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KEY TO PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS:

- **BCH**: Behavioral and Community Health
- **EPIB**: Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- **FMSC**: Family Science
- **HPM**: Health Policy and Management
- **KNES**: Kinesiology
- **MIAEH**: Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health
- **PHSC**: Public Health Science
DEPARTMENT AND CENTER AWARD RECOGNITIONS

BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Academic Excellence Award

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

SAMANTHA ALLEY
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Samantha is the director of communications for the Adele H. Stamp chapter of the Mortar Board National Honor Society and is an active member of Eta Sigma Gamma. She is currently interning at the Howard County Health Department - Bureau of Behavioral Health as a harm reduction intern. Samantha also received the Margaret W. Bridwell Internship Endowed Scholarship, see page 6.

HANNAH MAYHEW
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Community Service Award

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

SHARIFAH HOLDER
Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral & Community Health

Sharifah is a graduate research assistant in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. She is deeply committed to community service and organizes volunteer events in Washington, D.C., to help address food insecurity, homelessness, poverty, educational inequity, domestic violence and environmental issues.

EVERETT RICHMOND
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Everett completed the First-Year Innovation and Research Experience during his time as an undergraduate student. He worked as a scene carpenter at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and also as an intern with University of Maryland’s Office of Emergency Management.

MITCHELL WELTER
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Mitch has been involved in many mental health-related efforts on campus, including providing advocacy at the CARE to Stop Violence Office and conducting research on help-seeking behavior within the Behavioral and Community Health Honors Program. He will be pursuing a master’s in social work this fall.
**Research Paper Award**

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

**SARA OLSEN**

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral & Community Health

Sara is honored to serve on the President’s Commission on Disability Issues and to coordinate UMD’s Disability Summit. She has also served as a graduate assistant to SPH’s Director of Education Innovation on a wide variety of initiatives related to learning technologies and instructional effectiveness.

**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. BCH presents this award to graduate students who demonstrate promise and involvement in public/community health presentations and teaching.

**MUNJIREEN SIFAT**

Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral & Community Health

Munjireen volunteers for Mozaic, a nonprofit that serves Syrian refugees in the DMV area. At GWU, she works with Dr. Kerry Green, studying protective factors of mental health outcomes.

**Doris W. Sands Scholarship**

This award honors Dr. Doris Sands, a renowned sexuality educator who was recognized for her tremendous teaching skills and ability to reach thousands of students at the University of Maryland from 1964-1986. Each spring, the Department of Behavioral and Community Health’s Undergraduate Program Committee selects a student to receive this award based on strong motivation and promise in the field.

**SHAYNA SHOR**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Shayna is an active member of the Behavioral and Community Health Honors Program and the public health honor society, Phi Alpha Epsilon. She has also been a part of the University Health Center’s Health Promotion and Wellness Unit since her sophomore year.

**Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship**

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

**LAUREN ABERNETHY**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Lauren is a supported employment specialist at Cornerstone Montgomery and is enjoying her new job helping individuals with severe mental health and substance use disorders.

**KAHLEB ABERRA**

Bachelor of Science, Community Health

Dana has completed the First-Year Innovation and Research Experience where she extended the research of a faculty member studying gonorrhea. She has also become a volunteer Maryland responder in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Margaret W. Bridwell Endowed Internship Scholarship, continued

SAMANTHA ALLEY
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Samantha also received the Behavioral and Community Health Academic Excellence Award, see page 4.

KELSEA HILDITCH
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

AMANI KYLE
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

AMANDA MELVIN
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Amanda served the UMD community as a substance use peer educator for the 2018-2019 academic year. She was also a member of the Behavioral and Community Health Student Advisory Committee. Most notably, Amanda has earned a spot in SPH’s first accelerated BS-MPH program cohort.

RACHEL MORGAN
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

MARISSA RANDOLPH
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Marissa is a current intern for the Washington County Health Department located in Hagerstown, Maryland. Last semester (Fall 2019), she made the Dean’s List and hopes to make the list again for her final semester at the University of Maryland.

DAISY VELASCO
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Daisy interned at the D.C. Department of Health where she wrote the D.C. Community Health Needs Assessment Executive Summary which has been published throughout the district. She enjoyed her projects and found they provided her with great transferable skills and experiences for her career.

BRIANNA WORKCUFF
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
**Gold Research Award**

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

**SARAH IRVIN**  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

Sarah is a PhD student in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and is completing a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Her area of interest is ovarian cancer risk and cancer etiology, specifically with regard to lipid-related exposures.

**ZHENYAO YE**  
*Master of Public Health, Biostatistics*

Zhenyao is an active member of the American Statistical Association community. She also works as a database analyst intern for the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**Outstanding Service Award**

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

**RAJRUPA GHOSH**  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

Rajrupa works as a teaching assistant and was the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in 2019 for her excellence in teaching. She is the graduate mentor for the Public Health Without Borders (PHWB) India team and is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

**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.

**AMANDA NG**  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology*

Amanda serves as a graduate teaching assistant for EPIB301, “Epidemiology for Public Health.” Her research in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics focuses on the long-term effects of childhood adversity. This summer, she will complete an internship at the National Institute for Aging, where she will continue to study the development of chronic disease.
Andrew Billingsley Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship honors Dr. Andrew Billingsley, former chair and professor of the Department of Family Science, who is one of the nation’s leading scholars on African American families. His scholarship is awarded to a Department of Family Science student interested in pursuing research on ethnic minority families.

KECIA ELLICK
Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science
Kecia was invited to give a presentation for the Critical Issues in Women’s Health webinar for the Women’s Caucus in conjunction with the American Public Health Association. She was also awarded a seed grant from the UMD Qualitative Research Interest Group to complete her dissertation research.

