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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.

EMMA APOSTOL

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Emma is a Happiness and Wellness Initiative intern at the School of Public Health. She is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honorary Society. Next year, she will be pursuing her Masters of Public Health at Emory University.

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.

REILEY HARTMULLER

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Reiley is the co-president of the Eta Sigma Gamma Honor Society and an active member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. She also is a member of the 2020 cohort of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health's Honors program.

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.

JOHN SALERNO

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

John is the founder of LGBTQ+ Students and Allies in Public Health at the University of Maryland and is an active member of the University of Maryland Prevention Research Center (UMD-PRC). He also co-founded the UMD-PRC subcommittee on anti-racism.



Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship

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

SAMAH AHMED

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Samah is a current intern at the National Institute on Aging division of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland where she actively works with the Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation. She has also interned with MaryPirg, where she worked on the Zero Hunger Campaign.

MARISA ARSENAULT

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

KELSIE CHALLENGER

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Kelsie is a proud School of Public Health alumna. She was the co-project leader and travel team member of the Sierra Leone arm of Public Health Beyond Borders and was a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society.

DASUNI CHOUDHARY

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Dasuni is an active member in the School of Public Health community through her role as a peer advisor with the Undergraduate Center for Academic Success and Achievement, as well as a member of Public Health Beyond Borders. She is also on the executive board of Maryland Mauji and an undergraduate teaching assistant for the Foundations of Public Health course.

BEATRICE HAMMETT

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Beatrice works as a resident assistant for the Department of Resident Life and as a peer mentor in the TerpsEXCEED program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is an active member of the Eta Sigma Gamma, Phi Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

JASMINE HENRY

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

ASHLEY HYSTAD

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Ashley is an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, where she has previously held the position of mental health chair. She is also an intern at the National Cancer Institute division of the National Institutes of Health.

AZZAH ISMAIL

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

HALELUJHA KETEMA

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

GRACE LEE

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

KATHERINE LOPEZ-MEDINA

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

RILEY MCDONALD

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Riley is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She is also an organic chemistry tutor and works as a physical therapy technician at Performance Physical Therapy.

ERICA METZ

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Erica is a dean's list student, she currently interns at the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health restoring hope in clinical patients. She also works part-time as a contact tracer to identify COVID-19 cases in the greater Maryland area.

ALANA MITNICK

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Alana works a full time internship at OrthoBethesda as a medical assistant, where she risks her life helping those in a need every day. She has also been nominated for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at the University of Maryland.

Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship, continued

PAIGE MOFFITT

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

LALEBELA MOORE

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

During her time at UMD, Lalebela was an active member of the Charles R. Drew Pre-Medical Society and the Eta Sigma Gamma National Honorary Society. She was also a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society.

CHELSEA PARRA

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Chelsea is an active member of the Prince George's County community and has volunteered in many places such as her local fire department, hospitals and doctors' offices. She also participates in community outreach seminars given by local doctors.

EVELYNN PHAM

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Evelynn is currently a community health intern at So What Else, Inc. She is also an active member of the Vietnamese Student Association.

EMMA ROWLANDS

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Emma is a member of Eta Sigma Gamma, a health education honorary, and has also served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Additionally, she is an active member of the University Honors community. Emma also received the Dean's Senior Scholar Award, see page 33.

FABIOLA SALERNI

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Fabiola was a part of the Eta Sigma Gamma and Delta Phi Epsilon honor societies during her time as a community health student. She was also the recipient of the R. Brick Lancaster Community Health Internship award from the Society for Public Health Education.

JESSICA SCHWARZ

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Jessica is a senior behavioral and community health student who is currently interning at the Anne Arundel Medical Center focusing on community outreach programs for underserved populations. She is also part of the Club Softball at the University of Maryland.

RODRIGO SORTO

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

ASHLEY TAYLOR-HATCHER

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

ALTHEA WILHELM

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Althea served as an active member of the Eta Sigma Gamma Epsilon Chapter and was a undergraduate teaching assistant for the Human Anatomy and Physiology II course. She graduated in December and recently started her journey as a nurse by beginning a Master of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

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.

SADE PARSON

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Sade is a student in the accelerated BS/MPH program working towards her Masters of Public Health in Community Health. She has helped enhance the health of communities through her previous work with Planned Parenthood and the Truth Initiative. She has also served as a campus tour guide.



 Robin Sawyer retired from the Department of Behavioral and Community Health in 2017 after 33 years of teaching tens of thousands of students in his popular human sexuality course. He died in 2019 after a battle with pancreatic cancer and is remembered fondly by many UMD alumni as one of their most important mentors and favorite professors.

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.

JENNIFER ROBINSON

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Jennifer is an active member of the Community THRIVES Laboratory research team seeking to promote health equity among marginalized youth through mental health and sexual and reproductive health interventions. She is also a student representative and instructor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

Constance Dent Ward and Mary Bryon Henninger Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship for undergraduates in the School of Public Health prioritizes first-generation college students in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

HEYDY HERBERT

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Heydy is a former undocumented student from Baltimore. She is a youth health educator teaching healthy behaviors to Baltimore students ranging from Pre-K to 8th grade. She is also a part of the UMD Migrating Shells, a student organization advocating for undocumented students.

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.

AMANDA NG

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Amanda is an associate service fellow at the National Center for Health Statistics. Her research interests include the social determinants of health and chronic disease. Amanda also received the Seabury Aging Research Fellowship Award, see page 14.

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.

SONICA SAYAM

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Sonica is a doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is also a trained physician from Bangladesh and her research is focused on improving health care for sexual and gender minority groups.

