Florida-Health Occupations Students of America

The Florida Chapter of the Florida Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) is looking for judges for health related competitions April 1-3rd in Jacksonville.

The students are from middle school to high school age. Events include PSAs, health education, public speaking, medical photography, health posters, epidemiology, biomedical debate, etc.

Your expertise and knowledge would be greatly appreciated. Full information is located at this link: www.srahec.org/documents/SLC2011JudgeRequestLetter_000.pdf

Dr. Natalie Freeman's former graduate students dedicate magnolia tree and install tree marker in her memory at the Emerging Pathogens Institute, February 18, 2011.

The students were joined by PHHP Deans Dr. Michael Perri, Dr. Peoples-Sheps, Dr. Stephanie Hanson, and Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Global Health, Dr. Gregory Gray along with faculty and staff from around the university. The tree dedication served as an opportunity for students and faculty to recognize Dr. Freeman’s leadership in environmental health at UF as well as her passion for teaching and mentoring students. She was one of the first faculty in public health, and a major force in development of PHHP’s environmental health programs.

Pictured: Shobha Subhash, Fran Tanner, Cuc Tran, Griffin Sheehy, and Ross Brooks
Picture: Compliments of Dr. Gregory Gray
Meet the Alumni...

Name: Chaz M. Rhone  
Program/Year of graduation: Epidemiology/Summer 2007  
What I did after graduation: Infection Preventionist  
What I’m doing now: Regional Healthcare Associated Epidemiologist  
My favorite UF memory: Gator football, Homecoming weekend  
Best lesson learned at UF: Grad school is where you finally get to apply what you have learned.
Advice to current students: Professors are people too, engage them in conversation.
People would be surprised to know: I have played the violin since age 12.
Family: Just me  
In the future I hope to: Start a consulting firm

“Grad school is where you finally get to apply what you have learned.”

Name: Dr. William L. Jeffries IV  
Program/Year of graduation: Social and Behavioral Sciences/Spring 2008  
What I did after graduation: I remained at UF for one year to complete my PhD in sociology. Afterwards, I began work as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (CDC).
What I’m doing now: I’m currently completing the second year of my Epidemic Intelligence Service training.
My favorite UF memory: My favorite UF memory was being addressed as “Dr. William Lyman Jeffries IV” at my PhD graduation in May 2009.
Best lesson learned at UF: Find mentors who have your best interests at heart.
Advice to current students: Acquire as many practical skills as possible in order to make yourself competitive on the job market.
People would be surprised to know: On any given day, I’d rather be fishing on one of Florida’s lakes or rivers than doing anything else.
Family: Most of my relatives live in Florida.
In the future I hope to: I hope to lead a movement to rectify social injustices that adversely affect the health of racial and sexual minorities in the United States.

Dr. William Jeffries
National Park Service Risk Management Summer Internship Program

Public Risk Management Internship:
Interns will collect, input, and analyze data on visitor injuries to determine the burden of visitor injuries in the park and more effectively target and assess prevention efforts.

Employee Safety Internship:
Parks will develop a project for interns to assist with safety program elements such as developing accident trend analysis, conducting internal reviews of park safety plans, and reviewing Job Hazard Analyses. This would also be a great practicum opportunity.

More details can be found: http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships/special-programs/nps-public-risk-management-program

Public Health Student Association Announcements

VOLUNTEER
March 16
Volunteer with PHSA at the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank for the Weekend Hunger Backpack Program.
We will be filling backpacks with nutritional food for children at local elementary schools facing hunger issues starting at 9:45 am. For more info, please contact PHSA President, Bernadette Guzman at bmguzman21@gmail.com

March 27
PHSA will be a "Visiting Chef" at the Ronald McDonald House. We will be cooking dinner for the patients and their families.

More information will be distributed at the next PHSA Meeting (March 16 at 5:30pm).

SOCIALS

March 20
PHSA Picnic Social
Where: Lake Wauburg
When: 2pm

March 31
Laser Tag
Where: Mars Laser Tag on University
When: 8:30 pm

For more info regarding upcoming socials, please e-mail our PHSA Social Chairs:

Chase Ryant: chaseryant@yahoo.com
Jennifer Renyolds: jrayrock@ufl.edu

DON'T FORGET!
Throughout the Month of March, we are looking for Committee Members for our National Public Health Week Committee.

National Public Health Week is April 4-10 and we are looking for students to get involved!

You are invited to: The Annual MPH Spring Social at Dr. Peoples-Sheps' house on Saturday, April 9 starting at 6:30PM