ASHLEY PANTALEAO
Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science
Ashley is currently working on her dissertation which examines the barriers young adults with sickle cell disease experience when transitioning from a pediatric to an adult-oriented health care center.

Selma Tyser Edlavitch Endowed Scholarship
Selma Tyser Edlavitch was a distinguished community volunteer whose generosity had a tremendous impact on Washington area families. Her sponsorship of the Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum of the Washington Hebrew Congregation benefited family members of every age, including young children, adolescents, single adults, married couples and the elderly. This scholarship honors outstanding students in the Department of Family Science.

JENNIFER CERPE
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Jennifer Cerpe is an active member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. She is also an outreach peer for the CARE to Stop Violence Office while interning at the TOGETHER Program to help families build a foundation for their overall well-being. Jennifer also received the Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award (page 26) and the Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship (page 10).

SHARA MILLER
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Shara is a family science and psychology double major. She is an active member of several different peer mentor groups on campus. Shara is a committed College Park Scholar in the Global Public Health program and hopes to go into the field someday specifically to work with children.
Jeanette Spier Beavers Endowed Memorial Scholarship

A dedicated therapist, political activist and mother, Jeanette Spier Beavers cared deeply about the rights of the underprivileged and issues affecting families throughout the world. Ms. Beavers was a clinical social worker whose professional work included an individuals and couples therapy practice, adoption counseling, assisting the mentally ill and extensive writing about families with disabled children. This scholarship provides support for graduate students enrolled in the Couple and Family Therapy master's program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.

NESRIN AYDIN
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

SALWA SHAN
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Salwa also received the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship, see page 9.

Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship

This fund recognizes Dr. Ned Gaylin’s outstanding career, which included creation of the Couple and Family Therapy Master’s Program and tenure as the first chair of the department. Gaylin’s commitment to improving the welfare of students continues through this scholarship fund, which supports Couple and Family Therapy students.

OLURONTOYOSI ALOMAJA
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Oloruntoyosi works as a therapist intern at the Center for Healthy Families. She also works for Bowie Youth and Family Services where she leads co-therapy on dispute regulation and anger management with middle schoolers who attend Benjamin Tasker Middle School.

TAMARA HULL
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Tamara enjoys active participation in a faith-based advocacy group whose purpose is to support women, youth and children domestically and around the globe. She also enjoys working with undergraduate students and faculty as a Department of Family Science teaching assistant.

JENNIFER GRACE LEE
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Jennifer is a graduate student therapist at the School of Public Health’s Center for Healthy Families. Jennifer is also the assistant director of the Science, Discovery, and the Universe College Park Scholars Program where she advises students and plans programming.

SABRINA ROC
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Sabrina is a graduate therapy intern at the Center for Healthy Families and a graduate assistant for the Students Transitioning into Effective Professionals Program.

SALWA SHAN
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Salwa also received the Jeanette Spier Beavers Endowed Memorial Scholarship, see page 9.

ALEXANDRA SIMIONE
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Alexandra is passionate about working with couples and individuals who identify with alternative lifestyles and aims to make therapy more accessible and accepted. She is a graduate assistant with the Center for Academic Success and Achievement, where she supports undergraduate students.
Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship
Upon Dr. Noel Myricks’ retirement in 2004, the department established an endowed scholarship honoring this distinguished educator. Dr. Myricks was an outstanding teacher and nationally recognized family scholar specializing on the intersection of families and the law. This scholarship is awarded to first-generation college students in the Department of Family Science.

JENNIFER CERPE
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Jennifer also received the Edlavitch Family Science Scholarship (page 8) and the Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award (page 26).

Jennifer Becker Carswell Endowed Award
Named for a distinguished graduate, this award recognizes a second-year Couples and Family Therapy student for excellence in clinical work or a unique contribution to a clinical specialization.

ASHLEY COPELAND
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy

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.

IVY BENJENK
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research
Ivy works as a research assistant for Dr. Jie Chen, trying to understand the most effective ways to coordinate care. She has first-authored multiple peer-reviewed publications in journals, including *Medical Care* and *Psychiatric Services*. Ivy was also a recipient of the Gold Public Health Innovation Award in 2018.

JUN CHU
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research
Jun is a third-year doctoral student in health services research, focusing on reducing health inequalities through public programs. Jun is also a voting member of the University Information Technology Security Council, which oversees campus-wide information technology policies.

RICHARD REMIGIO
Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences
Richard presented his research at the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) and earned ISEE’s Travel Grant Award. He also first-authored three manuscripts. Richard is a UMD Global STEWARDS fellow and an NSF research trainee. Richard also received the Wait Family Endowed Environmental Graduate Scholarship, see page 21.
Award for Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project

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

BRIANNA ALDRIDGE
Master of Public Health, Health Equity

Brianna is a student of the policy team at the District of Columbia Primary Care Association as well as a volunteer with SOUL Programs, a youth development program in D.C. Additionally, she serves as the president of the Black Graduate Student Union at UMD.

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

Samantha is a health policy intern at Berkeley Research Group. In addition, Samantha conducts independent research focused on internet access and health insurance enrollment. She recently turned one of her research papers into an op-ed that she hopes to get published.

GILLIAN HAMILTON
Master of Health Administration

Gillian is a part of the Department of Health Policy and Management, where she works as a graduate assistant and is the treasurer for the department's Student Association. She is completing her capstone project at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.

JOY TOLIVER
Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy

Joy is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, a program analyst at the National Institutes of Health-National Institute on Aging, a mother and a wife.

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.

DEANNA BARATH
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Deanna is a fourth year PhD candidate in the Hospital And Public health interdisciplinarity Research (HAPPY) Lab. She also sits on the Faculty Affairs Committee of the University Senate and the Graduate School’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board.

