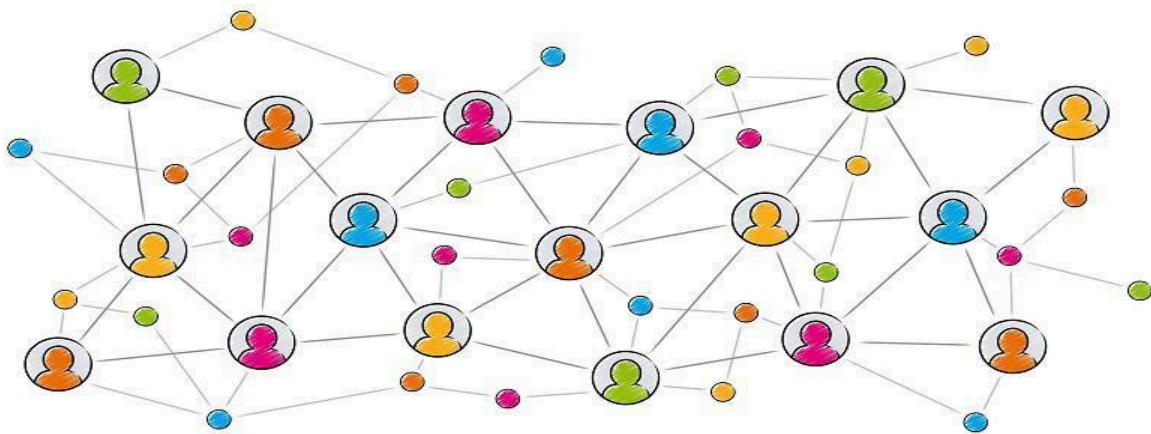


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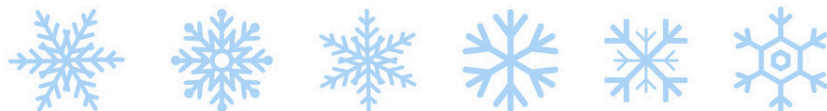


December 2024

Announcements

Happy Holidays from CGHS!

CGHS Faculty and Staff would like to wish all students and alumni a happy holiday season. We hope you are able to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends over winter break!



Important Dates to Note

- **End of Fall Block 2:** December 15, 2024
- **Winter Break:** December 23, 2024 - January 5, 2025
 - University Offices Closed: December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025
- **Start of Spring Block 1:** January 6, 2025

CGHS Career Services

Celebrate the Season with CGHS Career Services

As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on your professional journey and set goals for the year ahead. Our Career Services team is here to help you turn aspirations into accomplishments. Whether you're updating your resume, crafting the perfect cover letter, or preparing for interviews, our personalized support will empower you to confidently step into new opportunities. Explore our curated career resources to uncover insights, tools, and strategies tailored to your professional development.

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of growth. Visit the [CGHS Career Services website](#) and discover how our expertise can elevate your career path. From resume reviews to networking strategies, we're dedicated to helping you succeed at every stage of your journey. Let's work together to turn your professional dreams into reality—because your future deserves the best foundation. Submit a [contact form](#) today and start building your brightest year yet!

ATSU-CGHS Distinguished Service Award

Nominate a deserving alumnus of CGHS!

The **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes graduates of ATSU-CGHS who have achieved recognition and distinction in their field at the local, national, or international level. This award is presented to alumni who actively contribute to advancing the University's mission by supporting its programs, thereby ensuring the University's influence on our community and future generations of students. Each recipient has left a lasting mark on society through exceptional professional, voluntary, or philanthropic achievements. This honor may be granted to alumni who have shown exceptional dedication and/or provided notable financial assistance to ATSU-CGHS.

- One recipient is selected annually.
- Multiple nominations are welcome! Each nomination requires a separate form submission.
- Recipients cannot be serving on the CGHS Alumni Board, ATSU Alumni Association Board, or the ATSU Board of Trustees at the time of selection.