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 doctoral and master's students who have gained ample research experience and demonstrated research productivity.

ANNE MAMISH

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Anne is an epidemiology MPH student in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is also an active member of the School of Public Health's Graduate Student Advisory Council and is currently completing her internship with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

BETHANY OGBENNA

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Bethany is a 2022 Ann G. Wylie Fellow and graduate research assistant in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. In 2021, she published research on discrimination and sleep in Asian Pacific Islanders and is currently focusing her research on breast cancer disparities.

WEIJUN YU

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Weijun (Gaby) is a motivated researcher. She has co-authored seven peer-reviewed manuscripts in epidemiology and several American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine practice guidelines. She also worked in the COVID-19 analytic group within the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and is finalizing two manuscripts for publication in 2022.

YIFAN YU

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Yifan was selected to receive the Faculty-Student Research Award this year. She also worked in the COVID-19 analytic group within the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and has published one paper and two manuscripts.





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.

KAITLIN GRANT

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Kaitlin is a master's student in the Couple and Family Therapy Masters program. She also is a graduate research assistant for Dr. Fish in the SOGI Health Laboratory.

GABRIELA LOAYZA

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Gabriela is an international student and identifies as Latina. She is a master's candidate and a graduate teaching and research assistant in the School of Public Health.



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.

CHANNAH COMEAU

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Channah is a student ambassador with the Department of Family Science. She is also a member of the CHARRG student club and a part of the Maryland Figure Skating Club.

SHIRA RUTTENBERG

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Shira is an academic peer mentor for the Elementary Statistics and Probability course and an active member in CHAARG.

COURTNEY STEFAN

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Courtney is a dedicated student ambassador with the Department of Family Science and acts as the University of Maryland Equestrian Team's vice president.

ATNAFEWORK TEZERA

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Atnafework is a part of the University Honors program and is a member of the student organization, Beyond Shelter. She also volunteers with Peer to Peer to provide tutoring services for refugee youth and is an engagement ambassador for the Tell-a-Terp call center.

Pamela I. Clark Global Health Student Experience Endowed Award

Named for Research Professor Emerita Dr. Pamela I. Clark, this award provides support to School of Public Health students for education, research and service experiences outside of the United States, especially through Public Health Beyond Borders.

MAURA CANAVAN

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Maura is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She is also on the executive board of Operation Smile and works as a program assistant for the Department of Resident Life.

CAMILLE MANUNCIA

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Camille is an active member of the College Mentors for Success where she mentors juniors at the College Park Academy. She is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and works as a teacher aide at the Center for Young Children on campus.

MATTHEW MATHAI

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Matthew is an active leader in Public Health Beyond Borders and a member of the Multi-Ethnic Student Academic Excellence Society. He has also conducted research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and works as a teaching assistant in the Department of Biology.

SARITA MILLER

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Sarita is the development coordinator for the student led nonprofit, Public Health Beyond Borders. She is a teaching assistant for a menstrual health global classroom at UMD and volunteers as a Spanish-English interpreter for the Medical Reserve Corps.

ISAIAH MYERS

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Isaiah is an active member of University of Maryland Club Tennis. He is an optometrist technician gaining valuable health care industry experience. He is also an active member of his church and helps plan youth events.

DEBORAH OMOTOSO

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Deborah is a family science student ambassador and works alongside staff and students to create change that helps to improve the department. She is also a member of the UMD Gamer Symphony Orchestra, a group that performs repertoire from popular video games. Deborah also received the Dean's Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award, see page 32.

CAITLIN RINALDI

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Caitlin is currently a surgical supply coordinator for Northwell Health where she has been tasked with many projects over the last year both in person and remote. On campus, she is the director of sisterhood for Delta Gamma Fraternity, a team captain for Terp Thon and a peer mentor for CIVICUS.

DARYA SOLTANI

Master of Public Health, Community Health

Darya is the graduate mentor and chair of the Student Advisory Board for Public Health Beyond Borders. She also works as a research assistant for the Padres Preparados, Jóvenes Saludables Project, a development specialist in the School of Public Health and an intern at the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health. Darya also received the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 30.

SACHA ST-ONGE AHMAD

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Sacha is involved in research projects in Pakistan, Kenya and Zambia and recently concluded work in Haiti and India. She also works as a graduate assistant in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

ALLISON WELCH

Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience

Allison is a pre-med student studying neuroscience. She is traveling abroad this summer to conduct health related research and in the fall to explore a different culture. She is an active member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and is a part of the Integrated Life Sciences Honors College.

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.

KAYLA CAMPBELL

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Kayla is currently a graduate teaching assistant for the Foundations of Public Health course. She is also a co-author for a published article for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System: Home and Family, entitled, "Helping Young Children Behave: The New Principles of Parenting Series."

COURTNEY CANN

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

Courtney is a member of the executive board of the Health Policy and Management Student Association. She has also completed internships in public health consulting and with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Policy and Advocacy Department. Courtney also received the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 27 and the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 29.

BRIA MOORE

Master of Health Administration

Bria is a second-year MHA student and the Department of Health Policy and Management's business office graduate assistant. She is also a public health analyst intern at HSR.health, where she has contributed to the Variant Genesis Risk Index. Bria also received the Health Policy and Management Service Award, see page 12.



LEAH NGUYEN

Master of Health Administration

Leah has helped with health disparities research in the School of Public Health and is working on health communications specifically on vaccine confidence and demand. She is currently part of the Federal Diversity Internship Initiative, interning at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Immunization Services Division.

CLARIE PRECIL

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

Clarie served as a caseworker assistant and health coordination support for Afghan refugees in Virginia, where she also taught ESL classes. She was also a youth carer for Latin American migrant children in San Diego.