GRACE MISKIN
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

While pursuing her doctorate, Grace works full time at the National Cancer Institute. Her recent publications include an analysis of a new early phase clinical trial program and an editorial on drivers of clinical trial participation. Grace also received the Dean’s Graduate Scholar Award, see page 22.

LIYANG XIE
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Liyang is a health services researcher. Her research interests include health policy evaluation and the health of vulnerable populations. Her work has been published in the American Journal of Public Health, Medical Care, the Journal of Psychiatric Research and others.
**Gliner Humor Scholarship**

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

**PORTIA BUCHONGO**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

Portia is a second-year doctoral student and received the Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Award in 2019. Since 2018, she has been the teaching assistant for an undergraduate course where she instructs students on how to use design thinking for health care.

**ELLE POPE**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

Elle is an oversight fellow for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, researching the influence of the pharmaceutical industry. She is an undergraduate teaching assistant for “Introduction to Health Policy and Services.”

**BRITTNEY SMITH**

*Master of Public Health, Health Equity*

Brittney is an experienced registered nurse who has had multiple years of experience working with mothers and newborns. Her clinical interest has led her to work with the S.M.I.L.E. Program in Montgomery County to research practices that reduce mortality amongst Black women.

**Seabury Aging Research Fellowship**

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

**NIANYANG WANG**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

Nianyang is a doctoral student and an active member of the Hospital and Public health interdisciplinary Research (HAPPY) Lab. He is also an epidemiology and biostatistics tutor for masters students in the Department of Health Policy and Management.

**JUNYEON WON**

*Master of Arts, Kinesiology*

Jun’s paper was covered by the New York Times and NPR. He has also received the Teaching Assistant of the Year Award from the Department of Kinesiology.

**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.

**AITA AMAIZE**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research*

Aita is a research assistant in the Hospital and Public health interdisciplinary Research (HAPPY) Lab. She is also a part of the UMD Graduate Student Government, the School of Public Health Graduate Student Advisory Council, SisterMentors and Divest Princeton.

**ASHLEY BURNS**

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

Lieutenant Commander Ashley Burns is a pharmacist in the United States Public Health Service. He serves at the Food and Drug Administration and recently assisted quarantined evacuees after reports of the initial COVID-19 outbreak.
Outstanding Service Award, continued

SIDNEY CHEN
Master of Health Administration
Sidney works as a teaching assistant for the undergraduate course SPHL100, “Foundations of Public Health.” He is also an active member and current president of the Health Policy and Management Student Association.

KAREN DIEP
Master of Public Health, Health Policy, Analysis and Evaluation
Karen has been a research assistant in the evaluation of DelCAN, a statewide initiative that aims to increase access to contraception in Delaware. She is also supporting the Montgomery County Health Department’s strategic planning and accreditation processes.

JIANNA HOWARD
Master of Public Health, Health Equity
Jianna is a graduate assistant in Studio A, an art studio located in the Stamp Student Union. Additionally, Jianna serves on the executive board of the Black Graduate Student Union as the director of finance and intern with Kaiser Permanente’s Community Health Team.

David H. Clarke Graduate Award
Professor Emeritus David H. Clarke, who was a leader in the area of exercise physiology, established this award to support graduate students in the Department of Kinesiology. Recipients must meet any requirements for the award and are provided funding for conference travel.

MIA CAMINATA
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology
Mia received the Goldhaber and International Conference Student Support Awards in support of her research presentation at the 2019 International Society of Biomechanics Conference. She also won third place in the 2018 PhD Student Research Poster Competition awarded by the Delta Omega Honorary Society.

WONTAK KIM
Master of Arts, Kinesiology
Wontak is a part of the Physical Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference Organizing Committee. He also serves as a mentor for a student athlete education program in South Korea.

JENNIFER GRANT LEE
Master of Public Health, Physical Activity
Jenny is an active member of the National Recreation and Park Association. She also volunteers as a master naturalist trainee for the Audubon Naturalist Society and works as a writing tutor for the Graduate Student Writing Center.

YUAN LIU
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology
Yuan is a second-year PhD student in kinesiology. His research interest is the cardiovascular function of animal models.

KYLE PIETRO
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology
Kyle is an active member of the rowing team on campus and loves having the opportunity to teach students as well as do research.
ANNA POSBERGH  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Anna is president of Graduate Students in Public Health and an active member of Graduate Student Government. She is also a 2020 recipient of the International Olympic Committee/Olympic Studies Centre’s PhD and Early Career Academic’s Research grant. Anna also received the Gebhardt-Phillips Kinesiology Graduate Student Award (page 15) and the Whitlark Endowed Fellowship (page 20).

ERIC STONE  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Eric is a PhD candidate in the Department of Kinesiology, and serves as a teaching assistant and instructor for several courses. He currently serves as the president of the Physical Cultural Studies Graduate Student Association.

YANG (SUNNY) ZHANG  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Sunny is a former professional wushu athlete who completed her thesis in 2014 and published a journal article in 2019 regarding Chinese wushu athletes’ educational issues. She is currently working on another journal article related to this sport.

**Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student Award**

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

JESSICA HUNTER  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Jessica is planning to graduate in August and in June, will start a post-doctoral research position at the Wyss Institute at Harvard University, a cross-disciplinary research institute which focuses on developing new bioinspired materials and devices for applications in health care and robotics.

**Gebhardt-Phillips Graduate Student Award, continued**

ANNA POSBERGH  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Anna also received the David H. Clarke Graduate Award (page 14) and the Whitlark Endowed Fellowship (page 20).

