



SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

2026

**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.

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,
GEOH: Global, Environmental, and Occupational 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.

Chelsea Ibezimako

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Kaisha Snowden

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

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.

Ariel Balaban

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Behavioral and Community Health*

Cesar Herrera

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Research Paper Award

This award goes to a PhD student who published a manuscript in 2024 that was innovative, included substantial data analysis and made a significant contribution to the field of public health research.

Angshuman Kashyap

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Behavioral and Community Health*

Tobacco Dissertation Award

Former chair of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, Dr. Elbert Glover made this award possible to recognize and support tobacco-related doctoral dissertation research. An internationally renowned tobacco researcher himself, this award continues his legacy in advancing the field of tobacco research. This award is presented to a BCH doctoral candidate engaging in tobacco-focused dissertation research.

Ariel Balaban

*Doctor of Philosophy,
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 undergraduates in BCH during their internship experiences.

Daniel Agyemang

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Mubeen Asim

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Michelle Chung

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Sydney Crawford-White

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Lidya Demissie

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Sara Dennison

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Patrick Garcia

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Halle Gibson

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Amaya Green

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Alexandra Hagen

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Brennan Harris

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Andrew Jiga

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Abiba Kamara

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Brianna Lopez

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Alejandra Mata

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Cattleya Nora

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Molly O'Keefe

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Ava Perruci

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Alexa Rodriguez

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Amir Shad

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Kaisha Snowden

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice; Dance

Kathleen Sonneveldt

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice;
General Business*

Karina Swann

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Richard Urban

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Mandy Vo

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Cierra Walker

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Arianna Wellington

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Carissa Wolff*

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice
Bachelor of Science, Family Health*



**BEHAVIORAL AND
COMMUNITY HEALTH,**
continued

**Barry Portnoy Dissertation
Research Award**

Established through the generosity of Dr. Barry Portnoy, a former research professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, this award honors his legacy by recognizing outstanding dissertation proposals that demonstrate innovation, meaningful public health impact, and especially exceptional methodological rigor.

Jessica Anane

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Angshuman Kashyap

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
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.

Molly O'Keefe

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

**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. It goes to graduate students who demonstrate promise and involvement in public/community health presentations and teaching.

Bryan Shannon

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
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.

Nimra Khan

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

**EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
BIOSTATISTICS**

Outstanding Service Award

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

Aaron Blakney

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

**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.

Huiye Han

*Doctor of Philosophy, Mathematical Statistics -
Biostatistics and Bioinformatics*

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.

Elizabeth Dennard

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Xiao Hu

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics

Shika Marur

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

FAMILY SCIENCE

Family Science Scholarship

This scholarship provides scholarships to FMSC students, supporting their research and travel to conferences.

Arina Borodkina

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Madeleine Fan

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Jasmine Lusane

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Jeanette Spier Beavers Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Jeanette Spier Beavers was a clinical social worker who cared deeply about the rights of the underprivileged and issues affecting families globally. This scholarship supports graduate students in the Couple and Family Therapy MS program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.

Arina Borodkina

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Karla Brofft Cervantes

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Leah Dumaine

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Madeleine Fan

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Victoria Francois

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Mika Graviet

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Chloe Guenette

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Sunniva Harnisch

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Xu Huang

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Genevieve McCall

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Helen Romero

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Emily Schonemann

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Jalan Walker

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.

Helen Romero

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Andrew Billingsley Endowed Scholarship

This annual scholarship recognizes committed FMSC students who have demonstrated scholastic excellence.

Zeinab Azizi

Doctor of Philosophy, Family 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 benefited family members of every age. This scholarship honors outstanding FMSC students.

Kayley Childs

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Christine Duncan

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Jocelyn Flores

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Ethan Havener-Mudge

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Jazmine Miranda

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Mist Nguyen

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Lauren Sigur

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Carissa Wolff*

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

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.

Chloe Guenette

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Lee Wojun

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.

Ebony Argueta

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Ezequiel Delcid Hernandez

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Marcela Osario

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Juan Perez

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Emely Ruano

Bachelor of Science, Family Health



FAMILY SCIENCE, *continued*

Roger H. Rubin Student Professional Award

This award supports graduate student participation at national conferences.

