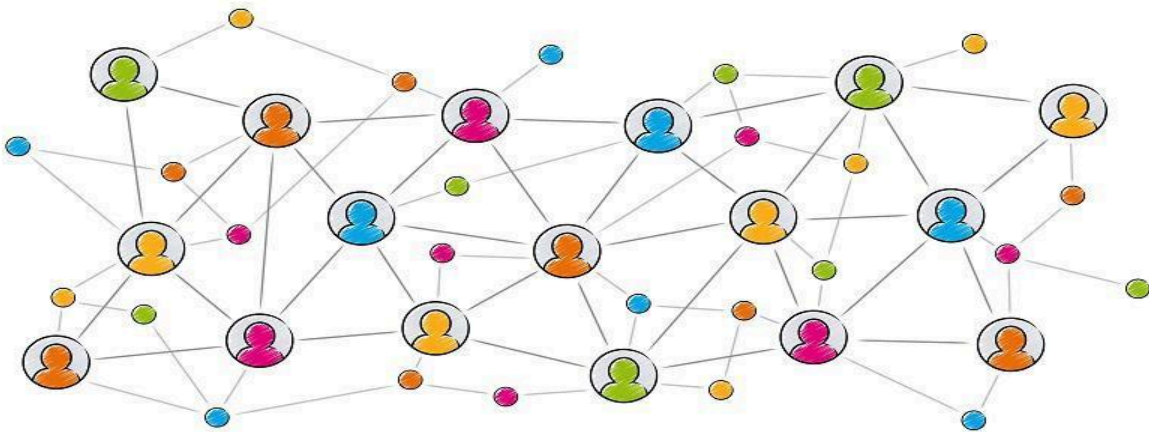


## CGHS Connections

monthly newsletter for students and alumni



February 2025

### Announcements

#### Important Dates to Note

- Sunday, March 16, 2025: End of Spring Block 1
- March 17 - 23, 2025: Spring Break
- Monday, March 24, 2025: Start of Spring Block 2
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 - 8:00 PM Central Time: CGHS Career Night
- Friday, May 23, 2025: CGHS Commencement Ceremony in Mesa, AZ
- Monday, May 26, 2025: Memorial Day Holiday
- Sunday, June 1, 2025: End of Spring Block 2

### CGHS Career Services

**Save the Date: April CGHS Career Night – Virtual Zoom Session on Careers in Community and County Health**

A.T. Still University's College of Graduate Health Studies (CGHS) Career Services invites students and alumni to join us for **April CGHS Career Night**, a **virtual Zoom session on Tuesday, April 8, from 7–8 PM Central time.**

Titled "**Serving Communities, Advancing Careers: Paths in Community and County Health**," this interactive session will provide valuable insights into career pathways, key roles, and professional development strategies within these essential public health sectors. Participants will hear from experts in the field, explore diverse job opportunities, and gain practical advice on advancing their careers in community and county health settings.

*Mark your calendar and stay tuned for registration details. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!*

**CGHS Career Services is dedicated to supporting students and alumni throughout their career journeys.** Whether you are exploring career options, seeking professional guidance, or looking to take the next step in your career, we are here to help. To get started, submit a [Contact Form](#), and [visit our website](#) to explore curated career resources.

For more information, contact CGHS Career Services at [cghscareerservices@atsu.edu](mailto:cghscareerservices@atsu.edu).

## Office of Scholarly and Professional Development

### **New Website!**

The **Office of Scholarly and Professional Development** has recently unveiled a [webpage](#) to help students, faculty, and staff be more aware of the services offered by the Office. Please take a look and let us know what you think! You'll find many helpful resources for your academic and career journeys!

## News from Enrollment Services

### **ATSU Scholarship Applications now open!**

Please help Enrollment Services spread the word that internal ATSU scholarship applications for the 2025-26 academic year are now open! All ATSU students now have access to **Scholarship Universe** through their ATSU portal.

Scholarship Universe is a tool that allows students to search for and apply to both internal scholarship opportunities and vetted external scholarships.

For general ATSU scholarship information, please visit the [Enrollment Services website](#).

