

# Three undergraduate public health students named to William Wallace Peery Society

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Three School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine students have been awarded membership in the William Wallace Peery Society, the university's top academic

honor for undergraduates. It recognizes exceptional seniors who represent the top 1% of their graduating class for academic achievement.

Maddy Drogy, Emma Schreier, and Lindsey Segal who all earned their BSPH in 2022 were chosen as inductees by a selection committee that included faculty from all five undergraduate schools. The new Peery Society members have distinguished themselves through an honors thesis or equivalent accomplishment and demonstrated both depth and breadth in their intellectual pursuits, while also earning a GPA in the top 5 percent of the graduating class.

Newcomb-Tulane College Dean Lee Skinner, who chaired the selection committee, said, "The academic accomplishments of this year's Peery Society members are truly impressive. They set lofty academic goals for themselves and each student has excelled in their chosen field and, indeed, across the full range of their studies and intellectual pursuits. Their creativity, scholarly rigor, and unflagging dedication to excellence are unparalleled. They're an inspiration for all of us, and I can't wait to see what each one of these outstanding students will do next."

Batu El was awarded the William Wallace Peery Medal for Academic Excellence, the college's top academic honor. El, who has earned a dual degree with a B.S. in mathematics and computer science and a B.A. in economics, achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout his time at Tulane. He is the first student in Tulane history to complete two concurrent honors theses, and the first to earn departmental honors in three departments.