

*SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND TROPICAL MEDICINE
AWARDS CEREMONY*

2023

May 20, 2023

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

PROGRAM

Welcome

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

Camila Rodriguez-Rojas, MPHTM, 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.

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Dean of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Samuel Marquez DiChiara, MPH, BA

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(presented at an earlier event)

Brendan Harris Carter, MSPH, BSPH, BS

Thu Anh Phan, MHA, BS

Aneeka Teruni Ratnayake, PhD, MSPH, BA

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

Arianne Delora Sacramento, MD, MBA, MPH, BS

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)

Andre Dominic Sisk, MD, MPHTM, MEd, BS

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 John Lefante, PhD

Chair and Professor, Biostatistics and Data Science

Megan Alexandra Jacobs, MSPH, BSPH

Yunwen “Wendy” Huang, MS, BS

JIM AND SONIA MILLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is to establish an endowed scholarship for deserving students in the graduate program of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, with preference given to students studying Environmental Health Sciences.

Presented by Melissa Gonzales, PhD

Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Tyneisha LaShawn Bradley, BS

AMBASSADOR JAY ANANIA AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

This scholarship is presented to a student who emulates Ambassador Anania’s commitment to addressing environmental health threats in vulnerable populations globally.

Presented by Melissa Gonzales, PhD

Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Mom Kefeyin Tatah Mentan, PhD, MPH, BA

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 SPHTM 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 Melissa Gonzales, PhD

Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Jacob Ari Hurwitz, MD, MPH, BSPH, BA

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 Melissa Gonzales, PhD

Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

Hannah Theresa Victoria Stoner, MSPH, BA

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

Alyssa Nina Bernido, MPH, BS

Emily Jaye Crandall, MPH, BS

Anika L. Davis, MPH, BA

Nour Elhoda Elabd, MPH, BSN

Samuel Donald Hoffman, MPH, BSPH

Jacob Ari Hurwitz, MD, MPH, BSPH, BA

Jennifer Leigh Jester, MPH, MA, BA

James John Marsh VI, MD, MPH, BSPH, BS

Celine Elizabeth McDaniel, MPH, BS

Paige Alexandra Ramon, MPH, BS

Patrick Sheedy, MD, MPH, BS

Afif Showkat, MSPH, BA

Wyatt Alexander Rivas Smith, MD, MPH, BS

Hannah Theresa Victoria Stoner, MSPH, BA

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 Katherine Mills, PhD

Associate Professor, Epidemiology

Xiao Sun, PhD, MS, MS, BE

MARY ELIZABETH O’CONNOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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

Presented by Katherine Mills, PhD

Associate Professor, Epidemiology

Qiaochu Xue, PhD, MPH, BS

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 SPHTM, 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 Mark VanLandingham, PhD

Professor, International Health and Sustainable Development

Catherine "Catie" Anne Seltz Drew, MPH, BA

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 Katherine Andrinopoulos, PhD

Associate Professor

International Health and Sustainable Development

Layla Mariam Babahaji, MPH, BSPH

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 Katherine Andrinopoulos, PhD

Associate Professor

International Health and Sustainable Development

Taylor Ellen Reisz, 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 Shokufeh Ramirez, PhD

Assistant Professor

Livia Jane Pinover, MPH, BSPH

Lily Elaine King, MPH, BA, BSPH

Kara Aleksandra Steele, MPH, BA

Michaeline Angelmire, MPH, BS

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

Danielle McKenzie Houston, 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

Victoria Eugenia Utria Terán, MPH, BS

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

This award is given for outstanding academic achievement in health education.

Presented by David Seal, PhD

Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Leyla Kate Scheuring, MPH, BSPH

Rebecca Elise Zacuto, MPH, BSPH

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NUTRITION

This award is given for outstanding academic achievement in nutrition.

Presented by Diego Rose, PhD

Professor

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences

Adela Pratt Munson, MPH, BA

Cassandra Paige LaBonte, MPH, BA

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 Lizheng Shi, PhD

Interim Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management

Kate Sophia Gallagher, MPH, BA

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 Lizheng Shi, PhD

Interim Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management (formerly Health Systems Management)

Siddhesh Desai, MHA, MBA, BE

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.

