

*CELIA SCOTT WEATHERHEAD
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND TROPICAL MEDICINE
AWARDS CEREMONY*

2025

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Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

PROGRAM

Welcome

Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD
Dean, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of
Public Health and Tropical Medicine

DEAN'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The school honors a strong leader, someone who identifies necessary changes and has the initiative and conviction to accomplish those changes. This individual is an inspiration to their peers and motivates them to meet new challenges as well.

Presented by Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean of the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

DEAN'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

The school honors students committed to their school, and community, with particular enthusiasm for improving public health. These individuals assume responsibility, find worthy outlets for their energy and talents, and successfully carries out commitments.

Presented by Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean of the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Madeline Nancy Walaszek, MPH, BA

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESILIENCE AWARD

This award honors a student(s) who has overcome significant challenges while maintaining a high level of academic achievement and commitment to public health following graduation.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Jeanclaude Habineza, MPH, BS

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PUBLIC HEALTH GREEN WAVE AWARD

This award honors a student(s) who has exemplified the purpose of the school and their program in their public health work inside and/or outside of the classroom. This is designed for someone who may encompass multiple of the categories above.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RENAISSANCE AWARD

This award celebrates the student who excels in multiple areas of public health study and demonstrates an interest to sustain that work after graduation.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Kwadwo Kontor, BDS, BSc

TULANE 34 AWARDS

The Tulane 34 Award, presented to 34 graduates from Tulane's 10 schools and colleges, recognizes students for their exemplary leadership, service, and academic excellence. Named for the year in which the university was founded, 1834, the Tulane 34 award is among the most coveted university-wide honors bestowed upon students.

(presented at an earlier event)

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

Michael A. DeGuzman, DrPH, MPH, BA

Kaitlyn A. Lewis, MS, BS

JOHN J. WALSH, MD AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE MD/MPH PROGRAM

The John J. Walsh, MD, award is presented to the graduating MD/MPH combined degree student who best exhibits extraordinary leadership in, and commitment to, improving the health of individuals and communities. The award is made possible by a generous donation from the Donum Dei Foundation.

Presented by M.A. "Tonette" Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH

Professor, Associate Provost, and Associate Dean

Madison Noelle Thornton, MD, MPH, BA

SIDNEY K. SIMON MEMORIAL PRIZE

Presented to a senior medical combined degree MD/MPHTM student by the School of Medicine for excellence in Tropical Medicine.

(presented at a separate event)

Gabriel Vincent Hernandez, MD, MPHTM, MS, BS

**Graduated in Summer 2024*

***Graduated in Fall 2024*

****Degree Requirements to be completed in August 2025*

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOSTATISTICS

This award, established in 2002, honors a biostatistics student who shows excellence in scholarship and service to the department.

Presented by Sudesh Srivastav, PhD

Interim Chair and Professor, Biostatistics and Data Science

Ruoxin Lan, PhD, MS, BS

FRANK W. MACDONALD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

This is the highest environmental health sciences award. It is presented to a student who demonstrates outstanding performance in the master's program, excels academically, explores challenging curriculum, contributes to the department and school, is a strong leader, and is committed to environmental health sciences as a profession.

Presented by Rustin Reed, PhD

Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Kyle Lynn Naylor, MSPH, BS

COLONEL JOSEPH CONTIGUGLIA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Dr. Joseph Contiguglia unconditionally gave his expertise and wisdom all over the world, from the battlefield to our WSPH classrooms as a beloved professor in the Department of ENHS, Disaster Management program. This award is presented to a student demonstrating academic and professional excellence in the field of Disaster Management, emulating Dr. Contiguglia's commitment to the promotion, and preservation of public health in the face of disasters, and disease.

Presented by Stephen Murphy, PhD

Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Savannah Marie Baus, MPH, BSPH

WILLIAM R. HARTLEY, ScD, AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

This award is presented for excellence in environmental health research and celebrates Dr. Hartley's commitment to students.