Anahita Asghari-Kamrani

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Marlen Cruz

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Alexandra Di'Orio

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Gabriel Dogbanya

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Dara Gleeson

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Kerra Mercon

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Chidinma Nwankwo

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Imani Sykes

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Amani Wynter

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Dr. Sandra C. Quinn Graduate Student Support Fund for Family Science

This award supports graduate students in the Department of Family Science by increasing opportunities for community building, program recruitment and retention, and career development.

Anahita Asghari-Kamrani

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Neveah Brown

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy



Moniest Cardell

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Marlen Cruz

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Gabriel Dogbanya

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Dara Gleeson

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Sunniva Harnsich

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Xu Huang

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Khiara Lee

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Jasmine Lusane

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Kerra Mercon

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Jessica Moore-Solarzano

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Samantha Moran

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Chidinma Nwankwo

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Imani Sykes

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Amani Wynter

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

FAMILY SCIENCE, *continued*

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.

Esther Bonney

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Policy; Music Performance

Elizabeth diTargiani

Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

Julia Fay

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Francesca Onianwah

Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

Esther Ou

Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

Scott Schultz

Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

Jasmine Sonpar

Bachelor of Science, Public Policy; English

GLOBAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Global, Environmental, and Occupational Health Travel Award

The GEOH Travel Award supports students in pursuing meaningful academic and professional development opportunities by helping offset costs for travel.

Omolola Adegbemileke

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Nisha Bhullar

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Varsha Erapogla

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Olivia Kong

*Bachelor of Science, Global Health
Bachelor of Arts, French*

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

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

Melissa Thomas

*Master of Public Health,
Environmental Health Sciences*



**GLOBAL, ENVIRONMENTAL,
AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH,
continued**

**Wait Family Endowed
Environmental Graduate
Scholarship**

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

Nick An

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

Claire Barlow

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

Kathryn Dixon

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

Cameron Smith

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

Youngjin Yun

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

**Rachel Bell '93 and Anthony Samer
Endowed Student Award in
Global Health**

This merit-based award recognizes students participating in the School of Public Health's Global Health Initiative (GHI), an interdisciplinary program that advances meaningful research, innovative education, and experiential service to improve global public health.

Claire Barlow

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences*

**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.

Omolola Adegbemileke

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Sumayya Al-Mansur

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Nisha Bhullar

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Somtochukwu Eneje

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Varsha Erapogla

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Ginny Hutcheson

*Doctor of Philosophy, Teaching and Learning,
Policy and Leadership*

Angshuman Kashyap

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Shruthi Kishore

Bachelor of Science, Bioengineering

Olivia Kong

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Gizanni McKethan

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Mia Owens

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Liora Ragozin

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Jah'Kei Randolph

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE, *continued*

Maria Stepanyan

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science;
General Business*

Laylaa Suliman

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Garson International Volunteer Endowment for Retired Seniors (GIVERS) Fellowship

This fellowship provides support for graduate students participating in a global health experience that involves encouraging individuals aged 50+ to be civically engaged in their home country.

Chia-Shuan Chang

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral &
Community Health*



HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Capstone Award

This award recognizes a current HPM master's student or recent alum who has demonstrated excellence in their capstone project.

Rasheed Abdullah

*Master of Public Health, Health Care
Management*

Eno Abrefa

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Aamina Bora

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

Timothy Hoyt

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

Nadia Morales

Master of Health Administration

Outstanding Internship Award

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

Nyah Conway

*Master of Public Health,
Health Care Management*

Haley Germann

Master of Health Administration

Aung Khant

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

Nithya Rao*

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

Katherine Roberts

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

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.

Stephanie Guerrero

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

Meghan Hobbs

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Kaleen Ly

Master of Public Health, Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

Teagan Maguire

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Alyssa Maragh

Master of Health Administration

Ketki Shah

Master of Public Health, Health Care Management

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.