Presented by Lizheng Shi, PhD

Interim Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management

Joseph Andrew Ballan, MHA, BSPH

Aalyiah Marie Butler, MHA, BSPH

Catherine Worley Clark, MHA, BA

Michael Philip Fabrizio, MHA, BA

Lily Ariel Friedman, MHA, BSPH

Annalise Patricia Harknett, MHA, BSPH

Monica Karina Herrera, MHA, BS

Haley Johanna Jackson, MHA, BA

Manasi Jadhav, MHA, BS

Amanda Jade Kauffman, MHA, BSPH

Kendall Lane Keller, MHA, BBA

Grace Haffenreffer Moran, MHA, BSPH

Maria Lee Osborn, MHA, BS

Mohanish Keshore Savanth, MHA, BS

Miša Savich, MHA, BSPH

Grant J. Sceroler, MHA, BS

Ethan E. Smith, MHA, BSPH

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

Julia Christine Lippert, MPHTM, BS

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

Zane Brockton Presnal, MPHTM, 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*
Annalise Christine Dunsmore, 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*
Camila Rodriguez-Rojas, MPHTM, BA

**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 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*
Hans Govind Desale, PhD, MPHTM, BS

**TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM 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 SPHTM community in general.

*Presented by Erica W. Valenzuela, EdD
Assistant Dean of Student Experience and SGA Advisor*

Mya Latrice Willis, MPH, BS - President
Amanda Victoria Hercules, MPH, BS - Vice President
Thu Anh Phan, MHA, BS - Secretary
Grant J. Sceroler, MHA, BS - Treasurer

**TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM
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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 Mya Willis, MPH, BS
President, Student Government Association*

Berlin Londoño-Renteria, PhD, MSc
Assistant Professor
Tropical Medicine

**TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM
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 Mya Willis, MPH, BS
President, Student Government Association*

Katherine Mosier, MLA
Senior Program Manager
Tropical Medicine

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

This prestigious award was initiated in 2005 by the SPHTM 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 Mya Willis, MPH, BS
President, Student Government Association*

Ronald Blanton, MD, MS
Chair and Professor
Tropical Medicine

TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

Each spring Tulane Health Sciences holds the Research Recognition Event to recognize the success of health sciences researchers (for SPHTM, one master's and one doctoral) who attract research funding dollars that lead to new treatments and approaches to prevention.

Presented by Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Yizhuo Liu, MS, BE (master's)

Biostatistics

"GENOME-WIDE GENE-HYPERTENSION INTERACTION ANALYSES ON KIDNEY FUNCTION: FINDINGS FROM THE CRIC"

Maria Patrizia Santos, MSPH, BS, BSPH (doctoral)

Epidemiology

"AGE AT MENARCHE, TYPE 2 DIABETES, AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE COMPLICATIONS IN U.S. WOMEN UNDER 65 YEARS: NHANES"

TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM CERTIFICATES OF
RECOGNITION OF THE PAUL D. COVERDELL
FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Paul D. Coverdell Fellowship is a highly competitive scholarship awarded to exceptional Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) each year, demonstrating leadership and a lifelong commitment to service and cultural exchange. These students ensure the success of the Global Scholars Program by providing their technical and experiential knowledge to the planning and implementation of the program.

Presented by Erica W. Valenzuela, EdD

Assistant Dean for Student Experience

Samuel Marquez DiChiara, MPH, BA†

Emily Dimond, BS‡

Jennifer Clare Racher, MPH, BA†

Jenisha L. Stapleton, MPH, BA±

Hannah Theresa Victoria Stoner, MSPH, BA†

± — 2-year Coverdell Fellow

† — 1-year Coverdell Scholar

TULANE UNIVERSITY SPHTM 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 SPHTM 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

Layla Mariam Babahaji, MPH, BSPH

Julia Christine Lippert, MPHTM, BS

Natalie Aviv Lowenstein, MPH, BS

Alyssa Rae Schwinn, MPHTM, BS

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 School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Alexandra Jane Aubee, MPH, BSPH

Ansley Michael Bowen, MPH, BS

Theresa Quynh Anh Bui, MD, MPH, BS

Catherine Worley Clark, MHA, BA

Megan Ariel Coghlan, MD, MPH, BA

Siddhesh Desai, MHA, MBA, BE

Charlotte Rae Dezen, MPH, BSPH

Annalise Christine Dunsmore, MS, BS

Melody Rae Eaton, MPH, BA

Katerina Estelle Engler, MPH, BSPH

Lily Ariel Friedman, MHA, BSPH

Nicole Hasenkampf, MPH, BS

Jennifer June Hayashi, MD, MPH, BS

Megan Alexandra Jacobs, MSPH, BSPH

Louis Oliver Jeanson IV, MD, MMM, BS

Abigail J. Kennedy, MPH, BIA

Lily Elaine King, MPH, BA, BSPH

Bridget Marie Lucas Knudson, MPHTM, BSPH

Julia Christine Lippert, MPHTM, BS

Natalie Aviv Lowenstein, MPH, BS

James John Marsh VI, MD, MPH, BSPH, BS

Celine Elizabeth McDaniel, MPH, BS

Victoria Mary-Kate McDermott, MD, MPH, BS

Shannon Dee Morgan, MPH, MS, BA

Leah Michelle Motl, MPH, BS

Emma Elizabeth Newton, MD, MPH, MS, BS, BA

Aneeka Teruni Ratnayake, PhD, MSPH, BA

Sidney Heider Raymond, MD, MMM, BS

Amanda Michele Romrell, MPH, BS

Miša Savich, MHA, BSPH

Anna Elizabeth Schatz, MPH, BS

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Victoria Eugenia Utria Terán, MPH, BS

