



SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

# 2024

**CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND STUDENT AWARDS** >

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The School of Public Health would like to thank our generous scholarship, fellowship, and award donors for supporting our students. Your help has enabled us to recognize our students' achievements and help them graduate with less debt. Many of them are only able to pursue their degrees because of your support.

We thank you.

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**KEY TO PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS:**

**UMD:** University of Maryland, **SPH:** School of Public Health,  
**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

*This award goes to an individual who has exhibited the ability to overcome challenges while maintaining high academic performance.*

##### **Maia Jerchower** §

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

#### Community Service Award

*This award goes to undergraduate and graduate students who have made superior commitments and contributions to the well-being of a community.*

##### **Gloria Asante**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

##### **Heydy Herbert**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

#### Research Paper Award

*This award goes to a PhD student who published a manuscript in 2021 or 2022 that was innovative, included substantial data analysis and made a significant contribution to the field of public health research.*

##### **Chia-Shuan Chang**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health*

#### Allograft Industry Trailblazer Award in Public Health

*This award recognizes students in BCH who are laying the groundwork to radically transform the allograft (e.g. organ, tissue, cell transplantation) industry.*

##### **Fatoumata Diallo**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Caitlyn Gunderson**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Jennie Hager**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Angshuman Kashyap**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Shayla Stringfield**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Samantha Watters**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health*

##### **Marie Yuille**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*



**Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship**

*This award honors Dr. Margaret W. Bridwell, a lifelong public health practitioner and former director of the University Health Center. This award supports students in BCH during their internship experiences. Provides internship support for undergraduate students in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health.*

**Temitope Akinbiola**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Gloria Asante**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Eva Bhattarai**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Camille Clarke**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Maia Jerchower§**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Jeremy McCallum**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Bree Middleton**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Faith Murray-Engl**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Kashobi O'Bua**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Jenna Palmer**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Taylor Pate**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Eloi Sammy**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Giuliani Sanchez**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Sara Son**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Kiersten Straley**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Cecilia Vasquez Cruz**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Andree Marie-Stefania Wetondieu**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Doris W. Sands Scholarship**

*This award honors Dr. Doris Sands, a sexuality educator renowned for her teaching skills and ability to reach students at UMD from 1964 to 1986. The BCH Undergraduate Program Committee selects the recipient(s) based on strong motivation and promise in the field.*

**Kashobi O'Bua**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Constance Dent Ward and Mary Byron Henninger Endowed Scholarship**

*This award provides merit-based scholarships for undergraduate students in BCH, particularly first-generation college students.*

**Heydy Herbert**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

**Anh Tran**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*



## EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIostatISTICS

### 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.*

#### **Elizabeth Early**§

*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology*

### Outstanding Service Award

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

#### **Megan Winner**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

### 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.*

#### **Aaron Blakney**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health*

#### **Candice Owusu**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*



## 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. She 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 supports graduate students enrolled in the Couple and Family Therapy MS program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.*

#### **Matthew Alvarez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Leilani Chavez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Adrian Cortez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Jazmine Diggs**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Ola Elwakeel**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Nicole Gerber**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Adam Hedelund**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Mia Lemus**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Isaiah Myers**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Nisha Patel**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

#### **Sonia Ramos**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Jennifer Becker Carswell  
Endowed Award**

*This award recognizes a second-year marriage and family therapy student for performance excellence in clinical work or for a unique contribution to a clinical specialization.*

**Sonia Ramos**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Andrew Billingsley  
Endowed Scholarship**

*This annual scholarship recognizes a committed FMSC student who has demonstrated scholastic excellence.*

**Kayley Childs**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

**Lauren Radebaugh**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

**Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship**

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

**Matthew Alvarez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Leilani Chavez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Adrian Cortez**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Mansi Dougall**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Ola Elwakeel**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Nicole Gerber**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Adam Hedelund**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Mia Lemus**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Isaiah Myers**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Nisha Patel**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Sonia Ramos**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship**

*Upon Dr. Noel Myricks' retirement and appointment to emeritus status in summer 2004, the department established an endowed scholarship honoring this distinguished educator. He was an outstanding teacher and nationally-recognized family scholar specializing on the intersection of families and the law. This scholarship goes to a first-generation FMSC student.*