**James H. Humphrey Endowed Graduate Student Published Research Award**

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

EMMA SHAW  
*Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science*

Emma has published six manuscripts and is the first author on three (e.g., *Biological Psychology*, *Experimental Brain Research*). She also received the UMD Graduate School’s Summer Research Fellowship last summer, which allowed her to focus on her dissertation research.

**Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

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

ADRIANNE ADAMS  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
*MCERT, Physical Education*

Adrianne is currently involved in coaching and traveling with youth duckpin bowlers in her spare time. She was also involved in the Children’s Developmental Clinic during her time at the University of Maryland.
Alice Morgan Love Memorial
Endowed Scholarship, continued

JORDAN AL-FALEH
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Jordan is an active member of the Kinesiology Student Organization, a community service/fitness organization, as well as an active member of CHAARG, a fitness club on campus. She hopes that volunteering will help make the campus a healthier place.

ROLANDO ALVARENGA
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Rolando is an active member of the Kinesiology Student Organization. He enjoys volunteering with KEEN, a non profit organization where individuals organize recreational activities for kids with physical disabilities.

BELEN AVELAR
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Belen is currently a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and the University of Maryland’s Honors College. She is also a part-time aide at an outpatient physical therapy office. During the summer, Belen interned with UMD’s sports nutrition department to help registered dietitians meet the nutritional needs of student athletes.

YOU MIN (ETHAN) BAEK
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
MCERT, Physical Education
Ethan is a member of the Physical Education Master’s Certification Program cohort of 2019-2020. He volunteers at a church every Saturday.

SARA BALSAM
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Sara is an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi Honor Society and just finished her term as their vice president of scholarship. She volunteers with children with special needs in her free time and also interns in the media relations department of Maryland Athletics.

MIRA BAUM
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Mira is an active member of the School of Public Health’s Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She is also a team leader for Partners in Print, where she leads a team of other undergraduate students in presenting literacy workshops for Prince George’s elementary school families.

HUNTER BAXTER
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Hunter is an active member of the Student Health Advisory Committee. He is also part of the University of Maryland’s varsity wrestling team. He loves to shadow and volunteer in his free time.

ALYZA BERSON
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Alyza is a member of the Kinesiology Honors Program. She is also an exercise specialist in Dr. Carson Smith’s Exercise for Brain Health Research Lab.

RACHEL BLACK
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Rachel is an active member and project leader for the Public Health Without Borders Peru team. As a project leader for Public Health Without Borders, Rachel works closely with the town of Compone, Peru, to implement essential interventions. She is also a physical therapy intern for the sports medicine department.
JACQUELINE (JACKIE) BLAIR  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Jackie is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Alpha Epsilon honor societies and is a peer buddy for Best Buddies UMD. Jackie was also recently selected as the executive director for Terp Thon.

KEITH BORTNICK  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  
Kyle was a member and leader of the UMD club baseball team for four years. He fulfilled the roles of treasurer and president during his junior and senior years, respectively. His team made it to the Club Baseball World Series in 2019.

ERIN CROSSLEY  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Erin is an active member of the Kinesiology Student Organization, along with the Mighty Sound of Maryland. She is also a sports medicine intern for the UMD field hockey team.

AMIEL CRUZ  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Amiel has completed several volunteer hours in a local physical therapy clinic and currently works for the National Institutes of Health-National Institute of Aging with several health administrators.

LAUREN FAKLER  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  
Lauren is a member of the 2019-2020 Physical Education Master's Certification Program and is completing her student internship in Montgomery County. She enjoys creating workouts for members of the community.

EMILY FINNESSY  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Emily is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Tau Sigma honor societies. She is also a part of the Kinesiology Student Organization and Women’s soccer club at the University.

ISABELLA GORDON  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Isabella is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity. She is also a part of UMD club soccer and works as a tutor for the Academic Achievement Program. Isabella currently works as a medical assistant, where she helps children with vision issues. Isabella also received the Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award, see page 26.

JOHN GORDON  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  
John is a recipient of the 2019 SHAPE Maryland Outstanding Future Professional Award. He is on the Restorative Justice Committee at his current internship placement and is still an active member of the Building Men Program in Syracuse, New York.
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**Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, continued**

**ABIGAIL GORUN**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Abby is an active member of the Student Alumni Leadership Council. She works as an intern for the sports medicine department with the UMD football team and as an office assistant in the biology department.

**KYLA JOHNSON**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Kyla is a sports medicine intern with the football team and is a member of the star stutter dance team, UMD’s majorette team. She is also a public servant and an active member of her community.

**MARINA KISSNER**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Marina works as a north campus facility supervisor at the Eppley Recreation Center and is the vice president of the Pre-Physical Therapy Association. She is also part of the Phi Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

**JACOB KORTICK**  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  

**FRANK LEE**  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  
Frank is a future physical education teacher who wants his future students to enjoy physical activity. He previously earned his master’s degree in sport psychology from Florida State University.

**BRENNAN MAHER**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Brennan is a captain for the events committee of Terp Thon and on the flag football club team. He also works 10 or more hours a week while commuting to campus.

**MORGAN MANNING**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Morgan is an active member of the Delta Epsilon Mu Professional Fraternity and the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. She is also a teaching assistant for anatomy and physiology within the Department of Biological Sciences.

**BRUNO MARCON**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Bruno is an active member of UMD club flag football and several intramural sports. He excels academically, receiving honors and placements on the Dean’s List. He is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

**MARTHA MCKINNEY**  
*MCERT, Physical Education*  
Martha is a Marine Corps veteran and is a member of UMD’s Veteran Student Life. She was also a mentor to new students veterans through the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education Program. She has volunteered with children through her community.

**AHMAD NJOYA**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Ahmad works with NovaCare Rehabilitation to provide physical therapy for those hoping to return back to their normal ability.

