On April 8th, 2011 thirty public health students presented their special projects to a panel of three faculty members and their colleagues.

The presentations were well executed and well received by all. Public Health Day serves as an opportunity to celebrate MPH student success in demonstrating their grasp of public health competencies.

Projects ranged from needs assessments; database management, program planning and evaluation; and developing educational materials. Topics included mental health, obesity, dental and mental health, infectious and chronic diseases.

Please visit our website for a list of presentations and available abstracts from this semester as well as previous semester http://www.mph.ufl.edu/students/phday.html

Public health professionals and UF faculty, staff and students are invited to attend Public Health 2011: Planning for Change on May 5 in the HPNP Complex.

The one-day free training will feature a special panel discussion on late-breaking issues in health care reform from hospital, local, state and federal perspectives.

Can’t be there in person? The training can be viewed online via live streaming. For more information and to register, visit www.mph.ufl.edu/conference.

The training is sponsored by the College of Public Health and Health Professions, the UF Area Health Education Center Program, the Suwannee River Area Health Education Center and the WellFlorida Council.

This newsletter issue is dedicated to giving recognition to outstanding MPH students and UF Faculty members who have helped make the MPH experience both memorable and rewarding.
**Intern Spotlight**

Where did you conduct your internship?  
I did my internship at the Family Data Center, which is previously known as the Maternal and Child Health Education Research and Data Center

What was the best part of the internship?  
Seeing how the Department of Health works with other state departments to promote health programs and being able to contribute knowledge from the classroom to real word projects.

What advice do you have for future interns?  
Begin searching for internships early to find projects you are interested in.

What will you miss most about the MPH Program?  
I will miss the people I met during the program.

What are your future plans?  
Pursuing a Career in Podiatric Medicine

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**Special Recognitions**

Congratulations to the following students on the next step in their journey...

**Julie Mann:** Columbia University Law School, Fall 2012

**Matt Rossheim:** University of North Texas Health Science Center PhD in Public Health Science, Fall 2011

**Erika Manion:** University of South Florida PhD program in Epidemiology

**Edward Buckley:** University of Florida PhD in Health Education and Behavior Fall 2011. Ed has developed a mobile fitness technology that will be implemented at UF, UCF, FSU, USCN and Citadel starting May 2011.

**Varinder Pannu, DVM:** Congrats on successful completion of the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates Certification!

**Jordan Wright:** Columbia University PhD in Anthropology

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**PHHP Research Day**

Graduate Student Poster Awardee  
Wajih Akhtar (MPH Fall 2010)

PHHP Collaboration Recognition  
Chandylen Pendley (MPH, Spring 2010)  
Nathan Ewigman (MPH Fall 2011)

Graduate Student Research Grant Awardee  
Kathryn Ross (Top Scored Grant)
Faculty Student Awards

Best Dressed
Male: Dr. Xiaohui Xu (Epi)
Female: Dr. Xiomin Lu (BIO)

Most Likely to Respond to Your E-mails:
Dr. Robert L. Cook (Epi)

Most Likely to Be a Millionaire
Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (PHMP)

Most Likely to Be Mistaken for a Student:
Dr. Mona Al-Amin (PHMP)

Celebrity Look-a-like:
Dr. Elena Anderson (Epi)

Most Likely to Be Doing Research/Writing a Grant/Submitting a Publication:
Dr. Giselle Mann (SBS)

Most Likely to Appear on Jeopardy:
Male: Dr. Vito Ilacqua (EH)
Female: Dr. Barbara Curbow (SBS)

Most Likely to Be Doing Research/Writing a Grant/Submitting a Publication:
Dr. Giselle Mann (SBS)

“Busiest” Faculty Member:
Dr. Allyson Hall (PHMP)

Faculty Excellence Award:
Dr. Amy Cantrell (BIO)

Student Awards

Environmental Health: Lisa Balfe
Epidemiology: Shaun Ajinkya
Public Health Management and Policy: Jordan Wright
Social and Behavioral Sciences:
Jodian Griffith (Community Initiatives)
Lisa Nackers (Scholar Award)
Parker Hinson (Best Colleague)
Florida Kidsight
Public Health Intern Job Description

Position: Public Health Intern
Salary: $12/hr; Approx. 10 hrs/wk
Department: UF Pediatrics
Position Date: August, 2011 – June, 2012

The department of pediatrics is implementing a preschool vision screening program entitled Florida KidSight. The program will screen children ages 1 – 5 years for eye disorders that may lead to amblyopia (lazy eye). Following screening children will be referred to a professional as needed and the program will monitor follow-up results.

Related components of the program include public awareness, health education, grant writing, fund-raising, volunteer management, and legislative policy work.

The intern will receive a vast amount of experience assisting in the design and management of a new public health program.

The applicant should be interested in both office and field work. As a start-up program many administrative tasks will be required, including database entry and tracking. Good telephone skills are a must as follow-up phone calls with parents of children screened is a strong component of the program. Additionally, the intern will occasionally work with volunteers for training and screening of the children.

Interested candidates should contact:
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Fellowship Opportunity

The Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service is looking for:
Persons with a master’s or doctoral degree in a health related field (e.g. MPH, PhD, DrPH, MD, DVM) having taken at least one course in epidemiology and one course in (bio)statistics during graduate/professional school. The primary selection criteria are strong academic performance and recommendations, a demonstrated interest in and the ability to practice epidemiology in Florida public health agencies, and geographic flexibility to accept placement in any location in Florida.

**Stipends:**
Each fellow will receive a salary of $40,366 per year.

**Application Deadline:**
Applications must be postmarked by May 2, 2011

**How to Apply for the Class of 2011-2013:**
Please visit the website at [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/fleis/ApplicantQual.htm](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/fleis/ApplicantQual.htm) for more details on how to apply