

Faculty and staff accomplishments (as of July 31)

Accomplishment kudos

Hussein Al-Wakeel, DDS, Dip, MSc, assistant professor, ATSU-MOSDOH, received the ATSU-MOSDOH Elsie Gaber Compassion & Integrity Award.

Sara Amini-Rad, practice-based research network coordinator, A.T. Research Institute, ATSU, earned a master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Bart Anderson, DHSc, AT, ATC, professor, clinical education coordinator, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, received the ATSU-ASHS 2021 Scholar of the Year Award.

Marjorie Belizaire, MD, adjunct professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Outstanding Adjunct Award for public health at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Debra Blessing, aging studies coordinator, Area Health Education Center, ATSU-KCOM, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2021.

William Brechue, PhD, chair and professor, physiology, ATSU-KCOM, received ATSU's Missouri campus A.T. Still Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching, Basic Sciences.

Erin Breitenbach, PhD, MA, chair and associate professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, was elected as a member of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative (AIHC) Advisory Board by her colleagues at AIHC and the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education.

Heather Brown, EdD, MTS, assistant director, University Writing Center, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Outstanding Employee Award at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

J. Rich Cohen, DDS, assistant professor, director of orofacial pain, ATSU-ASDOH, was appointed to the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Board of Commissioners. He is the inaugural commissioner of orofacial pain, which was recently recognized as a dental specialty.

Michelle DiBaise, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, chair and professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was re-elected treasurer of the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants.

Jimmie Flores, PhD, DM, MS, adjunct professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, completed a 10-month, 300-hour program to earn the certified professional co-active coach credential.

Brianna Fountain, clinical education coordinator, Area Health Education Center, ATSU-KCOM, earned a master of health administration degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Scott Howell, DMD, MPH, FSCD, associate professor, director of public health dentistry & teledentistry, ATSU-ASDOH, was named to the 2021-22 cohort of the Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity US + Global program.

Cynthia Kaye, senior executive assistant, president's office, ATSU, received ATSU's Arizona campus 2021 Distinguished Service Award.

Farid Khalafalla, PhD, associate dean, academic affairs, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2021 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Biological Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, which recognizes AACP Biological Sciences section members who have designed innovative teaching techniques to improve student learning.

Jonathan Kirsch, DO, associate professor, osteopathic manipulative medicine, ATSU-KCOM, received ATSU's Missouri campus A.T. Still Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching, Clinical.

Linda Koonce, DHA, MBA, adjunct professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Outstanding Adjunct Award for health administration at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Kenneth Lam, ScD, ATC, professor, interdisciplinary health sciences; Ashley Marshall, PhD, MEd, ATC, CES, PES, adjunct faculty, athletic training; and Alison Valier, PhD, ATC, FNATA, professor, athletic training, all faculty members at ATSU-ASHS, were recognized for their article, "Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Sports Medicine: A Concise Resource for Clinicians and Researchers," first published in April 2020 by the *Journal of Athletic Training*. The trio earned the 2020 Journal of Athletic Training Clint Thompson Award for Clinical Advancement.

David Larson, MS, adjunct professor, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Outstanding Adjunct Award for kinesiology at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Eric Matthews, PhD, MS, associate professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Professor of the Year Award at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Mary-Katherine McNatt, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, COI, associate professor and chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was selected to be part of a toolkit development team with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy in the Health Resources and Services Administration and the nonpartisan and objective research organization NORC at the University of Chicago. The toolkit will include information and resources about evidence-based and promising approaches to developing programs to advance rural health equity.

Jeffrey Morgan, DO, FACOI, associate professor, ATSU-SOMA, earned a doctor of education in health professions degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Ammar Musawi, MDS, BDS, associate professor and director, preclinical education & simulation clinic, ATSU-MOSDOH, earned a master of public health – dental emphasis degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Patrick Palmieri, DHSc, EdS, MBA, MSN, ACNP, RN, adjunct professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the Blue Ribbon Abstract Award from the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology for his abstract titled “Family Function and Treatment Adherence of People Infected with Tuberculosis in Peru: A Multicenter Observational Study.” He also received ATSU-CGHS’ Outstanding Adjunct Award for health sciences at the College’s 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor and chair, postgraduate orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, was appointed deputy editor of the *American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics*.

Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS, FACD, associate vice president of strategic partnerships and associate professor, ATSU, was named a recipient of the National Dental Association (NDA) President’s Special Award for her support in advancing the NDA president’s theme of “Forging and Fortifying Partnerships for Health Equity.”

Kelsey Picha, PhD, ATC, assistant professor, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, received the ATSU-ASHS 2021 Junior Faculty of the Year Award.

Melinda Rawcliffe, PA-C, adjunct professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was elected president-elect of the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants.

Cassie Reynolds, administrative assistant, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2021.

Tina Samms, assistant director, residential admissions, ATSU, earned a master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Tabitha Sawyer, coordinator, academic affairs, ATSU-KCOM, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2021.

Heather Schneider, DMD, adjunct professor, ATSU-ASDOH, was named one of the Most Influential Women in Arizona for 2021 by *Az Business* magazine. She is also Delta Dental of Arizona's dental director.

Kate Schultz, MS, adjunct professor, health professions education, ATSU-CGHS, received ATSU-CGHS' Outstanding Adjunct Award for health professions education at the College's 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony.

Jaime Sparling, enrollment manager, ATSU-CGHS, earned a master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Liz Sprout, employment coordinator, human resources, ATSU, received the Arizona campus Employee Excellence Award for the second quarter of 2021.

Susan Thomas, MEd, instructional designer, ATSU-CGHS, received the ATSU-CGHS Outstanding Employee Award.

Tessa Tibben, DHSc, MPAS, PA-C, assistant professor, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, received the ATSU-ASHS 2021 Service of the Year Award. In addition, she was elected a director at large of the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants.

Aesha Turner, MS, MCHES, business operations manager, ATSU-CGHS, earned a doctor of health education degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Alison Valier, PhD, ATC, FNATA, professor, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, was recognized with two awards from the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Foundation. Dr. Valier received the 2021 Volunteer Service Award, in recognition of her exemplary volunteer service advancing the NATA Research & Education Foundation. Dr. Valier is also a member of the Strategic Alliance AT Research Agenda Task Force, which received the Rachael Oats Leadership Award.

Ramey Weichelt, enrollment representative, ATSU-CGHS, earned a master of health administration degree from ATSU-CGHS.