### **Scholarship Application Timeline**

Internal Applications Open: 01-21-2025

Internal Applications Close: 03-23-2025

Recipients Announced: May 2025

Questions? Feel free to contact [Enrollment Services](#).

## CGHS DAISY Award

### Nominations Due April 11, 2025

We are excited to announce that **A.T. Still University-College of Graduate Health Studies (ATSU-CGHS)** is a **DAISY Award partner** and will **recognize a nominated nurse educator for their inspirational influence**. ATSU-CGHS nursing faculty members advance the skills of graduate students and keep clinicians updated on evidence-based practice. The DAISY Nurse Educator Award is merit-based and honors excellent teaching skills and leadership and a commitment to instilling strong patient care and compassion in their students. ***Please nominate an ATSU-CGHS Nursing Department faculty member by completing the [nomination form](#) by April 11, 2025.*** More details can be found in the form. Please direct questions to Aesha Turner (aturner@atsu.edu).



Scan this QR code to access the DAISY nomination form.

## ATSU Internal Grants Competition

### 2025 Applications Now Open!

We are excited to announce the opening of **ATSU's annual internal grants competition** for 2025, with updated guidelines, funding amounts, application forms, FAQs, and scoring rubrics—all available on the Sponsored Programs [website](#) under the ATSU Internal Grants tab (or copy [https://grants.atsu.edu/resources/#internal\\_grants](https://grants.atsu.edu/resources/#internal_grants) into your browser).

As indicated in the application forms, ***the submission deadline is April 1.***

The following grant funds are open for competition:

- ATSU Strategic Research Fund (up to \$30,000)
- Warner/Fermaturo & the ATSU Board of Trustees, Research Fund (up to \$10,000)
- ATSU Educational Scholarly Activity Research Fund (up to \$10,000)
- ATSU Community Health Research Fund (up to \$10,000)
- Herbert Fields, DO, Memorial Research Fund (KCOM/SOMA trainees) (up to \$3,000)

- ATSU Student Research Fund (up to \$3,000)

Interested students may apply!

The Application Requirements have been modified this year, so please be sure to use the updated guidelines and forms for proposal development.

**All applications must be submitted in Word or PDF format and emailed to [internalgrants@atsu.edu](mailto:internalgrants@atsu.edu) by 11:59 pm local time on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

If you need assistance or have questions about the grant application process, please refer to the FAQ [document](#) or email [internalgrants@atsu.edu](mailto:internalgrants@atsu.edu).

*Best wishes to all applicants!*

## CGHS Student, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff News

The students, alums, and faculty members of the **Health Administration Department** have been very active in conducting research studies and disseminating our scholarly findings.

Congratulations to the following individuals on their recent presentations and publications:

- **Dr. Lihua Dishman, Associate Professor**
- **Dr. John Fick, Associate Professor**
- **Dr. Rhionna Smith: DHA alum and adjunct faculty**
- **Dr. Kathie Thomas: DHA alum and adjunct faculty**
- **Dr. Jennifer Wilbers: DHA alum and adjunct faculty**
- **Javan Nelson, current DHA student**
- **Emily Bonazelli, DHA alum and adjunct faculty**
- **Michelle Hudson, current DHA student**

**Smith, R., Dishman, L., Fick, J., & Thomas, K.** (2025, February 28). *What is the relationship between surgeons' burnout and surgical physician associates' wellness in United States hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers?*. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.  
<https://www.alma.edu/michigan-academy/conference-information/>

**Wilbers, J., Dishman, L., & Fick, J.** (2025, February 28). *The perceptions of hospital administrators on quality of care and other factors as an antecedent to patient satisfaction in U.S. inpatient acute care hospitals*. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.  
<https://www.alma.edu/michigan-academy/conference-information/>

**Bonazelli, E., Dishman, L., & Fick, J.** (2024). A mixed-method investigation into the relationship between United States hospital executives' leadership competencies and

their organizations' value-based purchasing performance. [Abstract]. *Michigan Academician*, 49(1), 44.