Amylee Anyoha

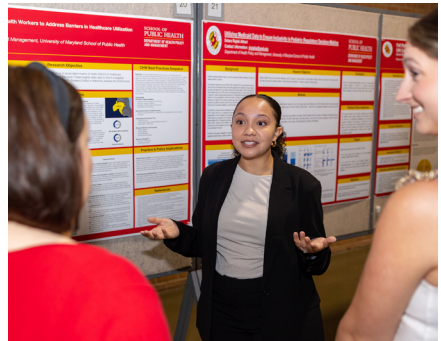
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Gabrielle Bengelsdorf

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Amy Harbaugh

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research



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.

Melody Pinamang

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Carine Wellington

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Alice Yan

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 on Aging.

Charles Le

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

Pallavi Tyagi

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

KINESIOLOGY

David H. and Louise B. Clarke Endowed Scholarship

Professor Emeritus David H. Clarke, who was a leader in the area of exercise physiology, established this award to support students in the Department of Kinesiology. Recipients are selected based on outstanding academic achievement.

David Kim

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Deborah L. Gebhardt Endowed Graduate Student Award

This award provides merit-based awards for second-year doctoral students in biomechanics and physiology in the Department of Kinesiology.

David Kim

Doctor of Philosophy, 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.

Hunter Frisk

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Jayesh Jayashankar

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Elizabeth Kerman

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science



James H. Humphrey Graduate Student Published Research Award

This scholarship supports merit-based awards for published research by graduate students and tenure-track faculty, and provides funding for costs incurred by graduate students and tenure-track faculty members with publishing their research.

Jayesh Jayashankar

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Alice Morgan Love, Ph.D. '59, an 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.

Cliff Carty

Master of Education, MCERT Physical Education

Jennifer Chukwu

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Taylor Daniele

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Kelly Fritter

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Amirpooyan Hashemi

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Charles Henson

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Benjamin Kim

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Kathleen Lynch

Master of Education, MCERT Physical Education

Malachi Manning

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Eric Newton

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

KINESIOLOGY, *continued*

Alex O'Neill

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

John Philbin Jr.

Master of Education, MCERT Physical Education

Lena Quach

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Landon Seidel

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Egjayba Shaw-Taylor

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

William Simpson

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Aspacia Vlangas

Master of Education

Anaija Watford

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Jeremy C. Rietschel Graduate Mentorship Award

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

Maria Clara Canellas da Silva

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Whitlark Endowed Fellowship

This Fellowship supports one or more Ph.D. candidates in KNES for completion of international research experiences.

Jade Escolero-Contreras

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Cynthia Weiner

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Dushanka and Joel Kleinman Student Award

This award supports SPH students — undergraduates and graduates — who are engaged in learning opportunities through the Office of Public Health Practice and Community Engagement.

Nyjel Green

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Virginia Lee

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Alejandra Mata

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Morgan Phillips

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Arnav Siddamsettler

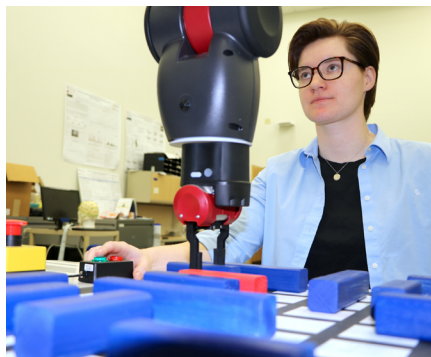
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

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 & Community Health



**PUBLIC HEALTH
PRACTICE, *continued***

**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.

Micaela Brena

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice

Sydney Crawford White

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Gabriel Dogbanya

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Valeria Guzman

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Gabriel Khawaja

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Lucy Nielsen

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice

Akua Oppong

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Morgan Phillips

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Madiha Rehman

*Bachelor of Science, Public Policy
Bachelor of Science, Global Health*

Lauren Sigur

*Bachelor of Science, Family Health
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Mya Smith*

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Kathleen Sonneveldt

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Maria Stepanyan

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science;
General Business*

Laylaa Suliman

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Princess Uzor

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

Arianna Wellington

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE

**Barbara and Carl Alving Endowed
Research Award**

This is a merit-based award for individual students with junior class standing in the public health science major who demonstrate research excellence and the potential or ability to translate health-related research in clinical or community applications in SPH.

