The University of South Florida
College of Public Health
presents the

National Public Health Week
Annual Awards Ceremony

April 4, 2018
Program

The USF College of Public Health’s annual award ceremony coincides with the American Public Health Association’s National Public Health Week to honor those who are making an impact in the field of public health and moving us closer toward APHA’s goal of becoming the healthiest nation by 2030. The recipients of each of these awards influence the health of populations by practicing their public health passion. Today, we celebrate their endless dedication and advocacy!

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2017 American Lung Association VoLUNGteer of the Year
Kristen Niemi

American College of Healthcare Executives Scholarship
Sarah Langel

2017 Provost’s Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant
Aldenise Ewing

American Scandinavian Foundation NORAM Scholarship
Anne Bjoerke

APHA Student Scholarship Winner
Alexis Barr

Association of Environmental Engineer and Science Professors Student Video Competition First Place Winner
Ryan Graydon

Delta Omega Society
Angela Allen    Uriel Ramirez
Aisha Byrd     Casey Semos
Kristen Chapman    Neha Shah
Kelley Dennings  Daniel Schadrac
Lauren George    Silva Sommariva
Fiorella Gonzales  Kourtni Starkey
Andrew Lent     Andrea Tristan Urrutia
Virginia Liddell  Cheyenne Wagi
Asmita Mhaskar  Caitlin Wolfe
Thomas Mouse    Shahriar Zamani
Malinee Neelamegam  Shahrzad Zamani
Dr. Tricia Penniecook  Jessica Zelitt
John Tory Peek

Delta Omega Poster Presentation for Graduate Students
Caitlin Wolfe

Delta Omega Poster Presentation for Undergraduate Students
Shahrzad Zamani

DigitalGlobe Foundation Satellite Imagery Grant
Caitlin Wolfe

DKG World Fellowship
Caitlin Wolfe

Edward H. and Rosamond B. Spicer Award
Ryan Logan

Fulbright Scholarship
Dr. Marlene Joannie Bewa    Su Yin Win

NIH/NCI Cancer Epidemiology Education in Special Populations Fellowship
Linh Duong    Melody Kitchen

PEO Scholar Award
Isabella Chan

Phi Kappa Phi Academic and Honor Society Dissertation Fellowship
Malinee Neelamegam

Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine Conference Presentation Grant Program Award
Vinita Sharma

United Nations of Tampa Bay Global Goals, Local Leader Award
Lillie Dao

USF Graduate Fellowship
Linh Duong

USF Dissertation Completion Award
Malinee Neelamegam

USF Graduate Student Research Symposium Award
Alexis Barr

USF Graduate Student Success Fellowship
Lindsey Fiedler
USF International Book Scholarship
Oluwatosin Ajisope
Silvia Sommariva

USF Office of Graduate Studies
International Travel Grant
Silvia Sommariva

USF PhD Fellowship
Linh Duong

USF Presidential Fellow Award
Joanne Mackie

USF Student Government Travel Award
Silvia Sommariva

USF Health Research Day Awards
Dean’s Interdisciplinary Research Award
Virginia Liddell

Lisa DeSafey Jaap Memorial Award In Patient-Centered Health Care and Communications
Dr. Marlene Joannie Bewa

Oral Presentation Award
Evan Hegarty
Caitlin Wolfe
Krys Johnson

Poster Presentation Award
Mosadoluwa Afoabi
Virginia Liddell
Alexis Barr
Rumour Piepenbrink
Jessica Berumen
Kenneth Taylor
Linda Bomoka
Nisha Vijayakumar
Evan Hegarty
Yingwei Yang
Dr. Marlene Joannie Bewa

COPH Book Scholarship
Chinyere Reid

COPH Doctoral Fellowship
Silvia Sommariva

COPH MCH Training Program Award
Eden Cunningham
Rachel Logan
Tara Foti
Zaire Totty
Mary Hill

