Celebration of Scholarships and Student Awards

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Orem Alumni Hall, Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
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.
The University of Maryland School of Public Health is pleased to recognize students receiving scholarships, fellowships and awards in 2023 and 2024. We are proud to highlight their accomplishments in academics and service activities.

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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

$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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-Engh
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

$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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

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*
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 benefitted 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

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

Lauryn 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

$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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
**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

**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

**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

$_$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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

$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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

$Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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-Engh
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

§Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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

§Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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 Offorji
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 Authors:*

- **Lourdes Reyes Valenzuela**  
  Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
- **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 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

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

§Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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 Pingon  
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

§Accelerated BS+MPH graduate
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

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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.

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