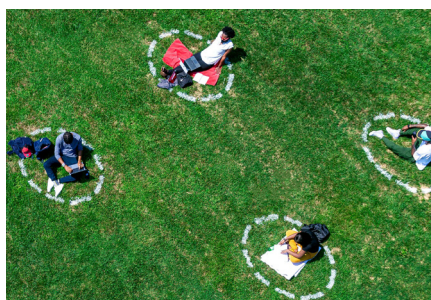
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Lily is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon School of Public Health Honor Society. She is also an undergraduate research assistant in the Neuromotor Control and Learning Laboratory and was an intern at Hanger Clinic: Prosthetics and Orthotics.

HALEIGH COAR

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Dean's Outstanding Senior Scholars, continued

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