<https://digitalcommons.alma.edu/michigan-academician/vol49/iss1/1>

**Hudson, M., & Dishman, L.** (2024). Investigating the perceived impact of evidence-based designs of United States acute care hospitals on employee wellness. [Abstract].

*Michigan Academician*, 49(1), 37.

<https://digitalcommons.alma.edu/michigan-academician/vol49/iss1/1>

**Smith, R., Dishman, L., Fick, J., & Thomas, K.** (2024). A systematic literature review of the association between surgeons' burnout and surgical physician associates' wellness in United States hospitals during global health crises. [Abstract]. *Michigan Academician*, 49(1), 38-39. <https://digitalcommons.alma.edu/michigan-academician/vol49/iss1/1>

**Nelson, J., & Fick, J.** (2025, February 28). *Institutional Special Needs Plans (I-SNPs) and Organizational Performance: A Systematic Literature Review*. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

<https://www.alma.edu/michigan-academy/conference-information/>

*Thank you for your impactful research, one and all!*

Kudos to **Health Professions Education Associate Professor Josh Bernstein** on the recent publication of a book for which he is a co-author. Fellow co-author **B.H. Aboul-Enein** is a CGHS alumnus!

**Aboul-Enein, B. H.,** Rassool, G. H., Benajiba, N., **Bernstein, J.,** & Faris, M. E. (Eds.).

(2025). *Contemporary Islamic perspectives in public health*. Cambridge University Press.

*Wonderful work, Dr. Bernstein!*

**Dr. Melaine Tidman, Health Sciences** alumna and adjunct faculty member, recently shared her research on the "Low Carb MD Podcast." Check out Dr. Tidman's episode here:

▶ Episode 376: Dr. Melanie Tidman

Two CGHS **Health Sciences** alumni. **Dr. Dawn White** and **Dr. Tim White**, are part of Dr. Tidman's research team. *Congratulations on this recognition of your impactful work!*

## CGHS Coming to a Conference Near You!

### 2025 Conferences

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](mailto:jodigamm@atsu.edu).

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

## Other News, Events, and Opportunities

### **Duke University BRIDGE Program – Apply to become a BRIDGE Scholar!**

This program aims to educate, mentor, and support a diverse and talented workforce that is equipped to improve population health, reduce health disparities, and advance health equity both locally and globally. [BRIDGE \(Building Research Inclusion and Diversity in Graduate Education\)](#) is a year-long, remote program designed to cultivate a diverse community of trainees and encourages applications from members of underrepresented communities.

View this [flyer](#) to learn more about the benefits of the BRIDGE Program, including a 100% tuition scholarship for our Summer Institute program. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

### **American Institute of Dental Public Health (AIDPH) - Student Aide Program for the 2025 AIDPH Colloquium**

**Application Deadline: Apply NOW** - the colloquium occurs **March 4-5, 2025**.

Location: Virtual

Our Student Aide Program provides a unique opportunity for predoctoral, dental hygiene, public health, and other advanced education students to gain hands-on experience in organizing and managing a virtual national event dedicated to advancing oral health equity and justice. Students will assist with essential event operations and receive access to a suite of career-building resources.

As a Student Aide, you'll be fully immersed in the Colloquium environment, networking with professionals across public health, private practice, academia, and nonprofit sectors, all while

receiving mentorship and guidance on navigating conferences and leveraging professional events for your career development.

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://aidph.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=44132cb4c32f4b4f69cb519dd&id=e4c5e93339&e=0fa914d52d>

## **Fellowships and Internships**

If you are interested in enhancing your education with an internship or fellowship, check out the many opportunities listed at:

[https://guides.atsu.edu/OSPD\\_Academic\\_Resources/Internships\\_and\\_Fellowships](https://guides.atsu.edu/OSPD_Academic_Resources/Internships_and_Fellowships)

(The list includes clinical opportunities in public and environmental health)

**The following opportunities have deadlines within the next 30 days:**

*\*Note that many government opportunities have either "disappeared," are on pause, or are otherwise in limbo. The government programs listed below are still posted. If you can still access the webpage and/or the application submission portal, go ahead and submit your application. Do not assume the application deadline will be extended because of the current uncertainty.*