Presented by Rustin Reed, PhD

Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Rachel Marie Janovsky, MSPH, BS

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

The department recognizes students who have shown superior performance.

Presented by Melissa Gonzales, PhD

Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Jared J. Anderson, MPH, BS

Savannah Marie Baus, MPH, BSPH

Joseph Thomas Brandine, Jr., MSPH, BS

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

Celeste Dionne-Tay Gaynelle Coleman, MPH, BS

Ashlee Erin Deboe, MPH, BS, BA, AAS

Gavin Alexander Delahaye, MSPH, BS

Daniel Nathan Dellal, MD, MPH, BA

Noelle K. Dulong Harkness, MPH, BS, BSN

Ashley Nichele Hawes, MPH, BS

Alina Grabowski Hillery, MPH, BSN

Rachel Marie Janovsky, MSPH, BS**

Casey R. Morones, MSPH, BS

Raquel Marie Passaro, MSPH, BS**

Claire Marie Romaine, MD, MPH, BA

Bailey P. Ruark, MPH, BS, BA**

Lorrin Stone, MPH, BS***

Emily Louise Struttman, MD, MPH, BA

Grace Gregorio Tanguilig, MD, MPH, BS

Amirrah Zhanae' Watson, MPH, BS

DOROTHY R. LEBLANC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is given to an epidemiology student showing promise in a research career. Dorothy LeBlanc, a dedicated Tulane professor and field epidemiologist, was highly regarded by students and faculty.

Presented by Lu Qi, MD, PhD

Interim Chair & Professor, Epidemiology

Farah Ismail Allouche, PhD, MPH, BS

MARY ELIZABETH O'CONNOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This scholarship is provided to an outstanding epidemiology student. Harald M. Graning, MD, established this as a thoughtful tribute to O'Connor, a distinguished alumna who had extensive accomplishments in the work of international health.

Presented by Lu Qi, MD, PhD

Interim Chair & Professor, Epidemiology

Minghao Kou, PhD, MHS, BM

HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT

This award is presented to the MPH student illustrating academic prowess and future leadership abilities in the management of public health and hospital systems.

Presented by Arthur Mora, PhD

Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management

Helina K. Shiferaw, MD, MPH

JEFFREY H. EPSTEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is in memory of Jeffrey Epstein, a former Health Systems Management (HSM) student who brought special qualities to the department. Jeff had a lively, wide-ranging intellectual curiosity and loved to engage in discussion. He was a friend to everyone and he initiated many social activities which brought the department together. With his passing, his family and the department chose to provide an award to that HSM student dedicated to foster camaraderie and an HSM spirit.

Presented by Arthur Mora, PhD

Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management

Linda Hoang Pham, MHA, BS

UPSILON PHI DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Upsilon Phi Delta is a national academic honor society for students in healthcare administration. The purpose of the society is to further the professional competence and dedication of individual members in and for the profession of healthcare management.

Lisa Meredith Bears, MHA, BA, AA, AA**

Nicholas Martin Desselle, MHA, BS*

Emiko Distler, MHA, BSPH**

Kathryn Isabel Dortch, MHA, BSPH, BSM*

Katheryn Violetta Glerum, MHA, BSPH**

Lajmi Islam, MHA, BS

Caroline Marie Kennedy, MHA, BS

Joseph Kim, MHA, BS

Madeline Ann Lewis, MHA, BSPH*

Jennifer Paula Lipshy, MHA, BSPH**

Erica Gaines Moore, MHA, BBA

Brooke Allyson Pham, MHA, BS*

Alyssa Christine Ragoobir, MHA, BSPH**

Susana Torres, MHA, BSM

Leanna Bich Phuong Tran, MHA, BS

Talia Maria Vasilj, MHA, BSPH*

CARROLL BEHRHORST PRIMARY CARE AWARD

This award is given to a student who demonstrates academic excellence and dedication to primary health care in low- and middle-income countries. The award honors Carroll Behrhorst, physician and adjunct assistant professor at WSPH, who established a many-faceted medical program to serve the rural Kaqchikel indigenous Maya people of the Guatemala Highlands. Dr. Behrhorst's approach of combining health and community development was selected in 1975 by the World Health Organization as a model for effective community development programs.