Thomas Johnson

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Whitlark Endowed Scholarship

This funded, merit-based award, given each spring, recognizes junior Public Health Science students who demonstrate academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in public health, and, when possible, commitment to the integration of physical activity and public health.

Thomas Johnson

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.

Agatha Baum

Bachelor of Science, Physics

Javier Lorenzo

Bachelor of Science, Economics

Edan Miller

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering

Gymkana George F. Kramer Five Year Trouper Award

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

Sophia Marchionini

*Master of Science, Speech Pathology
and Audiology*

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.

Caryl Agopome*

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Changwen Ding*

*Master of Public Health, Environmental
Health Sciences*



Gabriel Dogbanya

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Maliheh Fakhhar

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Nora Jameson

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

David Liendo Uriona

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Jacqueline Miller*

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Esohe Owie*

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Nithya Rao*

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

Bryan Shannon

*Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Cameron Smith

*Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental
Health Sciences*

Mya Smith*

*Master of Public Health, Behavioral and
Community Health*

Alice Yan

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Graduate Student Fellowship

These fellowships provide support to graduate students outstanding in the School of Public Health.

Rashel Moscoso-Morales

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

Crystal Najib

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Naomi Whitaker

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Graduate Professional Development Scholarship

These fellowships provide support to graduate students outstanding in the School of Public Health.

Caitlin Blanco

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Gabriel Dogbanya

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Pond Ezra

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Lyndsey Griffin

Master of Health Administration

Nora Jameson

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Janay Johnson

Doctor of Philosophy, Maternal and Child Health

Zoey Kearns

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Rashel Moscoso-Morales

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health



Olivia Prince

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Nithya Rao*

Master of Public Health, Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

Cheyenne Schad

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Bryan Shannon

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

Hannah Smith

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

Alice Yan

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Yifan Yu

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Youngjin Yun

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

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.

Hamoud Alotaibi

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

Aina Atienza

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Lidya Demissie

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

McKathy Ebai

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Somotochukwu Eneje

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Riya Malhotra

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Jessica Moore-Solorzano

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Carson Peters

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

Jessica Stanley

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Maria Stepanyan

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science; General Business

Karina Swann

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Mandy Vo

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

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.

Saili Khorjekar

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Malini Raghu

Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience

Americorps School of National Service Award

This award recognizes the distinctive community-service perspective and experience that AmeriCorps alumni bring to public health.

Nicole Miko

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

Tayla Porter

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health



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.

Omolola Adegbemileke

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Elizabeth Bermeo

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Kevin Diaz

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Chelsea Ibezimako

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Sarah Jung

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Jasmine Ramos

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Adriana Salguera

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

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

Bethlehem Kebede

Master of Health Administration

Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Mist Nguyen

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Jimmy Urias

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Gold Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Saida Hiyam

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Hahn Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Ezequiel Delcid Hernandez

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Ruth and George Douglas Hatfield TerpStart Endowed Scholarship

Bridget Junghans

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.

Sarah Samuels

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

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.

***Robb Cohen and Gail Schwartz Family
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Aubrey Ross

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

***Easton Family
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Brianna Walker

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

***LifeBridge Health
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Luis Fonseca Gonzalez

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Aubrey Ross

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

***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

***Emily Pappas '22
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Luis Fonseca Gonzalez

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

***Jeffrey and Michelle Rivest – Dean's Council
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Abel Negash

*Bachelor of Science, Social Data Science -
Public Health*

***Arthur and Francis Rudy
Maryland Promise Scholarship***

Abel Negash

*Bachelor of Science, Social Data Science -
Public Health*

1st Lt. Richard W. Collins III
“Courage Against Hate”
Student Award

This award honors 1st Lt. Richard W. Collins III, a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and Bowie State University student whose tragic death in May 2017 was felt by the entire UMD community. SPH presents this award to graduate and undergraduate students who show strong anti-racism efforts in the classroom and their communities.