Rebecca Elise Zacuto, MPH, BSPH

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

STUDENTS

Layla Mariam Babahaji, MPH, BSPH
Joseph Andrew Ballan, MHA, BSPH
Laurie Anne Bell, MPH, BS
Claire Elizabeth Caprio, MPH, BS
Catherine Worley Clark, MHA, BA
Nicole Lauren Cohen, MPH, BA
Rebecca Anne Cormack, MPH, BSPH
Siddhesh Desai, MHA, MBA, BE
Charlotte Rae Dezen, MPH, BSPH
Emily Danielle Doyle, MPH, BA
Annalise Christine Dunsmore, MS, BS
Katerina Estelle Engler, MPH, BSPH
Kelly R. Estilette, MPH, BS
Michael Philip Fabrizio, MHA, BA
Riley Fedewa, MPH, BA
Jennifer June Hayashi, MD, MPH, BS
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Kendall Lane Keller, MHA, BBA
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Lily Elaine King, MPH, BA, BSPH
Camille Therese Knable, MD, MPH, BA
Bridget Marie Lucas Knudson, MPHTM, BSPH
Alyssa Renee Lindrose, MPH, BS
Julia Christine Lippert, MPHTM, BS
Brooke Heide Lively, MPH, BA
Natalie Aviv Lowenstein, MPH, BS
Joey Lujan, MPH, BA
Victoria Mary-Kate McDermott, MD, MPH, BS
Shannon Dee Morgan, MPH, MS, BA
Adela Pratt Munson, MPH, BA
Mary Ellen Owings, MPHTM, BSPH
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Nubaha Sayeed, MPH, BS
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Emily Morgan Shinn, JD, MPH, BS
Ethan E. Smith, MHA, BSPH
Hannah Theresa Victoria Stoner, MSPH, BA
Victoria Eugenia Utria Terán, MPH, BS

FACULTY

Claudia Patricia Herrera, PhD, MSc — *Tropical Medicine*
Lydia Bazzano, MD, PhD — *Epidemiology*

ALUMNI

Yilu Lin, PhD, MPH

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 Kirsten Dorans, ScD

President, ETA Chapter, Delta Omega

Aneeka Teruni Ratnayake, PhD, MSPH, BA

Epidemiology

"COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness, Hesitancy, Incentives, and Mandates in the Deep South"

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 SPHTM 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 — Jenisha L. Stapleton, MPH, BA

"The Relationship Between Past Incarceration and Chlamydia Infection in Young Black Men in New Orleans"

2nd Place — Yin Wang, MA, BA

"Guaranteed Small Cash Incentives Boosted COVID-19 Vaccinations of Young Adults: Evidence from a Statewide Natural Experiment in West Virginia"

**UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES
FACULTY AWARD**

(presented at an earlier event)

**OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH
TEACHING AWARD**

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Sarah R. Michaels, PhD, MSPH

Clinical Assistant Professor, Tropical Medicine

**UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES
BSPH DEGREE AWARDS**

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Sarah Frances, BSPH, BS

**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.

Maya Penina Schane, BSPH

**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.

Raymell D. Green, 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.

Katherine Mina Sonderegger, BSPH

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Presented by Janeen Azare

President, Public Health Alumni Association Board

Janaki Lakshmi Sundaresan, BSPH

SENIOR HONOR SCHOLAR

Each May, Newcomb-Tulane College recognizes students who, by achieving academic excellence, embody the highest goals of the institution. *(presented at an earlier event)*

Lydia Edith Garrett-Metz, BSPH

Catherine Emma Rolfes, BSPH

**CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TOP 30 SENIORS 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.

Chandler LaBraeden Brock, BSPH

Wash Fields, BSPH

Raymell D. Green, BSPH

Bridget Anne Lindgren, BSPH

Katherine Mina Sonderegger, BSPH

Amanda Elizabeth Toole, BSPH

DELTA OMEGA HONORARY PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY

Samuel Andrew Fisch, BSPH

Danielle Christine McWilliams, BSPH

Shira Helene Pomerantz, BSPH

Ellen Nichole Rokicki, BSPH

Katherine Mina Sonderegger, BSPH

Emma Kate Stanley, BSPH

Megan Elizabeth Vandenburg, BSPH

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

1st Place — Niamh Tanamor Brennan, BSPH

"Medicare Telehealth Utilization of Behavioral Health Sciences in Lockdown and Non-Lockdown States During the COVID-19 Pandemic"



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