The 2025 CGHS Awards will be presented during the CGHS Graduation Banquet in Mesa, AZ on May 22, 2025. Travel costs associated with recognition will be at the recipient's expense. Submit award nominations by clicking [this link](#).

Nomination Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2025

News from Enrollment Services

Graduating soon?

Graduation season is here and it's time to think about your diploma. Diplomas are typically shipped 6-8 weeks after graduation once grades are finalized and degrees are conferred. They will be sent to the address listed in your Anthology Student Portal, **please make sure your address is up to date before graduation**. Your diploma will display your name as it appears in the system. You should review your unofficial transcript to ensure accuracy. If you need to change your name on the diploma, submit a Name Change or Diploma Name Form before graduation. After your degree is conferred, you'll receive a certified electronic copy via CeCredentialTrust. Diplomas are printed horizontally: doctorates (18x14) and master's/certificates (11x8.5). For more information about the ceremony or diploma details, visit the [commencement website](#) or contact your program. *Congratulations on your achievement!*

University Writing Center



CGHS Student, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff News

Doctor of Health Administration student and Health Administration Curriculum Committee Member **Dina Jarjees** has been awarded the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) **2024 Foster G. McGaw Scholarship** to support her education. *Congratulations on this prestigious award, Dina!*

Doctor of Health Administration student Kennedy Wright has been selected as the recipient of the **2024-25 AUPHA Bugbee-Falk Book Award**. Kennedy will receive several foundational health administration books to supplement her professional library. *Congratulations, Kennedy!*

Kudos to **Master of Education in Health Professions Education student Daniel Lebedies** on earning second place in the **2024 Interprofessional Cross-Campus Collaborative Case course**. The course is an opportunity for students to collaborate with student peers from A.T. Still University campuses in Missouri, Arizona and California and Truman State University in Missouri in disciplines of medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, audiology, Physician Assistant, health science, speech-language pathology, athletic training and more. *Impressive work, Daniel!*

Public Health faculty member **Dr. Mary-Katherine McNatt, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, COI, CWC** is a nominee for the CMS Federal Office of Minority Health Health Equity Advisory Committee. *Congratulations and good luck, Dr. McNatt! We hope you are chosen to serve!*

Health Sciences adjunct faculty member Melanie Tidman, DHSc, MA, OTR/L, MHP and **Health Sciences alumna Dawn White, DHSc** have published an article together in the *Journal of Metabolic Health*! *Thank you for this informative work, Drs. Tidman and White!*

Tidman, M. M., White, D. R., & White, T. A. (2024). Symposium for Metabolic Health 2024: Conference report and summary of highlights. *Journal of Metabolic Health*, 7(1).
<https://doi.org/10.4102/jmh.v7i1.104>

Accolades to Doctor of Education in Health Professions Education student Marcia Dickerson for completing the **Safe Zone for All** training offered by the [ATSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#). Marcia is a volunteer for [ATSU's Dreamline Pathways Program](#), a mentoring program for K-12 students. *Thanks for your service, Marcia!*

Doctor of Health Administration student and CGHS SGA Class President Hannah Morales recently published a children's book called *Smooch's Mischievous Apologies*. The book is available on Amazon and features a heartwarming story of love and friendship. *Congratulations on the publication of your book, Hannah!*

Dr. Kelly Halligan, DDS, MPH, an alumna of the Public Health Dental Emphasis program, was recently featured in a local Denver newscast, where she discussed a tobacco cessation program she created. Dr. Halligan created the program during her MPH-D practicum. You can view the segment featuring Dr. Halligan [here](#). *Thank you for continuing to make such a positive impact, Dr. Halligan!*

Alumni Spotlight



Romana Muller, EdD, MSDH, CEPH, RDH

Romana Muller, EdD, MSDH, BA, CEPH, RDH is an **associate professor at A.T. Still University's Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH)**. Dr. Muller holds a Bachelor in Healthcare Management degree from Webster University, a Master in Dental Hygiene from Eastern Washington University, a Certificate in Public Health, and a Doctorate in Education in Healthcare Professions from A.T. Still University.