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.

ABENA AFARI

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Abena is currently part of a team conducting research on older adult perceptions of volunteering in Belize. She is also involved in campus organizations, including the Health Policy and Management Student Association. Abena also received the RSVP-International Fellowship, see page 14.

LOLA AJAYI

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

Lola is a graduate assistant in the Department of Health Policy and Management. She also works full-time as a management analyst at the National Institutes of Health via the Pathways program. Additionally, Lola's undergraduate thesis was published in the *Journal of Student Research*. Lola also received the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 27.

SEBASTIAN GODOY

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

Sebastian is an active member of the School of Public Health and serves as the lead teaching assistant for the Foundations of Public Health course. Sebastian is also a health ethics resident contributor for *CRXSS*, an international magazine.

BRIANNA HENRY

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

Brianna is a co-communications chair executive board member for the Health Policy and Management Student Association, a mentor for three first-year accelerated BS/MPH program students and currently leads the advertising efforts for the Health Policy and Management Graduate Seminar on multiple platforms.

BRIA MOORE

Master of Health Administration

Bria also received the Health Policy and Management Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project Award, see page 11.



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.

TAEHYUN KIM

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Taehyun is a third-year doctoral student and a graduate research assistant for the evaluation of the Delaware Contraceptive Access Now Initiative. She is also a student research affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center.

IZIDORA SKRAČIĆ

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Izidora conducts research on current reproductive health issues and is an awardee of the Emerging Scholar Grant in Family Planning. She also teaches the Family Inequality: Race, Place, Wealth and Health course and co-leads the Maryland Population Research Center's Journal Club. Izidora also received the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 28.

NIANYANG WANG

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Yang is a health services researcher studying the use of technology and organizational reforms to improve health equity. He is currently researching health care utilization patterns of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias within the context of COVID-19.

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.

MASHA KARTASHEV

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Masha is an intern therapist at the Center for Healthy Families. She also initiated a few research projects with Dr. Falconier to better understand the impact of discrimination on the relationships between couples and dyadic coping.

LINDSAY MALLICK

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Lindsay has a decade of research experience focused on equity in, access to and quality of care of health services for women and children. She is a teaching assistant for the Maternal, Child and Family Health course and is a student affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center.

ELLE POPE

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Elle is a doctoral candidate researching provider organization behavior, mental health and substance use disorders. Elle also serves as a reviewer for the Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Registry and has previously instructed courses on health policy and health economics.



RSVP-International Fellowship

This fellowship is supported by the Arthur and Patricia Garson Endowment, which aims to advance international senior volunteerism programs.

ABENA AFARI

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

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

EMMA POWELL

Master of Public Health, Physical Activity

Emma works as a front desk assistant for the Department of Kinesiology and as a teaching assistant for the Fitness Walking course. She is looking forward to being a part of a research team investigating older adult perceptions of volunteering in Belize.

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.

CHARLENE KUO

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Charlene is a member of the Community Thrives Laboratory and the Woodlawn Project in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. She is also a part of the department's Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

AMANDA NG

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Amanda also received the Outstanding Service Award, see page 8.



KINESIOLOGY

Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student GRIP 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.

HOSSEIN EHSANI

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Hossein is a member of the Neuromechanics Research Core at the Department of Kinesiology. He has been extensively published in top peer-reviewed journals, reflecting his peers' recognition of the value of his research.

ANNA PACKY

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Anna is a second-year doctoral student in the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science program.

SAMANTHA SNYDER

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Sam's research focuses on predicting knee loading using machine learning techniques and custom instrumented insoles.

CYNTHIA WEINER

Master of Arts, Kinesiology

Cynthia is a second-year master's student who is passionate about alleviating health disparities and making an impact through her research. She is hard-working and enjoys helping others achieve their own goals. Cynthia also received the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 30.



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.

DANIEL CALLOW

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Daniel is a doctoral student who is interested in using advanced neuroimaging techniques to determine how exercise may delay and or prevent older adults from cognitive decline.

MIA CAMINITA

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Mia's research in the Neuromechanics Research Core focuses on investigating inter-personal motor synergies and coordination strategies. Mia currently leads the new Motion Capture and Gait Laboratory at the Fight for Children Sports Medicine Center at the Children's National Hospital.

BRANDON WALLACE

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Brandon has conducted and published field research on the intersections of sport, physical activity and progressive social movements. He also teaches several classes for a local non-profit that offers specialized courses for underprivileged students. Brandon also received the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 30.



Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Alice Morgan Love, PhD '59 and an associate professor of physical education and a graduate of Frederick High School. It is presented to undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Kinesiology with strong academic and leadership skills and a commitment to community service.

KIMIA AZARI

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Kimia is a kinesiology student with a personal training certification from American Council on Exercise. She has experience working in different physical therapy settings as an aid.

EMMIE CONTENT

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

DION CRUMLIN

MCERT, Physical Education

MARGARET DAILER

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

TIYEL DAVIS

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

MACKENZIE FISHER

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Mackenzie is a sports medicine intern with the UMD men's lacrosse team and has worked with the UMD football team through the 2021 season and the Pinstripe Bowl Game. She is also a volunteer math and science tutor for high school and college students.

MONICA HALLMARK

MCERT, Physical Education

Monica is a member of the Physical Education Master's Certification program. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology at the University of Maryland. She is also a recipient of the Teacher of Promise Award.

REIGNAH JOHNSON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Reignah is a leader in the Department of Kinesiology and has received academic honors. She is the Kinesiology Student Organization treasurer and works as a leader for research initiatives in the Action Assemblage for Justice, Equity and Peace Coalition under Dr. Ronald Mower.