Presented by David Hotchkiss, PhD

Chair and Professor

International Health and Sustainable Development

Justine Maria Todd, MPH, BSPH

JAMES P. GRANT CHILD SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AWARD

This award recognizes a student who demonstrates academic excellence and potential for contributions to child survival. It was named for UNICEF executive director James P. Grant, who led the campaign to combat the death of millions of children each year from easily preventable illnesses. In 1983, he mobilized initiatives to bring life-saving, cost-effective techniques to children in developing countries. By the end of the 1980s, this had saved an estimated 12 million lives.

Presented by David Hotchkiss, PhD

Chair and Professor

International Health and Sustainable Development

Savannah Badt, MPH, BA

JACK C.S. LING INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to the student who demonstrates academic excellence and has provided service to the department faculty, staff, and students. The award is named for Jack C.S. Ling, emeritus professor of public health. For nearly 30 years Professor Ling worked with UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) as a director of information and communication planning, and implementing the WHO's global communication and education programs. At Tulane, Professor Ling was director of Tulane's International Communication Enhancement Center and principal investigator for the Iodine Deficiency Disorder Elimination Communication Projects, Global Social Mobilization Training, and the Child Survival Video Clearinghouse for UNICEF. He was a superb teacher, mentor, and a great resource for students as they embarked on their careers.

Presented by David Hotchkiss, PhD

Chair and Professor

International Health and Sustainable Development

Madeline Nancy Walaszek, MPH, BA

R. ELISE MAGNUS MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes a person who has demonstrated excellence, achievement, and/or leadership in disease prevention or health promotion programs in the Greater New Orleans area. Elise Magnus was a young woman who loved New Orleans and was dedicated to improving the mental health status of children and adolescents.

Presented by Akilah Dulin, PhD

Chair and Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Presented by Shokufeh Ramirez, PhD

Assistant Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Brooklyn Joet Francis, MPH, BA

Caroline Elizabeth Hines, MPH, BSPH

ELIZABETH A. BENNETT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

This award is given to the graduating master's student in maternal and child health who best exemplifies Betty Bennett's dedication to the health of mothers and children. Bennett was a leader in maternal and child health at Tulane for many years.

Presented by Shokufeh Ramirez, PhD

Assistant Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Annie Francis Pasterz, MPH, BS

CAESAR CORZANTES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

This award recipient displays outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the underserved. Caesar Corzantes, a much-loved maternal and child health faculty member, established primary care clinics in New Orleans.

Presented by Shokufeh Ramirez, PhD

Assistant Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Grace Elizabeth Hoegler, MPH, BS

SBPS DRPH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award celebrates a DrPH graduate who embodies the program's core values. Through their academic coursework, applied experiences, and peer interactions, they have demonstrated transformative leadership qualities. Selected through faculty nomination, the recipient exemplifies how leadership can advance public health in all our communities, creating meaningful change in public health practice.

Presented by Gretchen Clum, PhD

Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Associate Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Michael A. DeGuzman, DrPH, MPH, BA

SBPS DRPH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes the DrPH graduate who has demonstrated exceptional scholarly achievement throughout the program. This honor is awarded to the student who has consistently produced outstanding academic work across all program competencies and whose professional portfolio exemplifies doctoral-level mastery in analyzing complex public health challenges, developing evidence-based solutions, and translating research into effective practice.

Presented by Gretchen Clum, PhD

Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Associate Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Lazara Graciela Paz-Gonzalez, DrPH, MPH, BS

CHARLES C. BASS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding academic excellence in the MPHTM degree program. Named for a former dean of the School of Medicine and a long-time professor of Tropical Medicine, Dr. Bass was one of the first scientists to cultivate the parasite that causes malaria. As an educator, he was responsible for the development and establishment of clinical labs now in use throughout the United States and the world. He's also known as the "Father of Preventive Dentistry" for his study of the activity of microorganisms in human saliva.