She is the director of the grant-funded project “In Any Language, Improving Oral Health Translates into Better Lives”, and the recipient of the 2022 ATSU Underserved Community Scholarly Improvement grant. Her teaching experience includes didactic and clinical instruction of dental and dental hygiene students, with focus on evidence-based dentistry and patient-centered care. Dr. Muller’s office is currently located in the St. Louis Dental Center (SLDC), MOSDOH’s clinical site. The SLDC clinic is a collaborative partnership between ATSU-MOSDOH and Affinia Healthcare where dental students provide comprehensive care to patients from many underserved and ethnically diverse communities.

As a researcher, Dr. Muller is interested in various subjects related to periodontics, disease prevention, health literacy, cultural competence, patient-provider communication, as well as educational delivery and assessment. Her Master’s thesis work investigated the impact of educational programs on the oral health literacy of refugees and immigrants. The study was completed in collaboration with the International Institute of St. Louis. Her doctoral research focused on investigating perceptions of translated forms among patients with limited English proficiency.

Dr. Muller is passionate about improving patient-provider communication and removing language barriers to dental care access. Having experienced barriers to medical care herself as a refugee living in several countries where she did not know the language, she is well aware of the significance of language assistance. Since joining the board of the St. Louis Give Kids a Smile organization in 2023, she has Dr. Muller is a member of the American Dental Education Association, American Dental Hygienists Association, Missouri Dental Hygienists Association and Missouri Coalition for Oral Health. She is active in her professional organization on a state

level. She is a continuing education provider, has presented her research on state and national levels, and is a manuscript reviewer for national and international journals.

CGHS Coming to a Conference Near You!

CGHS representatives will be attending the following conferences in 2025. If you plan to also attend one of these, let us know! We'd love to connect!! And, if you'd like to volunteer to promote CGHS, please email **Admissions Manager Jodi Gamm** at: jodigamm@atsu.edu.

February 5-8 2025	National Association of Community Health Centers - Policy & Issues Forum	Washington, DC
March 6-9 2025	American College of Sports Medicine Health and Fitness Summit	Denver, CO
March 24-27 2025	American College of Healthcare Executives	Houston, TX
March 30- April 2 2025	American Organization for Nursing Leadership	Boston, MA
April 9-11 2025	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	Arlington, TX
May 27-30 2025	American College of Sports Medicine	Atlanta, GA
June 17-22 2025	American Association of Nurse Practitioners	San Diego, CA
July 16-19 2025	National Strength and Conditioning Association	Kansas City, MO
August 17-19 2025	National Association of Community Health Centers - Community Health Institute	Chicago, IL
November 9-12 2025	National Network for Oral Health Access	San Antonio, TX

Other News, Events, and Opportunities

AJHP Student Think Tank

The **American Journal of Public Health** is **accepting applications through Dec. 23** for the 2025 cohort of the **AJPH Student Think Tank**.

This prestigious fellowship allows six students from around the United States to advise the AJPH Editor-in-Chief, and interact with production staff for one year. Students are given access to key insights into the Journal, manage their own student newsletter based on Journal

research, coordinate social media, and collaborate with Journal staff on other key student projects.

We are looking for creative students who take initiative and can work effectively in a team. While not required, we prefer a group of students from diverse states and backgrounds.

Students will convene for two meetings in the year to encourage and promote teamwork, collaboration and idea development. Travel and lodging costs for these meetings are covered by the American Public Health Association. Apply [here](#).

Public Health Post Student Essay Contest

In an era marked by increasingly divisive rhetoric, it can feel futile to engage in difficult conversations. However, fostering dialogue—whether through civil debate, open discussion, or community-based action—remains a critical component of improving population health. In your essay, discuss why it is important to continue engaging in challenging conversations. How does this act contribute to better public health outcomes for individuals, communities, and society as a whole? Use specific examples or research to support your arguments. (800 word maximum)

To apply, fill out the questions below and upload your essay. All essays should keep a domestic focus, and all references should be embedded as hyperlinks, not as a separate bibliography. The contest is open to 2024-25 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students in any program of study.