EMMALEE KENNY

MCERT, Physical Education

CHRISTINE KNOWLES

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Christine is the community service committee chair for the Kinesiology Student Organization. She also works as a community assistant in residence halls on campus.

AARON MANNING

MCERT, Physical Education

Aaron was a long-term substitute in the Montgomery County Public School system and currently coaches soccer at the county and the club level. Aaron is a recipient of the SHAPE Maryland Future Outstanding Professional Award, and he can't wait to get started in the classroom!

SOROUSH NOKTEHDAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Soroush is an active leader in the Action Assemblage for Justice, Equity and Peace Coalition at the Department of Kinesiology. He is also a graduate of the Summer Health Professions Education program at the University of Louisville.

OBEN EYONGANYO

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Eyong is an active member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. He is also a part of the Apostolos Missions Bible Club at the University of Maryland, College Park and also a back-to-back employee of the month at the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

LEWIS ROBLES

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, continued

SAMANTHA SEKSCIENSKI

MCERT, Physical Education

Samantha is currently pursuing her masters in physical education. She graduated cum laude with an undergraduate degree in kinesiology from the University of Maryland. She also completed the Science and Global Change Scholars program.

STEPHANIE SHANAHAN

MCERT, Physical Education

Stephanie is a 2021 SHAPE Maryland Outstanding Future Professional Award winner for her efforts in physical education. In her free time, she also coaches youth field hockey.

TRINH TRAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Trinh is an active member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies. She also works as a Director of Marketing for the University of Maryland One Love and has interned at Pivot Physical Therapy and Chesapeake Bay Aquatic & Physical Therapy. Trinh also received the Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg TerpStart Endowed Scholarship, see page 25.

AIRA VILLANGCA

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Aira has been an active member with the STEP program for a year where she is a double stepper leading students to be professionally ready for the real world. She is also a part of an internship for parks and recreations working with communities to promote an active lifestyle.

HALEY ZACK

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Haley is a second-year kinesiology student and has maintained a 4.0 GPA while currently working as a physical therapy technician at Maximum Performance Physical Therapy in Laurel. She is also a member of the Kinesiology Student Organization.

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.

ABRYANNA HENDERSON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

AbryAnna works in an exercise physiology lab as part of the UM ADAPT research program. For her chemistry research, she published a presentation on estimating partial molar volumes using refractive index measurements. AbryAnna also participated in a sports medicine internship and recently became a member of the Action Assemblage for Justice, Equity and Peace.



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.

NATALIE CRNOSIJA

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Natalie is a graduate student ambassador and serves on the Graduate Advisory Council. She is also a tutor at the Graduate School Writing Center. Natalie also received the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 27.

MICHELE MORGADO

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Michele is a member of the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health's CONSERVE where she focuses on how food and waterborne bacterial infections may be further exacerbated by climate-induced environmental changes. She is also a teaching assistant for the Foundations of Public Health course and is actively engaged in environmental health community events.

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.

VIVIAN FLANAGAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Vivian is the marketing and technology officer of the Residence Halls Association at UMD. She is the president of Students Engaged in Public Health and represents the School of Public Health as an undergraduate senator to the University Senate.

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.

CODY McMULLEN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Cody is a corrective exercise specialist, dedicating his time to promoting health and fitness through exercise and activity. Cody's work focuses on fall prevention in the elderly as well as continued therapy for individuals with various disabilities.



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD RECOGNITION

BS/MPH Capstone Projects

The cohort of accelerated master's program students are recognized for completing their capstone projects.

ROSHEEDAH AKANBI

MPH, Health Policy and Management

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Continuous Improvement Evaluation and Recommendations for the CommonHealth Action Strategy Team: Year 1 of the EDI Action Plan and Roadmap

DARYA SOLTANI

MPH, Behavioral and Community Health

Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Strengthening Mental Health Knowledge and Skills in Rural Honduras Through the Padres Positivos, Jóvenes Saludables Project

ADINA KISILINSKY

MPH, Health Policy and Management

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Identifying Models of Community-based, In-home Support Services

AYOOLUWA OGUNBIYI

MPH, Health Equity

Advisor: Dr. Kelle White

Increasing the Enrollment and Retention of Diabetes Prevention Programs in Maryland

JACOB BARONDES

MPH, Health Policy and Management

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Assessing the Impact of Social Needs Screening in Addressing Upstream Determinants of Health

SARIKA WALIA

MPH, Health Equity

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Health Disparities in Medicare Populations Across Primary Care and Long-term Support Services Settings: Advancing Health Equity

CAMERON ETESSAMI

MPH, Health Policy and Management

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Issue Attention Cycle and Federal Public Health Funding

D'MARFEIVEL McLEAN

MPH, Health Equity

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

A Deeper Dive into Baltimore's Environmental Justice Issues

BRIANNA HENRY

MPH, Health Policy and Management

Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux

How Federally Qualified Community Health Center's (FQHCs) Have Increased Health Care Access and Quality



DELTA OMEGA HONORARY SOCIETY 2022 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.