**LEA NOWAK**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*  
Lea is an active member of the University of Maryland Pre-Physical Therapy Club.
**Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, continued**

**BROOKS OVERTOOM**  
*MCERT, Physical Education*

Brooks is currently working with students online to continue his internship experience. Earlier this school year, he received the Outstanding Future Professional Award from SHAPE Maryland. Once he has his degree, Brooks will jump right into teaching physical education.

**LAUREN POQUETTE**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Lauren is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She is also an active member of Greek Life Services and the Tri Delta Sorority. Lauren served as the risk management chair for her sorority for two terms. She also works part-time as a medical and chiropractic assistant.

**TAMIA RODRIGUEZ**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Tamia is an active intern for the University of Maryland Undergraduate Sports Medicine Internship. She is a physical therapy aide at CAM Physical Therapy and Wellness Services LLC. It is her goal to become a doctor of physical therapy and a business owner.

**KARINA RUIZ**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Karina recently became a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She is also a member of the Maryland Pre-Physical Therapy Association and is an academic peer mentor for the STAT100 class.

**LEAH SIMMONS**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Leah was an undergraduate research assistant in a lab studying social anxiety in teenagers as well as a clinician in the SPH Children’s Developmental Clinic last spring. She also was on the executive board of UMD women’s club soccer and held positions in the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

**NELSON SLADE**  
*MCERT, Physical Education*

Nelson is a master’s student in the Physical Education Master's Certification Program.

**CAPRI SLAUGHTER**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

**PATRICIA STANGENBERG**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Patricia is an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She is also a mentor to students with disabilities through the vocational program, Taking the Lead, and works at an animal hospital as a patient care coordinator.

**DOMINIC STECKLEIN**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Dominic is a co-president of the UMD Dental Club, Student Dental Advisory Board, member of Catholic Terps, a helper at the UMD community garden and a member of the UMD fishing team.

**MATTHEW STRONG**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Mat is actively involved with Maryland Athletics. He has spent time working with the sports nutrition department and strength and conditioning. He is currently an intern with the strength team working with men's and women's soccer, lacrosse, softball, track and cheer.

**MICHELLE SU**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

**CELINE THAI**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Celine is a recipient of the Maryland Transfer Scholarship and works as a volunteer at the Association of Vietnamese Americans.
KYNING TILLINGHAST  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Kyning holds an internship with the Maryland sports medicine department.

MELISSA WEBSTER  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Melissa is a member of the Kinesiology Student Organization as well as the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

DAPHNA WIEDER  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Daphna is an undergraduate laboratory assistant for “Principles of Cellular and Molecular Biology.” She is also a part of several community service organizations such as DUNK and Adopt-a-Grandma.

ERIK VERHOEVEN  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Erik is the president of the Kinesiology Student Organization. He also an active member of the UMD barbell club and works part-time as a physical therapy technician for Orthopedic Associates of Central Maryland.

PATRICK YI  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Patrick is a member of ARMY ROTC and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at UMD. He also works on campus at the Eppley Recreation Center as a member of the weight/fitness staff and as a personal trainer.

**Jeremy C. Rietschel Graduate Mentorship Award**

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

**LAUREN WEISS**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science*

Lauren has fulfilled numerous leadership roles within her doctoral and research traineeship programs while conducting research in the Exercise for Brain Health Lab. She has mentored undergraduate research teams and organized career development, symposia and outreach events. Lauren also received the School of Public Health Leadership Award, see page 23.

**Elaine Henson Memorial Award**

This is a one-time award provided to a doctoral student traveling to present a paper at a scholarly conference or to conduct research in another laboratory, with special consideration for those traveling internationally. The award is named in memory of Elaine Henson, a former kinesiology PhD student in cognitive motor neuroscience. She was tragically killed in an auto accident during her graduate program.

**MICHAEL HAMBERGER**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology*

Mike earned his master’s in kinesiology from UMD in 2004 and received the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. He has published a book and will be presenting another poster this summer at the conference for the American Psychological Association.

*Right Page: SPH faculty and staff celebrate our fundraising success on Giving Day 2020 which helped to raise funds for student scholarships and fellowships, among other programs.*
Sally J. Phillips Endowed Graduate Award

This dissertation fellowship is given to a kinesiology doctoral student who is in the final phases of completing a high-quality dissertation in preparation for a career in academia. The award is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Sally J. Phillips who served as a professor with a specialization in biomechanics. She recognized the importance of financial support in the final year of doctoral work, the contributions of teaching assistants and the need to provide assistance for the next generation of scholars and academics in the field of kinesiology.

HARRY LI
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Harry is currently researching the bioenergetics of heart failure and has won poster awards for his work at the Greater Washington D.C. Area Physiological Society and UMD’s Public Health Research Day. Harry was also a finalist for UMD’s Three-Minute Thesis Competition. Harry is a diligent teaching assistant and has impacted many undergraduates in the Department of Kinesiology.

Whitlark Endowed Fellowship

The fellowship supports selected international research activities by doctoral students in the Department of Kinesiology.

ANNA POSBERGH
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Anna also received the David H. Clarke Graduate Award (page 14) and the Gebhardt-Phillips Kinesiology Graduate Student Award (page 15).

Wait Family Endowed Graduate Scholarship

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

JAN-MICHAEL ARCHER
Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Jan-Michael studies how green space can improve resilience and air pollution disparities in Black, Hispanic and Latinx communities. Jan is also president of 17 for Peace and Justice, a student organization that highlights environmental injustice occurring in the DMV region.

RICHARD REMIGIO
Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences

Richard also received the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Endowed Graduate Scholarship, see page 10.
Barbara and Carl Alving Endowed Research Award
This award supports junior class standing students majoring in public health science who demonstrate research excellence and the potential or ability to translate health-related research in clinical or community applications.