The winner will receive \$250, and have their essay published in Public Health Post, after editorial review.

Public Health Post is a daily population health magazine written by public health students and practitioners, and edited by experts. Our mission is to spotlight critical intersections in public health and social justice to advance conversations about health in communities across the United States. **Enter the contest** [here](#).

Questions? Email Mallory Bersi, managing editor, at mbersi@bu.edu. *Application deadline: midnight, Friday, January 31.*

Fellowships and Internships

View a recording of the **ASPPH Presents Webinar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Applying for ASPPH Fellowships."** During the recording, gain valuable insights into the 2025 fellowship cycle and learn how ASPPH fellowships provide recent graduates from ASPPH-member schools and programs of public health with unique opportunities to contribute to federal public health programs at agencies like the CDC, EPA, and USDA Rural Health: <https://aspph.org/event/everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-aspph-fellowships/>

The following opportunities have deadlines within the next 30 days:

American Educational Research Association (AERA) - Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program in Education Research

Application Deadline: ~~December 9, 2024~~ Extended to December 16, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.aera.net/Professional-Opportunities-Funding/AERA-Funding-Opportunities/Minority-Dissertation-Fellowship-Program>

Mayo Clinic - Perioperative Nursing Fellowship

Application Window: December 9 - December 18, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://college.mayo.edu/academics/health-sciences-education/fellowship-in-perioperative-nursing-arizona/>

Connecticut State Department of Public Health - Unpaid Student Internships

Next Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/workforce--professional-development/wpd-home/student-internships>

Hartford Health Care - Administrative Graduate Internship Program

Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-professionals/education/residencies-fellowships/administrative-graduate-internship>

Every Learner Everywhere - Student Internship Program

Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.everylearnereverywhere.org/student-fellowship/>

Memorial Healthcare System - RN Fellowship

Next Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Behavioral Health · Cardiac Academy · Case Management · Cath Lab/Interventional Radiology · Critical Care · CVICU · Dialysis · Emergency Services · High Risk OB · Infection Control · Labor & Delivery · MCI Outpatient Infusion · NICU · Oncology · Operating Room · Peds CVICU · Peds ED · PICU · Wound Care

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.mhs.net/medical-professionals/nursing/professional-development/rn-fellowship>

AmeriCorps Public Health Nursing Fellowship

Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=112131>

MD Anderson Cancer Center - Post Graduate Fellowship in Oncology Nursing

Application Deadline: "January" 2025 - submit prior to January 1 to be sure

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-training/nursing-education/post-graduate-fellowship-in-oncology-nursing.html>

St. John Fisher University - Golisano Fellowship in Developmental Disability Nursing

Application Deadline: January 1, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.sjf.edu/institutes/golisano-institute/fellowship/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellowship

Application Deadline: January 3, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.cdc.gov/pef/php/about/index.html>

Society for Experiential Education (SEE) - Fellows Program

Application Deadline: January 3, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.societyforee.org/see-fellows-program>

The Society for the Future of Higher Education - Mary Jo Small Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: January 6, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://sfhe.org/mary-jo-small-fellowships/>

University of North Carolina - Administrative Internship Program

Application Deadline: January 7, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/uncmc/careers/search-jobs/administrative-internship-program/>

ASPPH/USDA Rural Health Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: January 9, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://www.aspph.org/study/fellowships-and-internships/>

Aspen Institute, College Excellence Program - Aspen Rising (Community College) Presidents Fellowship

Application Deadline: January 13, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

<https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/programs/aspen-rising-presidents-fellowship>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - The CDC Science Ambassador Fellowship

Application Deadline: January 15, 2025

Opportunity and Application Details

https://www.cdc.gov/science-ambassador?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/scienceambassador/index.html

Do you have news to share with the CGHS community? If so, please email Jolynn Gardner at jolynngardner@atsu.edu.