Presented by Ronald Blanton, MD, MS

Chair and Professor, Tropical Medicine

Bilen Daniel Mekonnen, MD, MPHTM

ANTONIO D'ALESSANDRO AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE MPHTM CLINICAL PROGRAM

This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding academic excellence in the MPHTM Clinical degree program. It is named for professor emeritus Antonio D'Alessandro who taught in the department of Tropical Medicine for 55 years and made critical contributions to the world of science and to Tulane's research prominence in Latin America.

Presented by Ronald Blanton, MD, MS

Chair and Professor, Tropical Medicine

Gabriel Vincent Hernandez, MD, MPH, MS, BS

ERNEST CARROLL FAUST AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM

This award is presented to a tropical medicine student showing outstanding academic excellence in the MS degree program. It was named in honor of Dr. Faust who was on the faculty at Tulane for 28 years and was instrumental in the formation of the parasitology program. After years of coordinating the Tulane-Colombia Program in Medical Education in Cali, Colombia, he retired but was always busy, always active, and always a presence at Tulane for the rest of his life.

Presented by Ronald Blanton, MD, MS

Chair and Professor, Tropical Medicine

Kaitlyn A. Lewis, MS, BS

DONALD J. KROGSTAD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND FIELD WORK

Honoring the memory of a long-time faculty member, former Chair of the Department of Tropical Medicine and distinguished field and laboratory researcher on malaria, the Krogstad Award recognizes a graduating student in the Tropical Medicine department in any program, who by their dedication to working locally in communities in Louisiana or in communities abroad, demonstrates passion, patience, skill and joy in collaborating and empowering underserved populations.

Presented by Ronald Blanton, MD, MS

Chair and Professor, Tropical Medicine

Alyssa Jane Young, PhD, MSPH, BSPH

HARRISON SPENCER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE PHD PROGRAM

This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding student service and excellence in the PhD degree program.

Named for a former dean of both the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Dr. Spencer served for 16 years as the president and CEO of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

Presented by Ronald Blanton, MD, MS

Chair and Professor, Tropical Medicine

Kathleen Maria Kuesters, PhD, ScM, BS, BS

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

Each spring the Tulane Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit (TRICS) showcases the breadth and depth of research, innovation, and creativity from disciplines, departments, units, and schools across Tulane University. Graduate students, undergraduate students, trainees (postdocs, residents, and fellows), faculty, and research staff presented their research, scholarship, and achievements.

Presented by Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean of the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Catherine Anne Boisjolie, MSPH, BA (master's)

Environmental Health Sciences

"WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE OF CANDIDA AURIS: AN EMERGING OPPORTUNISTIC FUNGAL PATHOGEN"

Gloria Igihozo, MS, BA (doctoral)

International Health and Sustainable Development

"A COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY ASSESSMENT OF RURAL WOMEN'S BARRIERS TO PREVENTING PODOCONIOS IN RWANDA"

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH RECOGNITION OF OUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Honor sashes are given as the school recognizes these student leaders' commitment and service to their fellow classmates, and the WSPH community in general.

Presented by Erica W. Valenzuela, EdD

Assistant Dean for Student Experience

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA - President

Caroline Marie Kennedy, MHA, BS - Vice President

Sneha Dev, MBBS - Secretary

Rishi Rohit Patel, MPH, BDS - Treasurer

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

A faculty member is chosen for professional demeanor and ability to advise and give direction. The recipient is approachable and accessible to students.

Presented by Jared Christian, MPH, BS, BA

President, Student Government Association

Arti Shankar, PhD

Professor

Biostatistics and Data Science

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD

A staff member is chosen for dedication, exceptional work, providing direction, and being responsive and attentive to our students.