VEERAJ SHAH
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Veeraj is interested in mitigating disparities in access and uptake of preventative health services. Currently, he is the president of Public Health Without Borders, the co-founder of Chat Health and interns at the Office of the US Surgeon General. Veeraj also received the Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award, see page 26.

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

JANA WASHINGTON
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Jana is a peer educator for CARE to Stop Violence and a member of the Public Health Science Student Advisory Committee. She is a travel intern at the US Department of Agriculture and the Stanton Leadership Scholar for Peer Assistant Leaders at the Washington School for Girls.

Rima E. Rudd Fellowship
This award supports the next generation of researchers who advance the study of health literacy and is given to doctoral candidates in the School of Public Health.

LAURA KOO
Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health
Laura was awarded the 2019 Rima E. Rudd Fellowship in Health Literacy for her dissertation exploring the relationships between health literacy, empowerment and advocacy in the context of food allergies management in elementary schools. She will continue her research about health literacy in the context of the management of other chronic diseases.

DONALD DE ALWIS
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Donald is the founder of the Motion Project, a nonprofit that seeks to improve educational outcomes for Sri Lankan children with physical disabilities by funding tutoring services and specialized transportation to keep students in school and improve their performance.

Samantha Kennedy
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Samantha is one of 35 UMD students being recognized by the Do Good Institute for their commitment to social impact and innovation while at University of Maryland. Samantha helped to lead Nourish: Mommy and Me, which was a 2018 Do Good Challenge finalist organization that focused on supporting pregnant women and their children and providing them with healthy foods to sustain them throughout their pregnancy.
GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION

Dean’s Outstanding Graduate Scholars

The Dean’s Outstanding 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.

NAHEED AHMED
Doctor of Philosophy, Family Science
Naheed received an Ann G. Wylie Fellowship for her dissertation study on the health implications of Islamophobia. She is a member of the Delta Omega Honor Society, Maryland Council on Family Relations, and served as a graduate mentor in Public Health Without Borders.

SAMUEL BARA-GARCIA
Master of Public Health, Health Policy, Analysis and Evaluation

MORDECAI BELL
Master of Health Administration
Mory works as a graduate assistant in the Health Policy and Management business office. He has worked at LifeBridge Health, assisting with the evaluations of the ACO performance and a novel ride service program for patients with limited transportation.

ZACHARY BERMAN
Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy
Zack has been active as a student member on the hiring committee for new Couple and Family Therapy clinical faculty, a teaching assistant for multiple courses and a research assistant in the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Health Lab. Zack’s band appeared in the Washington Post and his sci-fi piece was professionally published in Writers of the Future.

KATARZYNA BORKOWSKI
Doctor of Public Health, Epidemiology
Kate is an oncology research nurse at the National Institutes of Health. She recently completed an internship at the US Food and Drug Administration. She enjoys volunteering with Friends of Mongolia, a returned Peace Corps volunteer organization.

MAYA DEANE-POLYAK
Master of Public Health, Health Equity
Maya is a meal service volunteer at the Mona Center for Health and Wellness and an HIV screening volunteer with One Tent Health. She is also a graduate assistant in the School of Public Health and a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

SYDNEY DESTEFANO
Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy
Sydney is a public health analyst in D.C. and has published work on facilitators and barriers of telehealth adoption in critical access hospitals. She has worked in military mental health and on sudden infant death syndrome research. She is also an active volunteer at a local animal rescue organization.

LAUREN KAUFFMAN
Master of Public Health, Biostatistics
Lauren is the director of financial affairs and public relations for the Graduate Students in Public Health organization. Lauren completed her internship at the US Food and Drug Administration Office of Pharmaceutical Quality and will be continuing her studies at the University of Maryland School of Public Health next year in the epidemiology doctoral program.

LUCY KAVI
Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences
Lucy is passionate about modifying occupational exposures in underrepresented populations. As part of her efforts, she was awarded, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Pilot Grant to characterize and identify emerging contaminants of concern in minority hairdressers.
Dean’s Outstanding Graduate Scholars, continued

AZIEB KIDANU
Doctor of Philosophy, Behavioral and Community Health

Azieb is a researcher and undergraduate instructor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. While working towards her doctoral degree, she served as the center manager for the Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science. She also developed two new undergraduate courses in behavioral and community health.

ALYSSA MCGRAW
Master of Public Health, Physical Activity

Alyssa is a researcher in the Department of Kinesiology. She partnered with RecWell to perform an evaluation of the Health and Human Services’ Move Your Way Campaign on campus. For her capstone, she is assessing barriers and facilitators for physical activity of youth in Baltimore City.

GRACE MISHKIN
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services Research

Grace also received the Kaiser Permanente Endowed Graduate Scholarship, see page 11.

MARIANNA MOLINA
Master of Public Health, Behavioral and Community Health

Marianna worked as a graduate assistant internship advisor for the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Undergraduate Internship course for two years. During her final semester, she interned at the D.C. Department of Health’s Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau.

RYAN SAPP
Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology

Ryan has had five publications in scientific journals over the past year, with an additional manuscript in submission. He plans to complete his PhD and graduate next fall.

YIXI XU
Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology

Yixi is an active member of the Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health (BEACH) Research Group. Her current work examines the association between syndemics and HIV testing among sexual minority populations.

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.

LAUREN WEISS
Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Lauren received the Jeremy C. Rietschel Graduate Mentorship Award, see page 20.
Jerry P. Wrenn Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship

Established in honor of Dr. Jerry P. Wrenn, who was a faculty member, student advisor, associate dean of student services, and finally dean of the College of Health and Human Performance (which became the School of Public Health), this scholarship supports outstanding students on track to fulfill graduation requirements within the next year and who demonstrate experience and leadership in their field of study.