COPH Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice (SHARP)
Ngozi Agu
Elizabeth Lockhart
Omotola Balogun
Rachel Logan
Esther Baptiste
Ryan Logan
Alexis Barr
Michelle Lyman
Anne Bjerke
Helen Mahoney
Isabella Chan
Fahad Mukhtar
Vanessa Chee
Malinee Neelamegam
Nicole Crawford
Laura Okoli
Lillie Dao
Jamie Paola
Jennifer Delva
Amita Baban Patil
Kelley Dennings
Sarah Powell
Aldenise Ewing
Dr. Rema Ramakrishnan
Oloyemisi Falope
Regina Roig Romero
Tara Foti
Darren Scheer
Kaitlyn French
Vinita Sharma
Amy Gatto
Silvia Sommariva
Rafal Gregor
DeAnne Turner
Taylor Grimm
Coralia Vasquez-Otero
Stacy Griner
Shanda Vereen
Evan Hegarty
Nisha Vijayakumar
Janelle Barerra Ikan
Caitlin Wolfe
Mmadili Illozumba
Yingwei Yang

Named Scholarships
Greg Alexander Scholarship in Maternal and Child Health

Samuel P. Bell, III Scholarship

Rita G. Bruce Memorial Scholarship

Carol A. Bryant Social Marketing Scholarship

College of Public Health Advisory Board Fund to Enhance Undergraduate Student Success

Florida Public Health Student Scholarship

Carl Gelin Endowed Fellowship

Lee Leavengood Senior Program Endowed Fellowship
Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at the University of South Florida College of Public Health, have the opportunity to nominate a faculty member in the college for outstanding teaching. The award recognizes the outstanding contributions which a faculty member has made to student development, as well as to the quality of education within the college as a whole. This winner of this year’s award is COPH alumnus Dr. Zachary Pruitt.

Dr. Pruitt earned his both his MHA and PhD from the USF COPH, and joined the college in 2014 as a visiting assistant professor of health policy and management. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses focusing on understanding U.S. health care, health services management and health care marketing. He also teaches health care systems for USF Health’s Morsani College of Medicine.

Prior to academics, he directed Medicaid operations for a small Florida health plan and managed policy and compliance projects for a large publicly-traded managed care organization. His research interests include the examination of health care costs, quality, and access among those insured by Medicaid, health care management applications, patient navigator programs, and the integration of medical and social care for vulnerable populations.
Outstanding Alumni Awards

Awardees

Sharad Suryakant Malavade
MBBS, DNB, MPH, PhD

Sharad Suryakant Malavade, MBBS, DNB, earned his MPH and PhD from the USF COPH in 2010 and 2015. He is a senior resident in internal medicine at Brandon Regional Hospital in Florida. Malavade recently accepted a position at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He begins this summer.

Candace K. Webb
MPH

Candace K. Webb graduated with her MPH from the USF COPH in 2006 with a concentration in maternal and child health. She is a senior state health policy analyst with the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Center for Children and Families, in Washington, D.C.
Deanne Miranda Cornette, MHA, GPC, joins a select group of professionals as the 2018 Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health.

Cornette has more than 20 years of providing, managing and developing best practice programs to promote the coordination and integration of health care, behavioral health care and supportive services in a patient-centered manner with the goals of improved whole person health and well-being.

She currently serves as counsel for strategic development at the Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS), a local nonprofit behavioral health care agency. She manages strategic development, contract negotiations, revenue development, marketing and grants. In this capacity, she targets funding sources and has built a lucrative and diverse revenue stream that provides needed and innovative services to vulnerable populations. Some of her most successful projects created services for veterans, women, children, youth, families and those who are high risk/high need utilizers of costly community-based services. She also serves as program chair for the National Contract Management Association Suncoast Chapter.

As the principal of a consulting business, Miranda Cornette successfully submitted grants that netted more than $80 million for her nonprofit clients. She developed and led oversight of a housing and urban development continuum of care process for Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota counties. That 10-year initiative helped 50 homeless service providers receive more than $10 million in emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing grants per year. These were the first programs offering evidence-based “housing first” services. Most recently, she worked with partner agencies to develop Hillsborough’s Centralized Receiving Facility, one of the first funded and a model in the State of Florida.

A two-time alumna of the University of South Florida, Miranda Cornette earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology and continued her education at the COPH earning a master’s of health administration.
Established in 1984 as the first college of public health in the State of Florida, the USF College of Public Health is a recognized leader in community health, distance learning, maternal and child health, social marketing, and global infectious disease research. Ranked #1 in the state by *U.S. News and World Report*, the college offers multiple concentrations that lead to BSPH, MHA, MPH, MSPH, DrPH, and PhD degrees, as well as several dual degrees, graduate certificates and online programs. To learn more about the college and its 1,600 students who commit to passionately solve problems and create conditions that allow every person the universal right to health and well-being, visit www.publichealth.usf.edu.