Presented by Jared Christian, MPH, BS, BA

President, Student Government Association

LeShawn "Lee" Simplis-Barnes

Director

Office of Enrollment Management & Admissions

DEAN E. ELAINE BOSTON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO STUDENT NEEDS

This prestigious award was initiated in 2005 by the WSPH SGA to honor the previous dean's outstanding commitment to our students for over 25 years. This award recognizes one individual each year that exhibits those same qualities and gifts.

Presented by Jared Christian, MPH, BS, BA

President, Student Government Association

Erica Valenzuela, EdD

Assistant Dean

Office of Student Experience

DELTA OMEGA HONORARY PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY
(presented at an earlier event)

STUDENTS

Albarissa Abdalla, MD, MPH, BM
Farah Ismail Allouche, PhD, MPH, BS
Thae Ain Aint Aung, MPH, MBBS
Lauren Patrice Baker, MPH, BA, AAS
Savannah Marie Baus, MPH, BSPH
Elza Ruti Friedman Black, MPH, BSPH**
Hannah Angel Blandón-Jiménez, MPH, BS
Farhana Sahar Chaudhry, MSPH, BSPH
Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA
Brooklyn Joet Francis, MPH, BA
Amrita Gill, PhD, MPH, BDS
Emma Cathryn Glass, MPH, BSPH
Shanna Hope Hardy, MD, MPH, MS, BS
Nicholas Jeffrey Morrish Harling, MPH, BA
Alina Grabowski Hillery, MPH, BSN
Farhana Islam, MPH, BS
Minghao Kou, PhD, MHS, BM
Kathleen Maria Kuesters, PhD, ScM, BS, BS
Kaitlyn A. Lewis, MS, BS
Kristen Gloria Matesi Lezama, DrPH, MPH, BSN
Zhiyuan Mao, MPH, BM
Christina Teresa McCarthy, MD, MPH, BA
Elsie Ewoenam Mottey, MPH, BPH
Madlene Movia, DrPH, MSc, BA
Edward Chinedum Muo, MD, MS, MPH, BS
Isabella Maria Parise, DrPH, MPH, BHS, AS
Medhavi Ashutosh Patwardhan, MPHTM, BSPH
Lazara Graciela Paz-Gonzalez, DrPH, MPH, BS
Allyson Lynn Sandman, MPH, BSPH**
Claire Elizabeth Schwarze, MS, BSPH
Alexandra Sofia Shimanovsky, MPH, BSPH**
Hazel Olivia Shoemaker, MPH, BSPH**
Simone Skeen, PhD, MA, BA
Lindsay Smith, MPH, BA
Marissa Nicole Steinberg, MD, MPH, BS
Emily Louise Struttman, MD, MPH, BA
Grace Gregorio Tanguilig, MD, MPH, BS
Ling Tian, PhD, MS, BA
Madeline Nancy Walaszek, MPH, BA
Yin Wang, PhD, MEd, BEc
Amirrah Zhanae' Watson, MPH, BS
Debra Renee Winberg, PhD, MSc, MA, BA
Ashley Wrushen, DrPH, MPH, BSPH
Zhouran Xiao, MSPH, BS
Zhengxiao Yang, MS, BSc
Meghana Yellanki, MPH, BS
Hao Zhou, MS, BS

FACULTY

Dawn Wesson, PhD — *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease*

ALUMNI

Tuhin Ria Choudhary, MD, MPH, MS, BA
Jeremy Reimann, MSPH, BS

DELTA OMEGA, ETA CHAPTER, AWARD FOR
BEST DISSERTATION

(presented at an earlier event)

This award goes to the doctoral student whose dissertation best exemplifies outstanding original research and relevance to the goals of public health.

Presented by Jian Li, PhD

Vice President of Delta Omega, Eta Chapter, and Associate Professor, Biostatistics and Data Science

Farah Ismail Allouche, PhD, MPH, BS

Epidemiology

"Effectiveness of a Community Health Worker-Led Intensive Blood Pressure Intervention on Cardiovascular Disease: Four-Year Findings from the China Rural Hypertension Control Project"

DELTA OMEGA, ETA CHAPTER, AWARD FOR ANNUAL
RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION (GRADUATE)

(presented at an earlier event)

The Eta Chapter sponsors an annual poster competition to display research and related work completed by WSPH students. Both first and second place winners receive a cash prize and are encouraged to submit their abstract to the national poster contest sponsored by ASPPH.