**Julia Lopez**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

**Ryleigh Sutton**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

**Karabelle Pizzigati Endowed  
Fellowship in Advocacy for  
Children, Youth and Families**

*This award goes to junior-level undergraduate students from across the campus who are interested in pursuing careers in children, youth and family advocacy. The fellowship supports a summer internship. Pizzigati Fellows also take required coursework and receive one-on-one career coaching.*

**Robin Schlesinger**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

**Sophia Thompson**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

## FAMILY SCIENCE, *continued*

### **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. This scholarship honors outstanding FMSC students.*

### **Samuel Cogan**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Cassidy Cooper**

*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Family Science*

### **Bridget Fannon**

*Bachelor of Arts, Sociology;  
Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Kaitlyn Zhou**

*Bachelor of Arts, Public Policy and Family Science*

## GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

### **Pamela I. Clark Global Health Student Experience Endowed Award**

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

### **Haleemat Lolade Adenuga**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Maria Ahmed**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Jhennifer Alva**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Abigail Hines**

*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology*

### **Janay Johnson**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health*

### **Ijeoma Okoro**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Lydia Walter**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*



### Outstanding Internship Award

This award goes to a master's student in HPM who demonstrated excellence in their capstone or internship project.

#### Chandra Chea

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

#### Shweta Kannan

Master of Public Health,  
Health Care Management

#### Liqiong Liu

Master of Health Administration

#### Delara Rajabi Abhari§

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

#### Sewika Sulpe

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

#### Christa Waterman

Master of Public Health,  
Public Health Practice and Policy

### 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.

#### Amylee Anyoha

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Poushali Banerjee

Master of Public Health,  
Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

#### Lauryl Dunkwu

Master of Public Health,  
Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

#### Elsie Essien

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research



#### Emily Feigenbaum§

Master of Public Health,  
Health Care Management

#### Phil Gordon

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Helen Hocknell

Master of Public Health,  
Public Health Practice and Policy

#### Teagan Maguire

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Aarushi Malhotra§

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

#### Serena Mlawsky

Master of Public Health,  
Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

#### Bilal Murtaza

Master of Public Health,  
Health Care Management

#### Makeda Walelo

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Elizabeth Westbrook

Master of Health Administration

#### Alice Yan

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### SunJung Yoon

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research



### 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.

#### Teagan Maguire

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Policy and Management

#### Kaitlynn Robinson-Ector

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Salwa Shan

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

### 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.

#### Mansi Dougall

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

#### Nicole Gerber

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

#### Merianne Spencer

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

### Seabury Aging Research Fellowship

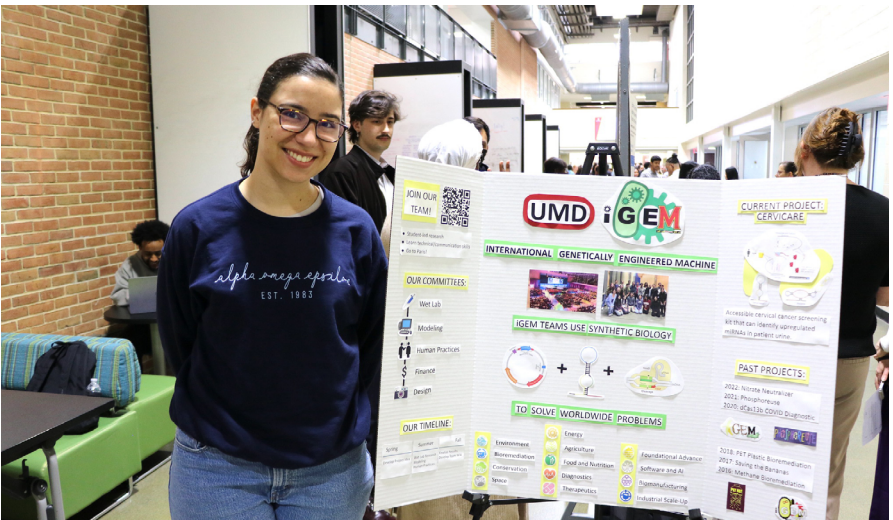
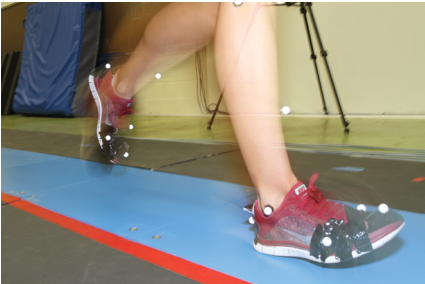
This award honors Joseph Resch, retired CEO of Seabury Resources for Aging, and provides fellowships for graduate students conducting research in aging at SPH and the Center for Aging.

