



MPH MEMOS



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Dates to Remember

April 28
Classes End

May 3
Internship Presentations

May 10
Mini Session Begins

May 11
TPHA East Tennessee
Spring Meeting & Graduate
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May 13
Official Graduation Date

May 29
Memorial Day Holiday

May 31
Mini Session Ends

June 1
Full Session Begins

July 4
Independence Holiday

August 11
Full Session Ends

August 12
Summer Graduation Date

August 23
Fall 2017 Classes Begin

Public Health Graduate Student Association News



Thank you to all students, faculty, and staff for their participation in National Public Health Week April 3-7 !



Rebecca Novack, PHGSA Treasurer, attends Walk the Hill in Heels event on Monday, April 3.



left: Becca Elias and Emma Barnes attend the Volunteers Baseball game against MTSU on Tuesday, April 4.



right: CJ Whitfield, TyKeara Mims, Emma Barnes, Sharena Domingo, and Austin Brewer volunteer at the Tennessee Valley Humane Society on Friday, April 7.



Stay tuned for PHGSA events this summer!

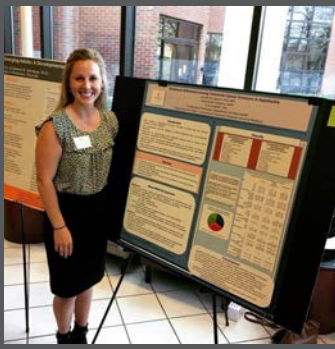
Congratulations to all the students who are graduating on May 11th!

We know you will all accomplish great things!



College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
Research Colloquium
March 3, 2017

Congratulations to Emma Barnes, Amanda Lethern, and TyKeara Mims on presenting their research at the CEHHS Research Colloquium!





Please take the MPH Student Satisfaction Survey!



This is your opportunity to share with faculty and administration your satisfaction with the program, interaction with faculty and other aspects of your MPH experience. Responses are anonymous and the survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Your opinions are important to the ongoing effort to provide a quality MPH program.

Click here to start the survey: [MPH Student Survey](#)

MPH Intern Presentations

When: Wednesday, May 3rd
9 am and 2 pm

Where: HPER 235
1914 Andy Holt Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37996

Preceptors, faculty, and students are all welcome to attend this event!

Questions? Contact Julie Grubaugh at jgrubaugh@utk.edu or 865-974-9277

9 AM

- * Tamnet Kidanu, UT Center for Health Education and Wellness
- * Dr. Taylor Opel, H.A.B.I.T & USDA Food Safety Inspection Service
- * Cori Sweet, UT Agriculture Extension
- * Jessica Waddell, Great Schools Partnership

2 PM

- * Chelsea Hagan, Radio Systems Corporation
- * Brittney Hardwick, Vanderbilt Health Services
- * Pragya Gautam Poudel, UT Social Work Office of Research and Public Service



2017 Outstanding Preceptor Awards

During national public health week, the UT Department of Public Health awarded three public health leaders recognition as Outstanding Preceptors for having demonstrated continued, high quality mentoring of MPH interns.



The three preceptors recognized this year (pictured from left to right) were Karen Pershing ,Executive Director of the Metro Drug Coalition, Erin Patrick, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Rabies Biologist, and Stephanie Strutner (not pictured) Executive Director for the Allies for Substance Abuse and Prevention.

Master of Public Health Students in Action!

Culture of Quality Improvement at the Knox County Health Department



(left to right) : Alicia Mastronadi, Epidemiologist, Jennifer Valentine, MSN, RN, Director of Accreditation and QI, Xingxing Liu, Michelle L. Hammett and Liliana Burbano, Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Michelle L. Hammett Rochat and Xingxing Liu presented their report on the Culture of Quality Improvement to the Knox County Health Department. This was their community service learning project for PUBH 527: Theories and Techniques in Health Planning. They want to thank Jennifer Valentine, MSN, RN, Director of Accreditation and QI for her mentorship during their development of their project “Assessment of the Culture of Quality Improvement at the Knox County Health Department.”

Congratulations to **TyKeara Mims** and **Sarah Walsh**, the 2017 recipients of the **June D. Gorski Scholarship!**



Public Health Podcast Corner

Check out these healthcare related podcasts!

- ▶ **British Medical Journal “Ecological Public Health”**
- ▶ **National Institute of Health “NIH Research Radio”**
- ▶ **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
“Healthcare 411”**
- ▶ **Science Now “Engineering Public Health”**
- ▶ **United Nations “United Nations Radio News”**
- ▶ **WGBH, Boston’s NPR news station, “The World’s
Global Health Podcast”**

April Wellness Warrior Award Winner: Whitney Rumsey, MPH Student



The recipient of the April Wellness Warrior Award, Whitney Rumsey, is dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle and encouraging those around her to do the same. Whitney is a graduate student in the Master of Public Health Program and the Graduate Assistant for Fitness with RecSports. While that is simply a title, she dedicates herself to not only managing the fitness staff that promotes a healthier lifestyle for all students, faculty, and staff, but also incorporating a healthy lifestyle with the staff. She has been known to lead a 15-minute cycle workout at the end of staff meetings. She also knows that a healthy lifestyle is not just about fitness. She dedicates time on Sundays to cooking and prepping healthy meals for herself for the week. Whitney wants to devote her life to promoting a healthier lifestyle for society as a whole through the management of healthcare organizations and through policies that structure the world that we all live in.

Her nominator describes Whitney as, “not only an incredible friend to have but she is also an inspiration for people to see that you can be dedicated to a healthy lifestyle and a healthy social life too. She will not judge you for eating something unhealthy or even starve herself of indulgences, but she will joke that the Girl Scout Cookies we are all eating can be worked off through our flag football team.” Congratulations, Whitney!

Share your news with MPH Memos editor, Rebecca Elias.
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