Olivia Kong

*Bachelor of Science, Global Health
Bachelor of Arts, French*

Destiny Williams

*Bowie State University
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice*

PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH DAY POSTER AWARDS

People’s Choice Awards

Varun Deshpande

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Title: Sex and 17-β Estradiol Dictate
Macrophage MMP-2 Responses to Vitamin D*

Amani Wynter

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences
Title: Examining the Association Between
Interpregnancy Interval and Maternal Health in
the Postpartum Period*

Top Poster Awards

Saili Khorjekar

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Title: Interleukin 27-Induced Photoreceptor
Survival is Associated with Suppression of a
Novel Muller Glia Subpopulation*

Emmanuella Sanvee

*Master of Public Health, Health Policy
Analysis and Evaluation
Title: Cost-Effectiveness of Two Schedules of
Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
Treatment in Ghana*

Jessica Salzwedel

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Behavioral and Community Health
Title: Applying the Theory of Planned Behavior
to Develop a Retention Intervention Program for
Parenting Students*

**Robert & Barbara Gold Public
Health Innovation Award**

Manuel Custodio

*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences,
Microbiology
Title: Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial of
a Spanish-Language AI-Powered Chatbot to
Support Maternal Mental Health Among
Latina Mothers*

Tim Hoyt

*Master of Public Health,
Public Health Practice and Policy
Title: Development of a Hierarchical Model to
Improve the Identification of State-Level Medical
Deserts in the United States*

John Wesley Wiggins

*Doctor of Philosophy,
Environmental Health Sciences
Title: Mapping the Distribution of Climate
Displacement in Brazil*





DEAN'S GRADUATE SCHOLAR AWARD RECOGNITION

Dean's Graduate Scholars

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

Ibiyinka Amokeodo

Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Gabrielle Bengelsdorf

Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Aamina Bora

Master of Public Health, Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation

Caitlin Blanco

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Chia-Shuan Chang

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral & Community Health

Julia Ethan

Master of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences

Phil Gordon

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Mika Graviet

Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

Janay Johnson

Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science

Rachel Katz

Master of Public Health, Health Care Management

Gabriela Rivera Martinez

Master of Health Administration

Kimberly Maxfield

Master of Public Health, Practice and Policy

Rashel Moscoso-Morales

Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

Ana Peshku

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics

Sophia Thompson*

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

Cynthia Weiner

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

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.

MegAnn Smith

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral & Community Health



DEAN'S UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR 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.

Christopher Creamer

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Jennifer Duru

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Alexa Guttman

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Mason Huynh

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Madelyn Kinney

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Juan Perez

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Liora Ragozin

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Abigail Reed

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Madiha Rehman

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Arianna Ruiz

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Leo Shems

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Lauren Sigur

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Julia Walz

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Pragna Yalamanchili

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Policy - Environmental Justice

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.

Omolola Adegbemileke

Bachelor of Science, Global Health

Ezequiel Delcid Hernandez

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Christine Duncan

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Julia Fay

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Hannah Krinsky

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Gianna Lynch

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Dawson Miles Richart

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Sarah Samuels*

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Eugene Song

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Erin Tebbe

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Kaydence Thompson

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Mandy Vo

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Carissa Wolff*

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

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.

Zainab Ali*

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

Rend Nayfeh

Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

Mist Nguyen

Bachelor of Science, Family Health

Kaisha Snowden*

Bachelor of Science, Public Health Practice

Rell Trivits

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Policy - Environmental Justice





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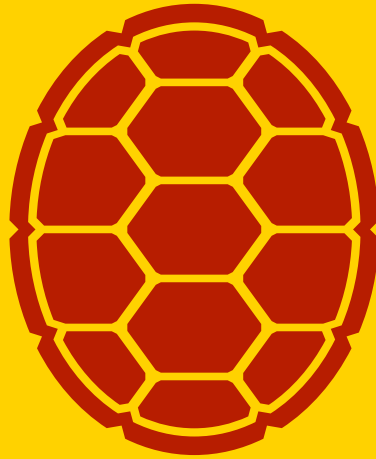
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