#### Amylee Anyoha

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

#### Seyeon Jang

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research



## KINESIOLOGY

### Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student Award

*This award supports doctoral students in KNES, particularly costs associated with research, including data collection, travel, equipment, and labor.*

#### Tori Justin

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

#### Zoey Kearns

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

### Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship

*This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Alice Morgan Love, Ph.D. '59, associate professor of physical education and a graduate of Frederick High School. Awardees are undergraduate and graduate students in KNES with strong academic and leadership skills and a commitment to community service.*

#### Peshang Abdullah

*MCERT, Physical Education*

#### Enock Elumbu

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

#### Allison Olivia Ritter

*MCERT, Physical Education*

#### John Thompson

*MCERT, Physical Education*

### Whitlark Endowed Scholarship

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

#### Naomi Gedion

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

#### Sidiki Keita

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

## MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### Wait Family Endowed Environmental Graduate Scholarship

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

#### Taiwo Alawode

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health*

#### Catherine Corey

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences*

## PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

### Dushanka and Joel Kleinman Student Award

*This award supports SPH students – undergraduates and graduates – who are engaged in learning opportunities at public health departments through the Office of Public Health Practice and Community Engagement.*

#### Samantha Martocci

*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology*

#### Jeremy McCallum

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

#### Sarah McClure §

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### Essence Mgboji

*Bachelor of Science, Cell Biology and Genetics*

#### Riya Patel

*Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences*

#### Julie Yang §

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

**Robin Mockenhaupt Endowed Distinguished Graduate Fellowship**

This award supports a graduate student in the School of Public Health, who as a fellow, provides high-level project management and administrative support to the leadership of the Office of Public Health Practice.

**MegAnn Smith**

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

**Robin Mockenhaupt Endowed Student Award**

This award supports graduate and undergraduate students for costs associated with accessing the full range of Public Health Practice learning opportunities including classroom, internship/externship and extracurricular experiences.

**Eila Abamonga**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science  
Bachelor of Arts, Government and Politics

**Eden Adhanom§**

Master of Public Health,  
Health Care Management

**Temitope Akinbiola**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

**Priscilla Chan**

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

**Camille Clarke**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

**Christian Croal**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

**Suad Esayed§**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

**Collette Kokesh**

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

**Asli McCullers**

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

**Ijeoma Okoro**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

**Suriya Osborne**

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

**Anh Tran**

Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health

**Priscilla Varghese**

Bachelor of Science, Behavioral and Community Health

**Lauren Wong**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science



## PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE

### PHSC Internship Support Fund

*This award supports students in the PHSC program during their internship experiences.*

#### **Thomas Adams**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science  
Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics*

#### **Anca Bouvier**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science  
Neuroscience*

#### **Lola Hill**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Colleen Kane**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Ryan Lee**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Ogechi McCullough**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Angie Nguyen**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Valencia Nwanwa**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Kelsey Picone**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Sharanya Ravishanker**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Aiswarya Suriaprakash**

*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology*

#### **Julie Yang§**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*



### Barbara and Carl Alving Endowed Research Award

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

#### **Tulsi Patel**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science  
Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences*

### Whitlark Endowed Scholarship

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

#### **Erica Maharjan**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD RECOGNITION

### **Gymkana George F. Kramer Four Year Trouper Award**

*Named after Dr. George F. Kramer, former Gymkana member, head coach and director, this award goes to students who have completed four years of Gymkana membership and have held a position of leadership.*

### **Nikos Koutsoheras**

*Master of Science, Computer Science*

### **Raquel Ziolkowski**

*Bachelor of Arts, Dance*

*Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology*

### **School of Public Health Scholarship**

*These scholarships fund undergraduate and graduate students' work, as well as training and education opportunities to help them solve public health challenges.*

### **Jordan Aquino**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and  
Community Health*

### **Oluwasemilore Ayo-Gbenjo**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

*Bachelor of Science, Information Science*

### **Jada Clark**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Fatoumata Diallo**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and  
Community Health*

### **Princess Isi-Obuseh**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

*Bachelor of Science, Information Science*

### **Roman Kassaraba §**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

*Bachelor of Arts, Spanish*

### **Maor Masica**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*



### **Rashel Moscoso-Morales**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Faith Murray-Eng**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Rend Nayfeh**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### **Patrice Nwomonoh**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Ijeoma Okoro**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Sule Oluwaseun**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Jenna Palmer**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Gwen Pobee**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Sativa Smith**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Ifeoluwa Sonekan**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Atnafework Tezera**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Lydia Walter**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*