Suhana Chattopadhyay, PhD '22 (MIAEH)

Kathryn Costello, MPH '22 (KNES)

Amara Channel Doig, PhD '22 (BCH)

Jessica Fish, PhD (FMSC)

Allison Gamblin '22 (FMSC)

Melissa Garcia, MPH '22 (EPIB)

Ali Hurtado, PhD (FMSC)

Roderick King, MD, MPH (HPM)

Evelyn King-Marshall, PhD (BCH)

Laura Koo, PhD '21 (BCH)

Lindsay Mallick, PhD '24 (FMSC)

Heidi Mattick, MPH '22 (KNES)

Dyllis Minang, PhD '20 (HPM)

Bethany Ogbenna, PhD '22 (EPIB)

Clarie Percil, MPH (HPM)

Venchele Saint Dic, MPH '22 (HPM)

John Salerno, PhD '22 (BCH)

Deborah Shelef, PhD '23 (FMSC)

Izidora Skračić, PhD '22 (FMSC)

Darya Soltani, MPH (BCH)

Merianne Spencer, PhD '24 (HPM)

Lakeshia Watson, PhD '22 (EPIB)

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER'S COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

The Delta Omega Gamma Zeta Chapter's Community Partner Award honors our community partners who demonstrate outstanding commitment and dedication and meritorious distinction to the field of public health.

Gamma Zeta Chapter's Community Partner Award

La Clínica Del Pueblo

Nominated by: John Salerno

Department: Behavioral and Community Health

For more than three decades, La Clínica del Pueblo (LCDP) has been committed to improving the health of Latinx immigrants and low-income families. LCDP is a non-profit agency officially established in 1983 that has been addressing the distinct health needs of the Latinx immigrant community in the Washington metropolitan area through comprehensive primary medical care with wrap-around services across the life spectrum, including mental health and substance use treatment, medical interpretation and language access advocacy, community health including health education and safe spaces and advocacy strategies to increase inclusion and health equity for Latinx immigrants. Created and inspired by social justice movements, LCDP is committed to reducing health inequities based on immigration status, language, gender identity, sexual orientation and race.

DELTA OMEGA STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARDEES

Innovative Solutions to Public Health Challenges Award, in honor of Dr. Robert Gold and Barbara Gold

FIRST PLACE

Project Title: iRAM, an AI-based Screening Tool That Redefines the BMI Scale To Include Black and Latino Patients in Disease Risk Assessments

Presenting Author: **Maya Hatoum**,
Undergraduate Student, Public Health Science

SECOND PLACE

Project Title: Leveraging Social Networks and Spatial Analysis to Uncover Asymptomatic COVID-19 Cases

Presenting Author: **Weijun Yu**,
Doctoral Student, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Quynh Nguyen

THIRD PLACE

Project Title: Evaluating Indicator Bacteria and Heavy Metal Presence and Concentration in Irrigation Water on Urban Farms in Baltimore City, MD

Presenting Author: **Emily Healey**,
Doctoral Student, Maryland Institute of Applied Environmental Health

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein

Research on Health Disparities Award, in memory of Mitchell Stewart

FIRST PLACE

Project Title: Multilevel Factors Influencing the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Female Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Author: **Jennifer Robinson**, School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral and Community Health

Mentee and Presenting Author:
Katelyn Reynolds,
Undergraduate Student, Biology

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio

SECOND PLACE

Project Title: Race-based Traumatic Stress Symptoms and Self-rated Health/Life Satisfaction Among the People of Color: The Role of Financial Difficulties During COVID -19

Presenting Author: **Isha Chawla**,
Doctoral Student, Department of Family Science

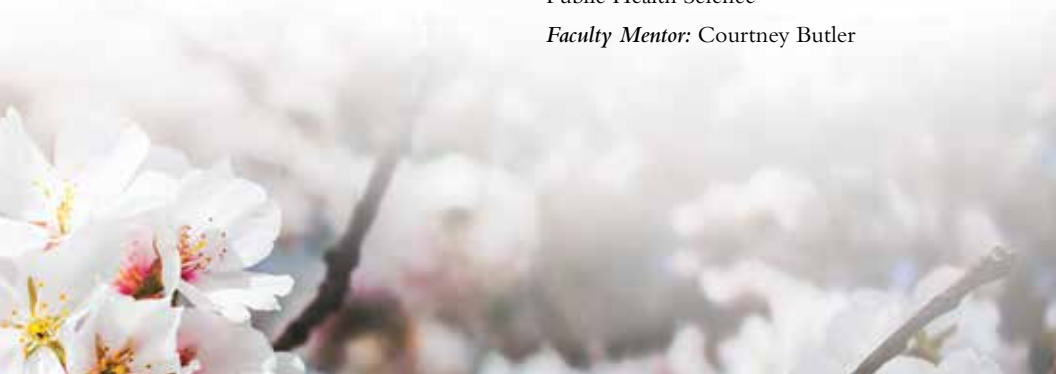
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jinhee Kim

THIRD PLACE

Project Title: Mitigating Substance Use Disorder (SUD) In UMD Students Through Education, Awareness, and Harm Reduction Approaches

Presenting Author: **Kimberly Tan**,
Accelerated BS/MPH Student, Public Health Science

Faculty Mentor: Courtney Butler



DELTA OMEGA STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARDEES

Undergraduate Student Winners

FIRST PLACE

Lisa Anoruo

Project Title: Integrating Culturally-based Approaches into Sexual and Reproductive Health Programs for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Faculty Mentors: Charlene Kuo and Dr. Liz Aparicio

Department: Public Health Science

SECOND PLACE

Kimberly Tan

Project Title: Mitigating Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in UMD Students Through Education, Awareness and Harm Reduction Approaches

Faculty Mentors: Courtney Butler

Department: Public Health Science

THIRD PLACE

Nikki Emamian

Project Title: Mindfulness for Families Managing Chronic Disease

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robin Puett

Department: Public Health Science

Master's Student Winners

FIRST PLACE

Cameron Smith

Project Title: Baltimore City Irrigation Water Quality: Current Use and Needs From Baltimore City Farmers and Gardeners