MELISSA HEWITT
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Melissa is in a variety of clubs in SPH, including the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and the Kinesiology Student Organization. She also works as a peer advisor in the CASA Advising Office and as an undergraduate research assistant in the Neuromechanics Research Core.

KRISTINE OPOKU-ARHIN
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Kristine is a recent December graduate, earning her degree in community health with a minor in Black women’s studies. During her time on campus, she was an active member of Women’s Club Basketball and a resident assistant.

PAIGE ROGOFF
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Paige is an active member of her sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, where she previously served as the vice president of philanthropy. She was also a sales intern at A&M Badging Supplies, Inc. and a sales planning intern at WebMD. She is also in the University Honors Program.

ALEXANDRA SCHROEDER
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science

DEAN’S OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE AND SENIOR SCHOLARS

DANIELLE SPENCER
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Danielle is an officer of Tau Sigma and Phi Upsilon Omicron. She is also an undergraduate research assistant at the Prevention and Early Adversity Research Lab, where she is working on a project to evaluate early care, education and intervention programs for low-income infants, toddlers and their families.

DINA TECLU
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Dina is an active member of the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association. She has also been a part of the Primannum Honor Society and the Mortar Board National Honor Society. Dina has also worked for the Alternative Break Program and Conferences and Visitor Services.

Irene’s Scholarship
This scholarship was designed to assist students who have taken a break away from a formal degree program and now have returned to complete their education in the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

KELLEY ROARK
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Kelley is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is currently working in Dr. Sushant Ranadive’s kinesiology lab. She has returned to school following a decade long career as a registered medical assistant in pain management, rheumatology and orthopedics.
The TerpStart Matching Scholarship Program gave donors the power to change an untold number of students’ lives. Donors established an endowed scholarship and the university doubles the awards granted from the endowment’s income forever. To qualify for a TerpStart Scholarship, students must meet any restrictions associated with the award and maintain satisfactory progress towards a degree in the SPH.

**AHLAM ASHKAR**
*Carl and Barbara Alving TerpStart Endowed Scholarship*  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Ahlam is an active American Public Health Association campus liaison and recipient of the President’s Scholarship for Academic Excellence. She has also served as co-president for a social justice organization on campus and has worked as a sports medicine intern for four consecutive semesters.

**RIVKA MAGIER**
*Elaine Anderson and Mark Ginsberg TerpStart Endowed Scholarship*  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science (Double Major: Psychology)*

Rivka is a family science and psychology double major. She spends her summers as a member of the supervisory team at Horizon Day Camp in Baltimore for children with cancer and their siblings.

**CHRISTOPHER HAUZEL**
*Ayne Furman & Arnold Miller TerpStart Endowed Scholarship*  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

**BRYANNA NKEETIA**
*Gold Family TerpStart Endowed Scholarship*  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Bryanna is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and an honors ambassador. She is currently working on research on adolescent JUULing behaviors and their perceptions of JUUL policies. Bryanna presented her current research at the 27th Annual UMBC McNair Conference this past fall semester.

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

Darian is currently involved in the sports medicine internship, working closely with the football team’s athletic training staff and is an employee for the resident life service center. She also enjoys participating in women’s club basketball. Darian plans to pursue a graduate degree in athletic training.

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

Fatima is currently a research assistant for family science. She is also a customer service supervisor for Resident Life, and is involved in service-based clubs such as CARE To Stop Violence and the Help Center.

**BRIANNA JELINEK**
*Whitlark TerpStart Endowed Scholarship*  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Brianna has worked with UMD Resident Life as a community assistant for two years and works as a server at the Old Maryland Grill. She is an active volunteer at the MedStar Hospital in Georgetown.
Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars

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JENNIFER CERPE
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Jennifer also received the Edlavitch Family Science Scholarship (page 8) and the Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship (page 10).

CAMERON ETESAMI
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Cam is an active member of the Behavioral and Community Health Honors Program. He is currently working on a research project focusing on urban development and its impact on population health.

ISABELLA GORDON
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Isabella also received the Alice Morgan Love Memorial Endowed Scholarship, see page 17.

DIMITRI GUYNN
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Dimitri is an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a proud member of the official Comfy Club at UMD. He is also on the club water polo team. Dimitri plans to pursue a master of science in exercise science upon completion of his undergraduate degree.

CASEY OTTENWAELDER
Bachelor of Science, Community Health

MADELINE PEKOSZ
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Madeleine is an active member of Public Health Without Borders and has traveled with the Sierra Leone Team to implement public health interventions at a primary school in their partner community. She is also a research assistant in the Department of Psychology.

MEGHAN PIDRO
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Meghan is an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She has also enjoyed serving as a teaching assistant for students in the School of Public Health.

DANIEL ROSEN
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Daniel is the founder and president of Club enABLE, a student organization supporting people with developmental disabilities. This summer, Daniel will be biking across the country from Seattle to D.C. to help people with disabilities. He is also a member of Dr. Steven Prior’s research team, focusing on exercise physiology.

VEERAJ SHAH
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Veeraj also received Barbara and Carl Alving Endowed Research Award, see page 21.

DARYA SOLTANI
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Darya has been the project leader for the Public Health Without Borders Peru team for the past three years and has led two successful trips abroad. She also completed her honors citation through the Honors Humanities Program.

HOLLY WILSON
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Holly is an active ambassador for the University of Maryland School of Public Health. She is also very passionate about her community and is a coach and mentor for refugee children through an organization called Life and Change Experienced thru Sports. As a volunteer with Life and Change Experienced thru Sports, Holly assisted with fundraising and spreading awareness to raise $25,000.
Dean’s Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars, continued

SHYLEE YACHIN
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Shylee is a writing tutor at the Writing Center and a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. She is also a RecWell bodypump instructor and hopes to pursue a master’s in social work.