### **National Institute of Health - Summer Internship Program (SIP) - Intramural Research Program**

**Application Deadline:** February 19, 2025

["This program will continue to accept submissions. However, no one will review the contents until the pause is lifted."](#)

[Do not assume that the pause will extend the application deadline.](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.training.nih.gov/research-training/pb/sip/>

### **Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) - HERS-Luce STEM Leader Fellowships**

**Next Application Deadline:** February 24, 2025

**The HERS Leadership Institute (HLI)**

<https://www.hersnetwork.org/hers-institute/>

**Opportunity and Application Details**

[https://www.hersnetwork.org/hers-institute/financial\\_support/#Luce](https://www.hersnetwork.org/hers-institute/financial_support/#Luce)

### **Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) University - Emergency Nursing Diverse Voices Research Fellowship**

**Application Deadline:** February 27, 2025

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.ena.org/enau/research/endvr-fellowship-program>

### **Memorial Healthcare System - RN Fellowship**

**Next Application Deadline:** [February 28, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

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

**New to Public Health Residency Program (Nursing)**

**Next Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://new2publichealth.wisc.edu/>

<https://new2publichealth.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1538/2024/09/N2PH-Prospectus-2024.pdf>

**The University of Iowa Department of Olympic Sports Strength & Conditioning - Unpaid Internship**

**Next Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://strength.athletics.uiowa.edu/internship>

**National Biosafety and Biocontainment Training Program Intramural Research Training Award (NBBTP/IRTA) Fellowship**

**Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/nbbtp-irta>

[NOTE: Although this is a federal program, there is no evidence of a "pause" or retraction yet. If you are interested, apply by the stated deadline and hope for the best.](#)

**Mississippi State University - Men's and Women's Basketball PAID Internship**

**Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.ccca.org/careers/detail&id=5125>

**American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) | Academy of Education - Fellowship in Higher Education Leadership**

**Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.aptaeducation.org/fellowship/>

**Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center - Emergency Medicine Medical Education Fellowship**

**Application Deadline:** [March 1, 2025](#)



**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://residency.med.psu.edu/programs/emergency-medicine-medical-education-fellowship/>

**Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - Public Health Laboratory Internship**

**Next Application Deadline:** [March 7, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.aphl.org/Career-Pathways/Internships/Pages/default.aspx>

NOTE: Although this is a federal program, there is no evidence of a "pause" or retraction yet. If you are interested, apply by the stated deadline and hope for the best.

**University of Maryland Medical Center - Critical Care Fellowship - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

**Application Deadline:** [March 10, 2025](#)

**Opportunity Details**

<https://www.umms.org/ummc/pros/nursing/education/fellowships>

**Application Details**

<https://www.umms.org/ummc/jobs>

Search for "Fellowship"

**American Educational Research Association - AERA Congressional Fellowship**

**Application Deadline:** [March 10, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.aera.net/Research-Policy-Advocacy/AERA-Congressional-Fellowship>

**Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (FRA) Program**

**Application Deadline:** [March 10, 2025](#)

**Opportunity and Application Details**

<https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-higher-education/ifle/fulbright-hays-faculty-research-abroad-fra-program#Home>

NOTE: Although this is a federal program, there is no evidence of a "pause" or retraction yet. If you are interested, apply by the stated deadline and hope for the best.

**Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) / Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Fellowship Program**

**Application Deadline:** [March 13, 2025](#)

I have inquired about this opportunity with the ASPPH. When I receive a response, I will post an update on the internships/fellowships tab of the OSPD Libguide (link provided above).

**Opportunity and Application Details**

[https://aspph-prod-web-assets.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/2025-ASPPH-CDC-RFA\\_UPDATED\\_FINAL.pdf](https://aspph-prod-web-assets.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/2025-ASPPH-CDC-RFA_UPDATED_FINAL.pdf)

<https://aspph.org/our-work/practice/fellowships-internships/>

*Do you have news to share with the CGHS community? If so, please email Jolynn Gardner at [jolynngardner@atsu.edu](mailto:jolynngardner@atsu.edu).*