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein

Department: Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health

SECOND PLACE

Natasha Robinson

Project Title: Health Literacy and Structural Racism: An Applied Experience and Exploration of Health Literacy and Black Women's Mortality and Morbidity

Faculty Mentors: Drs. Andrea M. López, Alice M. Horowitz and Matthew Thomann

Department: UMD Department of Anthropology

THIRD PLACE

Darya Soltani

Project Title: The Design and Pilot Implementation of a Family-Skills Training in Rural Honduras: An International Collaboration

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Department: Behavioral and Community Health

*Delta Omega Student Research Poster
Awardees, continued*

Doctoral Student Winners

FIRST PLACE

Suhana Chattopadhyay

Project Title: Distinct Oral Bacterial Communities Observed Between Tobacco Users and Non-Users: A Longitudinal Oral Microbiome Study

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Amy R. Sapkota

Department: Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health

SECOND PLACE

Jianyu Lai

Project Title: Comparison of Saliva and Midturbinate Swabs for Detection of SARS-CoV-2

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Donald Milton

Department: Epidemiology and Biostatistics

THIRD PLACE

David Hawthorne

Project Title: Sexual Risk Behavior and Lifetime HIV Testing: The Role of Adverse Childhood Experiences

Faculty Mentors: Drs. Mona Mittal, Typhanye Dyer and Rodman Turpin

Department: Behavioral and Community Health



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD RECOGNITION



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.

HAJA KUMALAH

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences

Haja recently got accepted into the accelerated BS/MPH program. She is the founder of Black Health Matters and an active member of the Charles R. Drew Pre-Health Society. She also works with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation serving individuals in the county.

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.

LEKSANA ANDREWS

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Leksana is a member of the UMD Women's Gymnastics team. She works as an intern for the TOGETHER program and is involved in many Maryland Made programs, such as the Barry and Mary Gossett Fellows program and Body Appreciation Movement.

GRACE LEE

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

*Jerry P. Wrenn Endowed
Undergraduate Scholarship, continued*

MERON GEBRE-EGZIABHER

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Meron is currently an intern at a federal agency and works part-time while also being a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She is also a member of Global Communities, Federal Fellows and has completed research for the university.

ABIRAA NANDAKUMAR

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Abiraa is an active member of the Kappa Lambda Xi Multicultural Sorority and the Order of Omega Honor Society. She also tutors general chemistry at the Academic Support and Tutorial Services Organization at UMD, which provides tutoring to those under a certain income.

HAMZA IGUIDRE

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Hamza is a senior kinesiology major who is looking to enter physical therapy school. He currently works as a physical therapy tech at two physical therapy clinics in Baltimore, MD. He is also a member of the UMD based volunteer group, Kids At Heart.

ZAHHRAH SIDDIQ

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Zahrah has held two leadership positions with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as the president and activism chair of the UMCP chapter and is a resident assistant on campus. She is also a member of Teach for America and will begin her career in the fall.



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.

Carl and Barbara Alving

ISABELLA SALAFIA

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Isabella is an active member of the social sorority, Sigma Kappa as well as the health education honor society, Eta Sigma Gamma. She is also an undergraduate teaching assistant for the Epidemiology for Public Health Practice course and works at the Ritchie Coliseum.

Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg

TRINH TRAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

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

Carolyn Brown and Mark Dumolien

DEEPTI GHIMIRE

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Deepti is a member of Public Health Beyond Borders and the president of the Hu-MAN-Kind Project. She has received the SPH's Social Action Student Award and been a guest speaker at the Dean's Council meeting. She also works as a research assistant at Johns Hopkins University.

Carolyn Brown and Mark Dumolien

ALANA LEVY

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Alana is an active member in the professional pre-health fraternity, Delta Epsilon Mu and the public health honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon. She also volunteers with a local animal rescue and is a teaching assistant for an environmental health class in the School of Public Health.

TerpStart Endowed Scholarships, continued

Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller

DANIEL VEGA

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Dan is a previous officer and current member of UMD's Circle K International Club.

Gold Family

JAWAYRIA REHMAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Jawayria is the president of Mu Delta Alpha, a professional sorority for Muslim women. She is also an experience leader for Alternative Breaks and is interning at the World Resources Institute.

Hahn Family

ANUSHREE SANGRAULA

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Anu is a project coordinator at the Comprehensive Assessment and Intervention Program Laboratory and a research assistant with the Global Mental Health and Addiction program. She is also a team leader for the Maryland Mentor Corps's reading program.

Ruth and George Douglas Hatfield

ANISA SAISAN

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Mockenhaupt-Popp Family

TOMIKA STRONG

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Tomika is an active member of the TerpVet group and has served in the Air Force for 20 years. She also helps assist and tutor other TerpVets when they are in need. She gets satisfaction out of helping others and seeing them succeed.

Whitlark

JASMINE NUAKO

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Jasmine is an active member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. She is also a part of the Maryland Mentor Corps and works as a mentor in the reading program.

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.

LifeBridge Health

ANGIE TAYEL

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Angie is a student in the Global Public Health Scholars program at UMD. She is also on the events committee for the Organization of Arab students, and works as an SAT tutor for the Answer Class at UMD.

Jeffrey and Michelle Rivest - Dean's Council

JOSHUA BALAGTAS

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science



GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

Graduate Student Ambassadors

Graduate Student Ambassadors are a dynamic group of student volunteers chosen to represent the School of Public Health in a variety of roles related to graduate admissions. Ambassadors represent the diverse School of Public Health student body and strive to inspire, engage and represent past, present and future SPH graduate students from all of our programs.

LOLA AJAYI

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

Lola also received the Health Policy and Management Outstanding Service Award, see page 12.