1st Place — Gloria Igihozo, MS, BA

"A Community-Based Participatory Assessment of Rural Women's Barriers to Preventing Podoconiosis in Rwanda"

2nd Place — Alexander Kimbrough, MPH, BS

"The Impact of Medical Mistrust on Health Promoting Behaviors in Black Churches in New Orleans, Louisiana"

THE DEAN'S SCHOLASTIC 4.0 AWARD

This award acknowledges students' academic achievements. It recognizes those who have maintained and are graduating with a perfect 4.0, demonstrating superior dedication and commitment.

Presented by Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean of the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Elza Ruti Friedman Black, MPH, BSPH**

Rachel Ann Caddell, MPH, BS**

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

Chenxing Chu, MPH, BS**

Dagmawi Mesai Demessie, MD, MS

Nicholas Martin Desselle, MHA, BS*

Kathryn Isabel Dortch, MHA, BSPH, BSM*

Shanna Hope Hardy, MD, MPH, MS, BS

Nicholas Jeffrey Morrish Harling, MPH, BA

Farhana Islam, MPH, BS

Lajmi Islam, MHA, BS

Shakia Willieka Le'ett Jackson, DrPH, MPH, BA

Joseph Kim, MHA, BS

Minghao Kou, PhD, MHS, BM

Christina Teresa McCarthy, MD, MPH, BA

Madlene Movia, DrPH, MSc, BA

Jillian Marie Parks, MPH, BS*

Lazara Graciela Paz-Gonzalez, DrPH, MPH, BS

Brooke Allyson Pham, MHA, BS*

Alyssa Christine Ragoobir, MHA, BSPH**

Avelina Yamilet Rodgers, MPH, BS*

Allyson Lynn Sandman, MPH, BSPH**

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Ashley Wrushen, DrPH, MPH, BSPH

Hao Zhou, MS, BS

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION IN THE GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Given to the Global Scholars students who have an invested interest in international public health, and have committed their time at WSPH to furthering their readiness to work with international communities in a humble, productive, and collaborative manner.

Presented by Erica W. Valenzuela, EdD

Assistant Dean for Student Experience

Lauren Patrice Baker, MPH, BA, AAS

Jared Michael Christian, MPH, BS, BA

Brian Warren Lucas, MSPH, BA

Robyn Ann Sanders, MS, BS

UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

(presented at an earlier event)

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

COLLABORATOR AWARD

This award honors a student(s) who demonstrates a commitment to teamwork and inclusivity in their endeavors.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Lauren Elisabeth Eaves, BSPH

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award honors a student(s) who exhibits early leadership skills that demonstrate a high potential for leadership in the field of public health following graduation.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Ananya Kaushal, BSPH, BA

TULANE WSPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HEALTH ACCESS AWARD

This award honors a student(s) whose research or public health work contributes to health equity or reducing health disparities. Student has directly contributed to the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine's promotion and support of the spread and research of health equity-focused initiatives in the New Orleans, United States', and international and other communities.

Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Roha Abbas, BSPH

UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

BSPH DEGREE AWARDS

(presented at an earlier event)

THE DEAN'S UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLASTIC AWARD

The graduating BSPH senior with the highest GPA in each graduating class receives this award. If a tie-breaker is needed, major GPA is the next criteria, followed by whether the student completed an honors thesis. Upon a tie among all these criteria, there will be two annual winners.

Jennifer Xiomara Herrera Cano, BSPH, BA

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Leadership Award honors a student who has shown great initiative and conviction with the capability to lead, encouraging others to get involved and be moved to action. Leadership is exemplified by a person who has the vision to see what is needed to move forward and then is able to engage others to achieve a common goal.

