March 30, 2017 **Spring Issue 2**



MPH MEMOS



The University of Tennessee | Department of Public Health

Dates to Remember

March 30 **PHGSA Member Meeting HPER 235 after Seminar**

March 31 **Comprehensive Exams**

April 3 - 7 Sex Week

April 3-8 **Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week**

April 3 - 9 **National Public Health** Week

April 14 **Spring Recess** (No Class)

April 28 Classes End

May 11 TPHA East Tennessee Spring Meeting & Graduate Hooding





Pubilc Health Graduate Student Association News



National Public Health Week is in one week! Below are the events PHGSA will be participating in!

Thursday, March 30 | 6:20 pm | HPER 235 **PHGSA Member Meeting**

To go over public health week events as well as the rest of the semester

Monday, April 3 | 12 - 3 pm | Ayers Hall Lawn Walk the Hill in Heels

Supporting Sex Week and sexual assault awareness. PHGSA will be tabling - stop by!

Wednesday, April 5 | 6 pm | UT Art and Architecute Bldg **Built Envrionment Lecture**

Come learn about redesigning our communities into more walkable and more engaging places

Friday, April 7 | 10 am -1 pm | Tennessee Valley Humane Society **Volunteering at the Animal Shelter**

Come for some stress relieving animal cuddling and community service!

Saturday, April 8 | 9 am | Circle Park on UT's Campus Smokey's Pantry 5K

Sign up to run and/or volunteer at http://gss.utk.edu/smokeyspantry-run/

Trivia Night!

On Thursday, March 2nd, the team did not place, but remained in the top two places until the final question!





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Check out these healthcare related podcasts!

- The Commonwealth Fund "New Directions in Health Care"
- **M** Johns Hopkins "Public Health: On the Inside"
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "Our Cultures Are Our Source of Health"
- **The Lancet Journal "The Lancet Podcast"**
- University of Minnesota "Public Health Moment"
- University of California San Diego "History of Public Health"

Good luck to all the students taking Comprhensive Exams on Friday, March 31st!



Share your news for the MPH Memos with Rebecca Elias, editor relias@vols.utk.edu

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What Did Public Health Students Do Over Spring Break?

C.J. Whitfield

"I spent my spring break in New York enjoying the snow and navigating the subway system. Lucky me!"





Becca Elias

"I spent my break in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. My favorite parts were visiting the Boeing Factory, brewery tours, and hiking Multonomah Falls."

Whitney Rumsey

"I had such a great spring break visiting Max Patch in North Carolina and exploring the beautiful city of Chicago, Illinois. "



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Free and Healthy Tennesse Lobby Day

Dr. Brown, Doctoral Student Amanda Letheren, and MPH students Emma Barnes, Mariel Crawford, Rebecca Elias, Kelsey Parkman, and Rachel Wojciechowski traveled to Nashville for Free and Health Tennessee Lobby Day on Tuesday, February 21.

Lobbying days are a great way to see the hustle and bustle of the policymaking process!

Committee hearings, legislator meetings, networking...so many things to do and see. My favorite part of the day was the meeting with my representative. Not only was it a new experience for you all, it was a new experience for me too (leading the discussion)! Not many people know that anyone can set up a meeting with their legislator. - Amanda Letheren







The Tennessee General Assembly site: http://www.capitol.tn.gov/