ELIZABETH BELL

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Elizabeth is a member of the Neuromechanics Research Core and her dissertation focuses on modeling the mechanical effect of pregnant walking on knee joint loading and future knee health.

JENNA BURNETT

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

As a member of the Neuromechanics Research Core, Jenna conducts research into the mechanics of lower extremity amputees. She has received several academic awards, including the Summer Research Fellowship, during her tenure at UMD, and has acted as a teaching assistant for undergraduate courses.

COURTNEY CANN

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

Courtney also received the Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project Award, see page 11 and the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 29.

AUSTIN CANTRELL

Master of Health Administration

Austin is a member of the Terrapin Trail Club and has volunteered for the Do Good service organization.

REGI CORBIE

*Master of Science, Couple and
Family Therapy*

Regi serves as a therapist-intern at the School of Public Health Center for Healthy Families. He also works with the University of Maryland Prevention Research Center as a research assistant.

KATIE COSTELLO

Master of Public Health, Physical Activity

Katie is a teaching assistant and lead instructor in the Department of Kinesiology. She has also worked with Prince George's County Parks and Recreation and the Capital Trails Coalition while completing her capstone project focused on trail usage and physical activity.

NATALIE CRNOSIJA

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental
Health Sciences*

Natalie also received the Wait Family Endowed Graduate Scholarship, see page 18.

LEENA DANIEL

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Leena is a member of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health's Graduate Program Committee as the doctoral student representative. She is also a teaching assistant for the Community Health Internship course and works as a research assistant for UMD Extension.

REBECCA FOSS

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Rebecca has served as a graduate student ambassador for the School of Public Health and has been involved as a member of the Graduate Committee in the Department of Family Science. She has also been working with the TOGETHER program in multiple capacities since 2019.

Graduate Student Ambassadors, continued

ADELE FU

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics

Adele is a School of Public Health graduate student ambassador. She is passionate about helping prospective students with their graduate school decision and is thankful for the supportive professors in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

IOANNA GALANI

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Ioanna is a student member of the National Council on Family Relations. She is also working as a therapist-intern at the School of Public Health Center for Healthy Families supporting individuals, couples and families from marginalized communities.

LAUREN KAUFFMAN

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Lauren is a second-year doctoral student in epidemiology and a teaching assistant for the Epidemiology for Public Health Practice course. She is a member of the Graduate Student Ambassador program, the “This is Public Health” Student Ambassador program and the honor societies of Delta Omega and Phi Kappa Phi.

KRYSTLE McCONNELL

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Krystle is a graduate research assistant in the Department of Family Science and served as an inaugural graduate student ambassador for the 2021-2022 academic year. She is also a member of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health.

CLAUDIA ROBERTS

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Claudia is currently a fellow for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She is a student intern at the School of Public Health Center for Healthy Families and works as a graduate assistant for the Department of Family Science.

IZIDORA SKRAČIĆ

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Izidora also received the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Endowed Graduate Scholarship, see page 13.

JESSICA SNYDER

Master of Science, Environmental Health Sciences

In addition to being a part-time MS student in the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health and a graduate student ambassador for the School of Public Health, Jessica is an industrial hygienist within the University's Office of Research Safety. Jessica also received the Dean's Graduate Scholar Award, see page 30.

CHU JUDY ZHUANG

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Chu is a member of Graduate Student Ambassador program. She has publications in *BMC Medical Education* and has presented her work at conferences. She has also worked as a biostatistics tutor for the Department of Health Policy and Management.

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.

ROSHEEDAH AKANBI

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Rosheedah is a member of the nation's largest leadership Honors Society, the National Society of Leadership and Success and has served as the student president of the UMD chapter since Fall 2020. She is also a project intern at CommonHealth ACTION.

Dean's Graduate Scholars, continued

MAGGIE AMBROSE

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Maggie works as a research administration graduate assistant at the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. A paper she co-authored about harm reduction services in Maryland was recently accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

DEANNA BARATH

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services

Deanna is a part of the Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science and the Latinx Gay Straight Alliance. She previously served on UMD's Senate, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board and the President's Commission on Disability Issues. As part of the Hospital and Public Health Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory, she has contributed to eight articles.

AMANDA BEHDIN

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics

Amanda is an ORISE fellow at the National Center for Health Statistics and also works as an operations coordinator at GMED North America, a medical device certification company in Montgomery County. She is also a 2022 Presidential Management Fellow Finalist.

K. BLAIR BUDD

Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences

Blair works at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is passionate about One Health. She co-leads the One Health Community of Practice at the EPA, is the director of the One Health Academy in Washington, DC and has enjoyed supporting faculty and students as a teaching assistant with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health.



COURTNEY CANN

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

Courtney also received the Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project Award, see page 11 and the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 27.

SUHANA CHATTOPADHYAY

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Suhana's research interests lie in studying the microbiome of tobacco products and has published over ten peer-reviewed articles. With a 4.0 GPA, she is also a recipient of the UMD National Science Foundation Global STEWARDS Fellowship and is actively engaged in mentoring students, specifically women and people of color.

YIMING CHEN

*Doctor of Philosophy, Biostatistics
and Bioinformatics*

Yiming is an active researcher in her study fields. Her research interests include but are not limited to clinical trial design, clinical data analysis and time-to-event analysis. During the past year, she collaborated with researchers inside and outside the University of Maryland and has several publications.

Dean's Graduate Scholars, continued

JESSICA KERALIS

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Jessica Keralis is a health statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics. She successfully defended her dissertation in March and will be graduating this spring.