Treasure Alexis Joiner, BSPH

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH
STUDENT SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Service and Volunteerism Award is given to an individual who has performed exceptional service within Tulane University or in the community. This award recognizes a student who has put others before themselves, and their work has made a big difference to Tulane, New Orleans and the greater community.

Roha Abbas, BSPH

DELTA OMEGA HONORARY PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY

Isabella Rose Ardizzi, BSPH

Avani Das Banerji, BSPH

Lauren Elisabeth Eaves, BSPH

Annabelle Olivia Pesik Falconer, BSPH, BA

Kalia Frances Wolf Hamilton, BSPH, BA

Morgan Alexis Jacobs, BSPH

Nicole Taylor Klapper, BSPH

Miranda Joan Licardo, BSPH

Caroline Elizabeth McCance, BSPH

Annika Eliza Nelson, BSPH, BS

Rachel Moore Rosenthal, BSPH, BA

Isabelle Morgan Smith, BSPH

DELTA OMEGA, ETA CHAPTER, AWARD FOR ANNUAL
RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION (UNDERGRADUATE)

1st Place — Eleanor Jane Hood, BSPH

“Food Insecurity, Health-Related Quality of Life, and No-Barriers Food Aid”

TULANE UNIVERSITY WSPH AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

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Dean of the Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Annika Eliza Nelson, BSPH, BS

Undergraduate Public Health Studies

“RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND PATHOGENIC VIBRIOS IN ESTUARINE RECREATIONAL WATERS OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA”

**UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES
FACULTY AWARD**

(presented at an earlier event)

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH
TEACHING AWARD

This award is presented to a faculty member and is chosen by the students for their professional demeanor and ability to advise and give direction. The recipient is approachable and accessible to students.

Emily Harris, MHA

Instructor, Health Policy and Management

**UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES
TULANE UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

(presented at an earlier event)

TULANE 34 AWARD

The Tulane 34 Award, presented to 34 graduates from Tulane’s 10 schools and colleges, recognizes students for their exemplary leadership, service, and academic excellence. Named for the year in which the university was founded, 1834, the Tulane 34 award is among the most coveted university-wide honors bestowed upon students.

Janae Josephine Sharise Burney, BSPH

SENIOR HONOR SCHOLAR

Each May, Newcomb-Tulane College recognizes students who, by achieving academic excellence, embody the highest goals of the institution.

Eleanor Jane Hood, BSPH

Annika Eliza Nelson, BSPH, BS

CREST LEADERSHIP MEDALLION

The Leadership Medallion is awarded to graduating seniors of Newcomb-Tulane College who have demonstrated leadership capacity through their campus involvements that have exemplified each of the tenets of the Tulane University Leadership Framework.

Roha Abbas, BSPH

Janae Josephine Sharise Burney, BSPH

Amber Lauren Corb, BSPH

Julia Nili Dubovoy, BSPH

Lauren Elisabeth Eaves, BSPH

Evan Diamond Elster, BSPH

Kendall Jordyn Fields, BSPH

Kennedi Garrett

Treasure Alexis Joiner, BSPH

Miranda Joan Licardo, BSPH

Madeline Kodie Lorio, BSPH, BA

Caroline Elizabeth McCance, BSPH

Dior Naylor

Saksham Saharan, BSPH, BS

Emily Carol Stevenson, BSPH, BS

Anna Cay Kaemmerling Vernon, BSPH

Benjamin Isaac Warner, BSPH

Danielle Elizabeth Weber, BSPH, BA

CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TOP LEADERS IN SERVICE
AWARD

The award recognizes students who have committed their Tulane University career to improving the community around them. Whether through service-learning courses, internships, student leadership or volunteerism, the students recognized have shown dedication in their commitment to the New Orleans community and beyond.

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Miranda Joan Licardo, BSPH

Alyssa Lourdes Jose Olivia, BSPH

Sarah Elizabeth Schultz, BSPH, BS



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