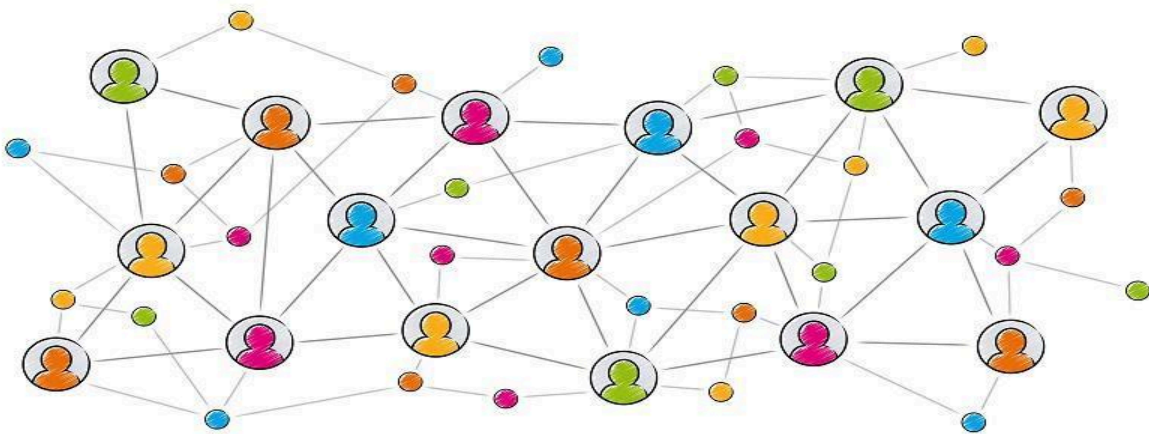


CGHS Connections

monthly newsletter for students and alumni



March 2025

Announcements

Important Dates to Note

- 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

CGHS Career Compass: Tips for Navigating Your Future

Networking Your Way to Career Success

As you approach graduation, one of the most powerful steps you can take toward a successful career shift is building your professional network. Update your LinkedIn profile to showcase your

skills, connect with industry professionals, and seek informational interviews to gain valuable insights. Engage with professional associations, attend industry events, and [tap into CGHS career services](#) and [alumni networks](#) for guidance and opportunities. Meaningful connections can lead to mentorship, job leads, and career growth—start building them today!

Save the Date: April CGHS Career Night

Virtual Zoom Session on Careers in Community and County Health

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 register now: [Register Here](#)

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Maximize Your Career Potential with CGHS Career Services

Explore the CGHS Career Services website for valuable resources to support your professional growth. Discover job search tools and career planning guidance, connect with networking opportunities and professional associations, and access resume and interview support tailored to your field. Whether you're a student or an alumni, this hub can help you navigate your next career move.

Visit now: [CGHS Career Services](#)

University Writing Center

University Writing Center Services

Welcome back to Spring Block 2! If you have never worked with the University Writing Center before, or if you've heard of us but aren't quite sure what we do, here's a refresher.

The UWC offers:

- Document review (papers, main discussion posts, case studies)
- English-as-a-second language writing assistance
- Individual chapter review of dissertations and DRPs
- Zoom appointments to discuss writing questions or coach feedback

Asynchronous document review: To request a review, create a new email for each submission addressed to writingcenter@atsu.edu. In the body of the email, let us know your program name and the citation style (APA or AMA) you are using. You can also provide special instructions regarding assignment type or areas of concern. If English is your second or additional language and you would prefer a review by an ESL expert, type **ATTN: ESL** in the subject line of the email. Finally, attach your file (.doc or .docx only, please—we cannot review PDFs, .pages, Google Docs links, or nonstandard file types).

Hours: The UWC accepts papers from 12 AM Central Time on Mondays through 7:59 PM Central Time on Saturdays. The UWC will not review papers submitted from 8 PM

Saturday through 11:59 PM Sunday, but you can resubmit when the center reopens.

Zoom appointments: The UWC offers online one-to-one sessions via Zoom to all currently enrolled ATSU students. To meet with a writing coach, [go to our scheduling page](#), select an appointment time from the calendar, and fill in the booking form. You will receive a link to our Zoom room in a confirmation email and a reminder message two hours before your selected appointment.

ATSU Diversity & Inclusion

ATSU's Graduate Health Professions Scholarship (GPS) Golf Tournament

Register your team today!

Saturday, April 5, 2025

- Superstition Springs Golf Club: 6542 E. Baseline Rd, Mesa, Arizona 85206
- \$175 per player
- Entry fee includes lunch, greens fee, golf cart, driving range practice balls, and golf tees.
- Registration deadline is March 24, 2025.

Schedule

- 6:30-8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Tee off
- Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Awards, trophies, plaques, silent auctions, raffles, drawings, and much more.

Tournament host: A.T. Still University Diversity & Inclusion

Proceeds go to ATSU's GPS Scholarship Fund.

To register your team or learn more about tournament details, please visit atsu.edu/diversity/gps-golf-tournament or [ATSU's GPS Golf Tournament Eventbrite page](#).

Should you have questions, please contact Diversity & Inclusion at diversity@atsu.edu | 480.219.6081

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.atstu.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 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.

Best wishes to all applicants!

CGHS Student Government Association

ATSU-CGHS T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER CONTEST

Be part of the excitement and design the next ATSU-CGHS T-shirt!

Show off your artistic flair while celebrating the spirit of our programs: Health Administration, Health Sciences, Health Education, Public Health, Nursing, and Kinesiology.

UNLEASH
YOUR
CREATIVITY!

Deadline:
April 30, 2025

Prize: A free t-shirt
featuring your
winning design!

The winning t-shirt will be sold
to benefit
CGHS programs.