MASHAAL MUNIR

*Master of Public Health,
Health Care Management*

Mashaal is completing her MPH capstone with the City of Hyattsville Age-Friendly program, creating a report to summarize the needs of senior citizen and identifying ways to effectively target and deploy services to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

VIDHI RAMI

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

Vidhi is a long-time Terp—from attending UMD as an undergraduate to receiving her MPH, she is dedicated to our community. Vidhi also supports UMD's Institutional Review Board as a research compliance analyst to safeguard the rights and welfare of human research participants.

DEBBIE SHELEF

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Debbie has collaborated on research projects focused on women's mental health, prenatal and postpartum support, infant mortality and parenting stress. She teaches two undergraduate courses: Children in Families and Research Methods in Family Science.

MUNJIREEN SIFAT

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Munjireen is an active member of the Delta Omega Honorary Society. She serves on the board of the Refugee Support Group, which helps resettle refugees in the US. She is also a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Oklahoma, focusing on mental health promotion.

JESSICA SNYDER

Master of Science, Environmental Health Sciences

Jessica also received the Graduate Student Ambassador Award, see page 28.

DARYA SOLTANI

Master of Public Health, Community Health

Darya also received the Pamela I. Clark Global Health Student Experience Endowed Award, see page 10.

ORALY SPATZ

Master of Health Administration

Oraly is a senior operations specialist at Foundation Medicine. She is an avid advocate for non-English speaking patients and is active in the diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in her workplace.

BRANDON WALLACE

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Brandon also received the James H. Humphrey Graduate Student Published Research Award, see page 15.

CYNTHIA WEINER

Master of Arts, Kinesiology

Cynthia also received the Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student GRIP Award, see page 15.

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.

NATE WOODARD

Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health

Among Nate's accomplishments, he is most proud of his efforts to train over 100 Marylanders to serve as sources of support and share health information with their fellow community members and his mentorship roles training the next generation of public health researchers.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

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.

APOORVA AJITH

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Apoorva is on the board of and regularly volunteers with the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. She is also involved with the Global Public Health Scholars program.

ARYA BHARGAV

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Arya is in the Kinesiology Honors program and works as an undergraduate research assistant in the Human Integrative Physiology Laboratory. She also serves as a mentor for little kids through the College Mentors for Kids program.

CLAUDIA BOSQUES

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Claudia is a research intern for the Woodlawn Project in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. She is also the Peer Mentor Captain for the Global Public Health Scholars program.

REBECCA DOLFMAN

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Rebecca is a Department of Behavioral and Community Health honors student and is currently working on her year-long project. She is also an active member of Sigma Delta Tau and Order of Omega Honor Society.



ELIZABETH EARLY

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Elizabeth participates in the University of Maryland Guided Study Sessions program, as an ECON 200 leader. She has worked closely with Dr. Ruth Zambrana in the Consortium of Gender, Race and Ethnicity and has tutored students in statistics for the Department of Mathematics.

MICAH FERGUSON

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Micah is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society, the Every Child Project and University Honors program. She is also an honors ambassador and currently conducts anthropological research on the mental health outcomes of Black high school activists at predominantly white institutions.

SARINA GARITY

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Sarina is an active member of the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and multicultural sorority, Kappa Lambda Xi where she holds the position of education counselor and diversity and inclusion chair. She is also a member of a research group focusing on anxiety in children's books.

*Dean's Outstanding
Undergraduate Scholars, continued*

MIREIA GONZALES-YSERN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Mireia is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Alpha Epsilon and Office of Multi-ethnic Student Education academic excellence societies. She is also an undergraduate representative for the Department of Kinesiology's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and a part of UMD Pre-Physical Therapy and the Latinx Student Union.

PHOEBE KURNIAWAN

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Phoebe is a student in the Kinesiology Honors program and a Global Public Health Scholars alumna. She is also an administrative assistant, supervisor and official for the Intramural Sports program at RecWell.

AARUSHI MALHOTRA

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Aarushi performs research with the Gemstone Honors program, and she is the incoming president of the Gemstone Leadership Council. She is also a campus tour guide and the tours coordinator for Maryland Images, as well as an ambassador for the Public Health Science major.

DEBORAH OMOTOSO

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Deborah also received the Pamela I. Clark Global Health Student Experienter Endowed Award, see page 10.

ISHA YARDI

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Isha is a research assistant in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and is a member of the Student Health Advisory Committee. She also works as a student coordinator for the Do Good Institute and volunteers at a women's health clinic in College Park.



Dean's Outstanding Senior Scholars

MARYEMILY BALLAS

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

MaryEmily is a dedicated student and works in the research laboratories of Dr. Amy Morgan and Dr. Tracy Riggins. She is also a student aide at the University of Maryland Center for Young Children and a volunteer at the Community Learning Garden on campus.

ALYZA BERSON

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Alyza is a Kinesiology honors student, an instructor for Dr. Smith's Exercise for Brain Health Laboratory and a researcher on Dr. Gentili's laboratory team. She is also a personal trainer and group fitness instructor at RecWell, as well as the captain of the recruitment committee for Terp Thon.

NUR BROMUND

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

Fatimah is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon and Phi Upsilon Omicron honor societies. She was also a member of the Student Engagement Team in dining services.

EMILY FIORENTI

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Emily is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. She is also the vice president of the Pre-Occupational Therapy Association and worked as a tutor for student athletes.

SUPRAJA KANIPAKAM

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Supraja is a global public health scholar and serves as a guided study sessions leader, a teaching assistant and a student ambassador for the Reed-Yorke Health Professions Advising Office. She is also an active member of the Alpha Delta Lambda and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies.

EMILY LOLLI

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

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