## 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.*

### Brooke Kohlheim

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### Kathleen Sonneveldt

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health and Management*

## V. Raymond and Kimbrough Fries Ferrara Scholarship

*This scholarship supports students from across campus who are interested in careers in education or healthcare.*

### Lesley Gonzales

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Cole Harding

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

## 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 SPH), this scholarship supports outstanding students graduating within the next year and who demonstrate experience and leadership in their field of study.*

### Adrian Clements

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### Sidiki Keita

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### James Tettey

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Atnafework Tezera

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### Hannah Treger§

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Leah Young§

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health and Psychology*

## 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 TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Loretta Luu

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Samuel Cogan

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Karla Flores

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### Gold Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Saida Hiyam

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Hahn Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Amanda Bentsen

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### Ruth and George Douglas Hatfield TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

### Aminah Hamilton

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

## Whitlark TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

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

### Eunice Ok

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Mikayla Reed

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

## 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 Maryland Promise Scholarship

### Angie Tayel

*Bachelor of Science, Psychology*

### Robin Mockenhaupt Maryland Promise Scholarship

### Shiloh Christian

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### Clare Ijoma

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Precious Oforji

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### Jeffrey and Michelle Rivest - Dean's Council Maryland Promise Scholarship

### Joshua Balagtas

*Bachelor of Science, Information Science*

### Abel Negash

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science and Information Science*

## Arthur and Francis Rudy Maryland Promise Scholarship

*This award supports School of Public Health students in the University's signature full-tuition scholarship and academic support program, the Maryland Promise Program. Maryland Promise students are residents of the state of Maryland or Washington, D.C. and exhibit strong academic and leadership potential as well as financial need.*

### Abel Negash

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science and Information Science*



# PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH AND PRACTICE DAY AWARDEES\*

## Dushanka Kleinman Lightning Round Talk People's Choice Award

UNDERGRADUATE

*Submitting Author:*

**Lourdes Reyes Valenzuela**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science  
and

**J. Kani Milongo**

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

*Submitting Author:*

**Esohe Owie**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

## Poster Session People's Choice Award

DOCTORAL

*Submitting Author:*

**Angshuman Kashyap**

Doctor of Philosophy,  
Behavioral and Community Health

UNDERGRADUATE

*Submitting Author:*

**Abigail Rudolph**

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

## Mitchell Stewart Research on Health Disparities Award

DOCTORAL

*Submitting Author:*

**Samantha Watters**

Doctor of Philosophy,  
Behavioral and Community Health

UNDERGRADUATE

*Submitting Author:*

**Suad Esayed§**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

## Gold Public Health Innovation Poster Award

DOCTORAL

*Submitting Author:*

**Samantha Snyder**

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

MASTER'S

*Submitting Author:*

**Shachar Gazit-Rosenthal**

Master of Public Health,  
Behavioral and Community Health

UNDERGRADUATE

*Submitting Author:*

**Lydia Walter**

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

## School of Public Health Judged Poster Award

DOCTORAL

*Submitting Author:*

**Hyeonjin Song**

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

MASTERS

*Submitting Author:*

**Claire Barlow**

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

UNDERGRADUATE

*Submitting Author:*

**Haleemat Adenuga**

Bachelor of Science, Family Science

\* Information listed as submitted  
by award entrants.

§Accelerated BS+MPH graduate

More information about these awards,  
including poster titles and advisors for the projects, is available at  
[sph.umd.edu/research-impact/public-health-research-and-practice-day](http://sph.umd.edu/research-impact/public-health-research-and-practice-day)





