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>> TAKE NOTE !

**National Public Health Week - April 3-9, 2006**

Please join the College of Public Health in Celebrating National Public Health Week. Listed below are some key events happening in the College this week. The public is invited to all events:

Tuesday, April 4th from 4-6 pm, CPH Lobby - Networking Fair

Wednesday, April 5th from 1-3 pm, CPH Auditorium - Annual Awards Ceremony including the Florida Outstanding Public Health Woman of the Year Award

Thursday, April 6th from 2-4 pm, CPH Lobby - Learn about World Health Day

Saturday, April 8th, from 8:30 am-11:00 am, Magnolia Drive (across from Moffitt) - Health Information Fair at the Miles for Moffitt Walk/Run Event

Please see the College's website for more information on all these events:

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/>

Dr. Anne DeBaldo Represents USF College of Public Health at Inauguration of the Public Health Foundation in India

Associate Dean and Associate VP for International Programs Dr. Ann DeBaldo was honored to be invited to represent the USF College of Public Health at the inauguration of the Public Health Foundation of India in New Delhi, March 28 & 29. Dr. Debaldo previously attended the first Public Health Consultation in New Delhi held by then Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Prasada Rao, September, 2004, as well as subsequent planning meetings arranged through the American Schools of Public Health, which has agreed to provide technical assistance. A recent Fulbright stay in India was devoted to furthering public health education and research in India.

According to Dr. DeBaldo, "This initiative not only marks an historical turning point in the improvement of health and quality of life for many millions of Indian citizens, but also heralds a new era in international collaboration in the global discipline of public health education and research. The new public health schools will require advice in curricular issues, capacity building and training for new faculty, as well as partners in world-class research projects - and the USF College of Public Health stands ready to collaborate. A number of our COPH faculty have already expressed their teaching and research interests through a survey conducted by ASPH and many opportunities will continue to become available for faculty throughout USF Health."



Dr. Manmohan Singh

"It gives me great pleasure to be with you at the birth of the Public Health Foundation of India. I commend all those who have worked with passion and commitment to create this Foundation....The importance of public health in India's development cannot be over emphasized....Good health is not merely a developmental resource - it is an inalienable human right of every citizen of this country. Every Indian has the right to demand and obtain essential preventive, promotive, diagnostic and curative health services....I applaud the splendid spirit of international cooperation that underlies this cooperative effort. I am confident that the institutions

established by PHFI would build bridges with other institutions in many countries, to collaboratively share knowledge and collectively shape the future of global public health." (Abstracted from the comments of the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh. The full text can be viewed at <http://pmindia.nic.in/lspeech.asp?id=304>)

The objective of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) is to build large scale human resource capacity in public health through its three pronged integrated

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charter of (a) establishing a network of ~5 world class, India-relevant schools of public health and strengthening some of the existing schools (b) establishing standards for public health education through the formation of an accreditation agency and (c) serving as a policy shaping think tank to the government and private sector. The PHFI will be an autonomously governed public private partnership with government support, managed by a fifteen member governing board representative of multiple constituencies and will include such notables as vice-chairman Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister T.K.A. Nair, former health secretary Prasada Rao, NACO chief Sujatha Rao, HoD Cardiology, AIMS, Prof K.S. Reddy and Head of Association of Schools of Public Health in US, Jim Curran.



Boiling tea in the spice market, Old Delhi

>> Students

**Congratulations to Dianne Franke!!**

After a very competitive review process with a high number of strong applicants, Dianne Franke (GH) has been awarded a Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools Student Internship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of June 3 through August, 2006. This traineeship provides a stipend of \$1,250 and HSHPS sponsored housing.

Caroline Mae McKay Successfully Defends Dissertation

Doctoral student Caroline Mae McKay successfully defended her dissertation on March 31, 2006. The title of her dissertation was "The Role of Social Structural and Social Contextual Factors in Shaping Chronic Disease and Chronic Disease Risk Behavior; A Multilevel Study of Hypertension, General health Status, and Mental Distress."

Students Cheryl Vamos, MPH, and Teri Malo, MPH, Represent COPH at Health Fair

On Friday March 31st, Cheryl Vamos, MPH and Teri Malo, MPH (both Doctoral students in the Department of Community and Family Health) attended Williams Middle School's First Annual Health Fair as representatives of the College of Public Health. Cheryl and Teri presented to a grade 7 class the importance of healthy eating habits, exercise and a positive attitude. Also covered in the presentation was information on "What is Public Health", the core areas of public health, how public health affects students, and jobs in public health. The Health Fair was an opportunity for parents, health professionals and community members to let the students know we care about their healthy future.