Submit your design or request more information by emailing
SGA President, Hannah Morales at sa207844@atsu.edu.

Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Ludwig Frontier, MD, MSc, MBA, DHSc

Dr. Ludwig Frontier is a distinguished physician and health sciences expert with over 13 years of experience in medical affairs across the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries. Currently, he serves as the Medical and Scientific Marketing Manager for the Americas Region at Macopharma, where he spearheads strategic initiatives in transfusion medicine and cell therapy, driving innovation and advancing scientific knowledge in these critical fields.

His extensive academic background includes studies at prestigious institutions such as the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad Anáhuac, **A.T. Still University (Doctor of Health Sciences)**, and Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo. With a strong foundation in clinical research, global health, and bioethics, Dr. Frontier brings a multidisciplinary perspective to his work, fostering collaboration and progress in healthcare.

Dr. Frontier is an active member of leading international organizations, including the American Public Health Association (APHA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Blood Availability Consortium, the American Association of Blood Centers (ABC), the Association of Blood Donation Professionals (ADRP), and the Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB). Through his contributions, he plays a key role in shaping the future of transfusion medicine, blood donation, and biotherapies, reinforcing his commitment to medical excellence and global health advancements.

CGHS Student, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff News

Kudos to **Health Sciences** faculty member **Dr. Megan Weemer** and doctoral student **Susan Meeke** on their recent publication detailing prescribing trends for diabetes medication.

Meeke, S. & Weemer, M. (2024). Diabetes medication prescribing trends based on provider type and location in the United States. *Prevention Medicine Reports*, 49. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2024.102947>

Dr. Weemer also recently participated in a roundtable discussion of solutions to address faculty burnout:

Weemer, M., Hollender, H., Berlin, K., Parry, T., & Ketner, M. (2025, March). *Addressing Burnout Among Public Health Faculty: A Roundtable for Collaborative Solutions*. [Roundtable]. Teaching Prevention Conference 2025: Building a Health Future Through Education, Collaboration, and Research, Cleveland, OH.

Thank you for this impactful work, Dr. Weemer and congratulations to you and Susan!

Congratulations to **Public Health Department Chair, Dr. Jaana Gold**, for being named to the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Education Advisory Committee. Dr. Gold's term runs through 2027.

Thank you for your service, Dr. Gold!

Dr. Nicole Webb, Chair of Doctor of Nursing Practice, has authored a book chapter in an enlightening new book on empowering women in academia!

Webb, Nicole (2025). From Motherhood to Tenure: Overcoming the Maternal Wall. In Kincade, L.L., Brossette, A., Lacey, C., & Benjamin, C. (Eds.). *Empowering Women in Academia: Improving Methods, Practices, and Approaches for Change and Transformation (IMPACT)* (pp. 225 - 256). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3693-8638-5>

Congratulations on this wonderful work, Dr. Webb!

Health Administration doctoral student **Yarimar Díaz-Rodríguez** presented a paper on leadership styles of hospital administrators at the Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

Díaz-Rodríguez, Y. (2025, February 28). *Investigating how leadership styles of United States hospitals' executive leaders affect patient safety of their organizations*. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. <https://www.alma.edu/michigan-academy/conference-information/>

Congratulations on this impactful research, Yarimar!

Accolades and congratulations to **Doctor of Health Administration** alumnae **Taylor Blickhan** on being accepted to the prestigious *Saint Francis Finance Fellowship!* Taylor will begin her fellowship with the Saint Francis Health System in Tulsa, OK in June.

We are so happy for you, Dr. Blickhan! Best Wishes!

Jay-Dee Bush, MPH, a graduate of CGHS' **Public Health** program, recently presented at the *Reach Missouri* meeting. Jay-Dee shared insights and experiences from the Community Health Worker program of Columbia-Boone County Public Health & Human Services.

Thank you for sharing your expertise, Jay-Dee!

Health Administration doctoral candidate **Cassandra Peden** presented two papers at the annual conferences of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters and published an abstract in the *Michigan Academician*.

Peden, C. (2025, February 28). *A qualitative analysis of maternity care experiences in LGBTQ+ birthing persons: The effect of care team communication*. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

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

Peden, C. (2024, March 8). *A qualitative analysis of maternity care experiences in lesbian women: The impact of care team communication*. Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

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

Peden, C. (2024). A qualitative analysis of maternity care experiences in lesbian women: The impact of care team communication. [Abstract]. *Michigan Academician*, 49(1), 39.

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

Thank you for your impactful scholarship, Cassandra!

Doctor of Health Sciences alumna **Dawn White** collaborated with **DHSc Health Sciences** adjunct faculty **Dr. Patrick Palmieri**, fellow alum **Tim White, DHSc**, and other colleagues to publish an impactful study on workplace bullying among nurses.

White, D. R., Palmieri, P. A., Huaman-Morillo, S. R., **White, T. A.,** & Hickey, E. W. (2025).

“The Whole Culture of Nursing Needs to Change”: A Descriptive Phenomenology of Nurses Being Bullied. *Global Qualitative Nursing Research*, 12.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/23333936251319783>

Kudos on this important research, Drs. White, Palmieri, and White!

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.

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

Calling All Changemakers!

The application for the [2026 Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity](#) cohort is now open! If you're passionate about tackling health disparities and creating a more just world, this is your chance to join a global community of leaders dedicated to health equity.

Early- to mid-career professionals engaged in health-related work located in all parts of the world are encouraged to apply for this one-year, non-residential fellowship offered by George Washington University.

- [Sign up for a March 13 informational webinar](#)
- [Read the recruitment prospectus](#)
- [Learn more](#)
- **Deadline to apply: April 10**

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

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