## 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.

#### **Tatum Cox**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

#### **Deepti Ghimire** §

*Master of Public Health, Health Equity*

#### **Emily Healey**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences*

#### **Nora Jameson**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

#### **Tori Justin**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

#### **Shweta Kannan**

*Master of Public Health, Health Care Management*

#### **Collette Kokesh**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

#### **Haja Kumalah** §

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

#### **Taeilorae Levell-Young**

*Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences*

#### **Lindsay Mallick**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health*

#### **Amanda McKinnon**

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

#### **Serena Mlawsky**

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

#### **Liya Mogese**

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

#### **Candice Owusu**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

#### **Dhara Patel**

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

#### **Catherine Sapp**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

#### **Erica Scott** §

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

**Becky Shasha**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health*

**Nicole Sieck**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences*

**Samantha Snyder**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

**Shayla Stringfield**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

**Sedric White §**

*Master of Public Health, Health Care Management*

**Alice Yan**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

**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.*

**Deepti Ghimire §**

*Master of Public Health, Health Equity*

**Adam Hedelund**

*Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy*

**Angshuman Kashyap**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health*

**Lauren Kauffman**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

**Taehyun Kim**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

**Alisa Kotz §**

*Master of Public Health, Biostatistics*

**Christopher Lawrence**

*Master of Health Administration*

**Paula Masi Fleytas §**

*Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences*

**Krystle McConnell**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health*

**Somtochukwu Obiegbu**

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health*

**Dhara Patel**

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

**Nina Pingleton**

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

**Nicole Sieck**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences*

**Cynthia Weiner**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

**Joann Wu §**

*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology*

**Martha Yumiseva**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science*

**Stefany Zelaya**

*Master of Public Health, Health Care Management*

**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.*

**Jessica Moore-Solórzano**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science*





## 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 have made a notable impression on their department, faculty and peers through their academic and co-curricular achievements.*

#### **Marta Brannman**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

#### **MaryKate Catogge**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

#### **Raquel Chaupiz**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Andrea Datan**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

#### **Changwen Ding**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Tara Eyler**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

#### **Alisha Hussain**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

#### **Jocelyn Luckett**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

#### **Vagmi Luhar**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

#### **Avery Moe**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

#### **Robin Schlesinger**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

#### **Leah Young §**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health and Psychology*

## Dean's Outstanding Senior Scholars

*This award goes to well-rounded senior SPH undergraduate students who have excelled in the classroom and contributed to the greater SPH community through campus activities, community service and volunteering.*

### **Maria Ahmed**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Caroline Crown**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Abigail Elson**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Lili Freeman**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Christine Knowles**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### **Sarah Lingelbach**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### **Karina Lopez**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Sallie Negus**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

### **Abigail Rudolph**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### **Elliot Skopp**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Atnafework Tezera**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Alina Vozna**

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

## Dean's Scholar: Fraley Award

*The Fraley Award – the highest undergraduate honor offered by the School of Public Health – goes to an undergraduate student in the senior class from each department who most completely exemplifies the qualities of a Dean's Outstanding Scholar.*

### **Sriya Chebrolu**

*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

### **Priya Dohlman**

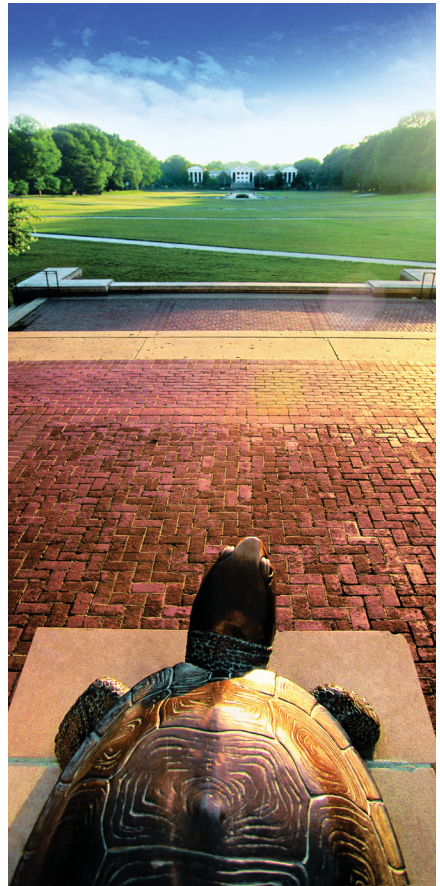
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

### **Shira Ruttenberg**

*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

### **Katherine Salko**

*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*



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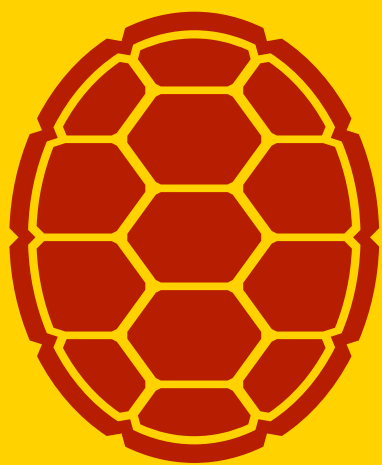
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