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Student Service and Research Information

Research: For information on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopp.html>. For more info on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>.

We have four new student research awardees this week!

3 new SHARP awards were issued this week, to Urrika Woods (CFH), Carol Williams Oladele (EPI/BIO), and Shalewa Noel-Thomas (CFH). In addition, Reenal Doshi (GH) was nominated as the 2006 COPH nominee for the ASPH Award for Student Excellence in Public Health Practice. In addition to receiving an internal honorarium, her application is being entered into the national competition. Be sure to come to the COPH Awards Ceremony and Reception on Wednesday (1-3 PM) to find out about all the other research awards that your peers have earned this year!

Student Service: To find out about additional service opportunities for the spring available through the USF Health Service Corps, COPH students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/servicecorps.html> for more info about the USF Health Student Service Corps. The calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps> as well as the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hiscevents.html> have been updated, and there are handouts at the display table near snack area.

Did you know that a book drive is going on? You can bring any slightly used/almost new books for young children to the brightly colored box that is located in the snack area, by the back wall next to the table with the student service/research displays. Your books will be donated to the [USF Reach Out and Read Program!](#)

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>>Alumni Information

Update on Tanya Hillary

Tanya Hillary (1995) has just been promoted to Director of Creative Services for WellCare.

Please send updates to Peggy Smith at msmith3@hsc.usf.edu

Important Dates**National Public Health Week Celebration**

April 3-9, 2006, College of Public Health
Contact Dr. Kay Perrin for more information at kperrin@hsc.usf.edu or visit the website at www.publichealth.usf.edu

COPH Networking Fair

Tuesday, April 4, 4-6 pm, COPH Atrium

Spring Field Experience Departmental Debriefing Dates

Friday April 14 - 11-noon - EPI/BIO - Rm 2003 COPH
Friday, April 14 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - CFH - Bilirakis Rm, Chiles Ctr
Monday, April 17 - 10-11 am - GH - Rm 1122 COPH
Friday, April 21, 9-10 am - HPM - Rm 2143, COPH
Wednesday, April 26 - 10-11 am - EOH - Rm 1108 COPH
TBA - CFH

Friday, May 12, 2006

10am Domestic FE Orientation
11am International FE Orientation
Orientation will be held in the Distance Learning Studio.
Contact feadvisor@hsc.usf.edu with questions.

November 4-8, 2006

Annual APHA Meeting, Boston, MA. For more information visit: www.apha.org/meetings or e-mail conventions@apha.org.

>> Faculty

Dr. Michael Reid Attends DEOH Meeting

Dr. Michael Reid, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, met with members and staff of the Florida Public Health Foundation in Tallahassee on March 21 to discuss legislation and funding for the Foundation being considered by several committees of the Florida Legislature. Dr. Reid is an officer and a member of the Foundation board

Dr. Jay Wolfson Speaks at Seminar

Dr. Jay Wolfson was the seminar speaker at Cornell University College of Medicine's Medical Ethics and Public Health Program on 30 March 2006 in New York City. His seminar was titled: "Hope, Cognition and Will: Law, Medicine and Science in the Matter of Theresa Marie Schiavo".

Dr. Wolfson has been featured on national network news (CNN, Fox, ABC, NBC) through the week of the 27th of March in programs recognizing the anniversary of the death of Theresa Marie Schiavo, and was featured in a made for television movie about the Schiavo matter that was produced and has been aired by the Wealth Channel throughout the month of March.

COPH Faculty Receive USF Women's Leadership Awards

Two COPH faculty received the USF Women's Leadership Awards for 2006 on March 30, 2006: Dr. Kay Perrin and Ms. Dee Jeffers. The USF Status of Women Committee implemented these awards to recognize women with ties to USF who are in leadership positions that enable them to advance women and girls through mentoring, advancement in the workplace, health care, and other means.

Eligible nominees are women who:

- are in leadership roles who advance other women
- mentor and nurture other women and girls in the community
- focus on issues of health and well-being of women and girls
- create programs that support women's leadership
- affect policy and decision-making
- work on social justice issues

Nominations are solicited across the University and within the Tampa Bay community. The USF Status of Women Committee selects a list of candidates from the nominations for the award and submits them to USF President Judy Genshaft for approval.

Links of Interest

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