

Network

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Students, Faculty Prepare for Graduation

Wednesday, May 12

5-8 p.m., GW Alumni House (1925 F Street, NW)
 SPHHS *End of the Year Celebration* sponsored by PHSA; celebrate a successful year with fellow classmates, professors, staff, friends and family
 RSVP Neely Dahl (ndahl@gwu.edu)

Friday, May 14

4 p.m.—Lisner Auditorium
 Doctoral Hooding Ceremony
 Assemble at the lower level of Lisner in full regalia by 3:30 p.m.; regalia attire serves as an admit ticket to the ceremony



Saturday, May 15

12 p.m.—Lisner Auditorium—SPHHS Commencement Celebration; keynote speaker, H. Jack Geiger, MD, MSci Hyg, ScD
 10 a.m.—Students should arrive for pictures
 11:30 a.m.—Guests should arrive
 1:30 p.m.—Reception hosted by Dean Katz in the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom
 8:30 p.m.—Monumental Celebration, Union Station, call 202-994-1600 to purchase tickets.

Sunday, May 16

9:30 a.m.—Ellipse
 University Commencement Ceremony
 For more information visit gwu.edu/~grad04/

A 24-hour recorded message on the status of Commencement Weekend events will be available May 10-16. Call 202-994-5050.



The annual SPHHS International Night included food, entertainment and fashion from around the world as well as an opening performance from the Decanal Choir. (photo credit: Lacy Fehrenbach)

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The newsletter for and about the students, faculty and staff of the GW School of Public Health and Health Services, 2300 Eye Street, NW, Ross 106, Washington, DC 20037.

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Of Note ...

Dr. Ayman El-Mohandes, Department of Prevention and Community Health, received a \$3.5 million award from the National Institutes of Health for the *DC Initiative to Reduce Infant Mortality in Minority Populations*.

The collaborating team includes Drs. Richard Windsor, Susan Blake and Rick Boyd (Department of Prevention and Community Health); Dr. John Larsen (OB/GYN); and Dr. David Perry (Pharmacology).

One study involves a clinical trial related to nicotine therapy and pregnant women; the second study looks at support programs to reduce tobacco smoke exposure in the first years of life.



The second issue of *Network* continues our new venture at SPHHS to keep students, faculty and staff informed on a regular basis about news and upcoming activities at the School. We need your input to make this initiative a real success and ask that you provide information of interest for this monthly publication. Please contact either Dr. Kathy Hunting, associate dean for student and faculty development or Linda Dent, director of publications in the Medical Center's Office of Communications and Marketing, with your announcements. They are eager to hear from you!

Our biggest May event is, of course, graduation. There will be much to celebrate—the academic achievements of the Class of 2004 as well as its commitment to the ideals of public health and its dedication to the protection and advancement of the health of all people. We look forward to this very special day and to a bright and promising future for our newest SPHHS ambassadors to the world. Congratulations and warm wishes from us all!

Dean Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH

Did you know ...

•Athletic Training alumnus Ernest Eugene (BS '00) accepted a position as assistant athletic trainer for the Washington Wizards.

•Athletic Training alumna Laura Shane (BS '03) is an athletic training graduate assistant with the United States Olympic Committee Training Center In Marquette, MI.

Volunteer Opportunities

Project Health needs volunteers for Children's National Medical Center; visit phealth@gwu.edu for more information.

Get involved with:

- Family Help Desk: Mondays 1-5 p.m., Wednesdays 12-5 p.m., Thursdays 9-11 a.m., and Fridays 11-5 p.m.
- STRIVE (working with children suffering from sickle cell disease), Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Girls' Fitness and Nutrition Program; Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7 p.m.



Coming Up!

Monday, May 3 – Thursday, May 6
2-3:30 p.m. (2175 K St. Suite 700 Rm 7011)
Department of Global Health Public Health Internship Presentations

Tuesday, May 4
5:30-7 p.m. (2021 K St NW, Suite 800)
Department of Health Policy End-of-Year Celebration

Wednesday, May 5
4:30-5:30 p.m., Himmelfarb, Rm 202
EOH Seminar: *Hospital-based First Receivers of Victims from Mass Casualty Involving the Release of Hazardous Substances*

Wednesday, May 12
4:30-5:30 p.m., Himmelfarb, Rm 202
EOH Seminar: *Tracking Soldier Health Risks and Exposures*

Monday, May 24
12 p.m., GW Hospital Rm 6117
Medicare Prescription Drug Reform

June 3-4
Washington, DC; Workshop: *Integration of Buprenorphine into the Primary HIV Treatment Setting*; contact chunter@gwu.edu

Wednesday, June 9
4-7 p.m., GW Marvin Center Grand Ballroom; Consumer Health Foundation presents *Speak Out for Your Health!*, moderated by WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi

Student Spotlight—kudos to:

- Carmella Peoples (Maternal and Child Health) has been appointed to the distinguished **Presidential Management Fellowship Program** (formerly PMI). She competed with several thousand in this national competition.
- Tracy Harris will receive the first annual **Chair's Award in Health Policy**
- New **PHSA Executive Board**: President Lacy Fehrenbach (Maternal and Child Health); Vice Presidents Nisha Branch (Epidemiology) and Nisha Sachdev (Global Health), Secretary Nancy Shieh (Health Policy) and Treasurer David Escobar (Epidemiology).

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Job Track

- Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured; looking for MPP, MPH or similar degree to coordinate dissemination of rigorous economic research on the uninsured; contact: cjuliano@umich.edu for more information.
- HSML Students are compiling a resume book to send to potential internship and residency sites. The book will allow industry professionals to view resumes of HSML students looking for a residency or internship.
- WellFit Internships for undergraduate and graduate students; contact: EXSC at 994-6280.
- The Department of Health Policy has an online resource for internship listings, research positions and job opportunities. Visit: www.gwhealthpolicy.org for more information.
- Stop by Ross 221 to browse the latest edition of *Public Health Jobs Worldwide*.
- Find all job and internship announcements posted to the SPHHS listserv on GWork, at gwired.gwu.edu/cms/index.php?site=career&id=2669

Boot Camp

SPHHS will host a *Summer Boot Camp for Success* featuring six topics for six Saturdays beginning June 5. All sessions are offered from 9 a.m. until noon in Ross Hall.

The cost is \$75 per session or \$425 for all six (for SPHHS students and alumni). For non-SPHHS participants, the cost is \$85 for each session or \$495 for all six.

Topics include:

- writing effective abstracts and executive summaries
- obtaining grants
- media strategies and skills
- IRB process
- legal issues (labor law, informed consent, governance)
- what happens in a public health lab

Registration and payment deadline is May 15 to Rachele Patterson, 202 Ross Hall; 202-994-7769.

Abstracts

APHA Public Health Education and Health Promotion (PHEHP) has called for abstracts dedicated to student work. Go to jhsph.edu/hao/phehp/PHEHPStudentAbstractCall_2004.doc for submission directions. Deadline: Friday, May 28; those accepted will be notified this summer. Presenters are expected to register for the November 6-10 meeting.