Dean’s Outstanding Senior Scholars

JORDYN BLAUSTEIN
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Jordyn is a member of Terps Against Hunger, and has participated in multiple events over the course of the past two semesters. She also participated in Terp Thon, where she along with her sorority were the highest raising Panhellenic Association organization.

BARBARA BREWER
Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science
Barbara currently works as a medical scribe at a pediatric health center. She volunteers for Partners in Print and Public Health Without Borders and conducts research as an intern at the Department of Health. After graduation, she aspires to become a physician assistant.

MAGGIE DAILY
Bachelor of Science, Community Health
Maggie is an undergraduate teaching assistant for the Maternal Child and Family Health course. She is also an active volunteer with the Camp Erin Bereavement Camp and a mentor for the America Counts program.

SERA ELLERSON
Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
Sera has been a teaching assistant for anatomy and physiology for three semesters. She is also an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and has volunteered with Terps Against Hunger since her freshman year.

YAELE HAMBURGER
Bachelor of Science, Family Science
Yael is an active member of several honor societies, a peer counselor at the Help Center and secretary of SPH’s Public Health Action through Civic Engagement. She mentors sickle cell patients and has interned at local hospitals with a focus in pediatrics and authored “My Healing Path,” a workbook for patient care.

(Left) Yael Hamburger, (Right) Madalyn News
ABIGAIL HINES  
*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

Abby is part of the Behavioral and Community Health Honors Program. She is currently working on her honors thesis with Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau, completing a data analysis exploring transactional sex and HIV rates across Africa. Outside of academics, she is a co-musical director for PandemoniUM, an a cappella group here at UMD!

JULIA LEUNG  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Julia is an outstanding scholar with a 3.98 GPA who carries her excellence with her outside the classroom. She is an active volunteer for several honor societies, a student coach for her sports club Terpwushu and a volunteer clinician at the Children’s Developmental Clinic.

ASHLEY MATUS  
*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

Ashley became a full-time employee with JBS International during her senior year and will continue her professional development with this organization. She is interested in pursuing a master’s degree in health communication or a bachelor’s in nursing.

NEGAR MEHRABKHANI  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Negar is a candidate for student speaker at the University Commencement Ceremony and a recipient of the Public Health Science Academic Achievement Award. She has also made the Dean’s List every semester.

BRIANNA NABET  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

Brianna is an active member of the Family Science Student Advisory Board, the Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and a volunteer for the TOGETHER Program. She is currently researching the topic of foster care and adoption to create a student-led course.

MADALYN (MADDIE) NEWS  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Maddie is an active member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Maddie is also the president of Public Health Action Through Civic Engagement. During her senior year, Maddie has held two internships on Capitol Hill, one for Rep. Madeleine Dean and another for Senator Patty Murray.

MATTHEW NORFOLK  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Matt is a member of the University Honors College and the Kinesiology Departmental Honors Program. He has also worked as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the Department of Kinesiology and volunteered for the Children’s Developmental Clinic. Matt is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy from the Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.
**Fraley Award**

The undergraduate student in the senior class from each department who most completely exemplifies the qualities of a Dean’s Outstanding Scholar is bestowed with the Fraley Award, the highest undergraduate honor offered by the School of Public Health.

**RACHEL GERSTENFELD**  
*Bachelor of Science, Community Health*

Rachel is an intern at the Center for Substance Abuse Research. She is excited to be pursuing her master’s of public health with a concentration in health policy through the accelerated BS-MPH program.

**SAMANTHA GRIFFIN**  
*Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology*

Samantha is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and is in the BS-MPH accelerated program. She is also president of the Pride and works as a manager for the UMD women’s basketball team.

**SAUMA DOKA**  
*Bachelor of Science, Public Health Science*

Sauma is an active member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon and the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education’s Academic Excellence honor societies. She is also the president of Students Engaged in Public Health, a microbiology and calculus tutor for UMD’s Academic Success and Tutorial Services and an intern and incoming research assistant at Abt Associates, Inc.

**SARI LERNER**  
*Bachelor of Science, Family Science*

Sari is a Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar. She is writing an honors thesis with Professor Kerry W. Tripp about LGBTQ rights under Title VII. Sari was also a peer consultant for the Oral Communication Center and a member of UMD’s mock trial team.
Delta Omega is the honorary society in public health. The Gamma Zeta chapter of Delta Omega was established at the University of Maryland School of Public Health in 2011 to honor our distinguished students, alumni, faculty and honorary members. The mission of the society is to encourage and recognize excellence in practice, research, education and academic achievement in the field of public health.

Ellesse-Roselee Akre, PhD (HPM)
Stephanie Bryant, MPH (HPM)
Maria Demarco, PhD ’17 (EPIB)
Andrea Dragan, MPH (BCH)
Rosemary Ezeugoh, PhD (MIAEH)
Jenifer O. Fahey, PhD (FMSC)
Senator Brian Feldman, Honorary (HPM)
Samantha Guarneri, MPH (HPM)
Quinshay Hall, MPH (HPM)
Lauren Kauffman, MPH (EPIB)

Lucy Kavi, PhD (MIAEH)
Azieb Kidnau, PhD (BCH)
Yuki Lama, PhD (FMSC)
Kimberly Mitchell, PhD ’14 (BCH)
Ana Pena-Molina, MPH (EPIB)
Dana Reiss, PhD (BCH)
Melvin Seale, PhD (HPM)
Natalie Slopen, PhD (EPIB)
Julia Steinberg, PhD (FMSC)
Trazy Zeeger, BS ’04, MPH ’06, PhD ’20 (BCH)
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