



Public Health Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

HAPPY HOLIDAYS LAKERS!

The Public Health Department wishes you a relaxing holiday break filled with happiness, health, good cheer and warmth with family and friends! See you in the New Year!

If you are interested in being featured for the student spotlight, or you would like to submit any information please email Dr. Torres at mtorres@mercyhurst.edu or Katie Reisinger at kreisi62@lakers.mercyhurst.edu by the 25th of the prior month.

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Details on the latest intern, extern, job, and volunteer opportunities to gain relevant experience in the field

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Intern & Job Opportunities

Job Opportunity for Blue Zones Project in Corry, PA

Three full-time position available including:

- Engagement Lead
- Public Policy Advocate
- Community Program/Organization Manager
- Job descriptions are provided on the link:

<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=blue+zones&l=Corry%2C+PA&ts=1544191302736&rq=1>

University of Virginia School of Medicine Summer Research Internship Program

- Available to undergraduates *stipend included*
- Opens: September 1st
- Deadline: February 1st

<https://med.virginia.edu/summer-research-internship-program/how-to-apply/>

Maternal Child Health Careers/Research Initiatives Law Enforcement Overdose Prevention Coordinator for the Epidemiology & Response Division

- Available for rising juniors, juniors, or seniors
stipend included
- Opens: November
- Deadline: January 31st
- <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/training/programs/center-for-diversity-in-public-health-leadership-training/mchc-rise-up>

Summer Research - Early Identification Program

- Available to undergraduates *stipend included*
- Opens: November 1st
- Deadline: February 1st
- <http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research>

CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (CUPS)

- Available to undergraduates *stipend included*
- Opens: November
- Deadline: January 31st
- <https://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/internships.html>



Pictures of the Month

Department Announcements

Dr. Torres and Dr. Thairu have been working hard to build partnerships with local Erie organizations to create placements for Public Health students to complete field experiences that will continue every semester. See some of the amazing positions that you could have the opportunity to have in the future on the following page (p. 3). New interns will be selected mid-semester spring and will be trained by the current intern at the end of the semester.

Additionally, Dr. Torres is working to develop a public health alternative spring break with Chosen International in Yucatan Mexico and a mini study abroad in Vietnam. Stay tuned for our newsletters coming in the spring semester for more exciting events, opportunities, and updates!

Department Field Experience

Below are the placements for field experience opportunities that will be reoccurring each semester. If you are interested in doing any in the future, email mtorres@mercyhurst.edu

- WIC program includes three positions in the following areas:
 - Lactation
 - Nutrition
 - Social media
- Regional Science Consortium – Tom Ridge Environmental Center includes two positions that will perform
 - Data collection and sample analysis of ecoli, algae blooms, creating warnings, etc.
 - Develop an environmental education program partnership with Eco Girls in South Africa
- Shriners Hospitals
 - Clinical observation (more to be announced)
- Erie County Health Department
 - Epidemiology and community health
 - Update County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
 - Work on Blue Zones Corry initiative

Student Research

In the upcoming spring semester several students will be conducting individual research projects. Each month we will feature a different student's research. If you are interested in doing a research project in the future, email lhairu@mercyhurst.edu and/or mtorres@mercyhurst.edu

Monica Wieczorek will be studying the importance and prevalence of taking children to the dentist. Learning the economic burden it takes on the economy for those who go to the ER to receive pain medication instead of receiving treatment from a dentist. To conduct her research, she will be using the State of Georgia's YRBS dataset to determine why the percentage to students going to the dentist decreases during the grades of 6th through 12th, and why African Americans go to the dentist the least in middle school but then it changes to Hispanics once the students enter high school.

Student Spotlight



Name: Paige Baiocchi
Major/Minor: Public Health & Biology
Year: Senior (2019)
Hometown: Rochester, NY
Future Aspirations: After graduation, I plan to take a gap year and get experience but I would love to get my MPH and eventually my Doctor of PH. My ideal job would include infection control, prevention of HIV, and STD investigation/prevention.

Why did you choose to study Public Health?

I want to make a difference in the community and educate others on Public Health/Health Safety!

Do you have a favorite memory within the department?

One of my favorite memories within the department would be getting to work and connect with students during class. There is a lot of team work that occurs in almost every Public Health Class. I love working with my peers which also happen to be my friends!

How have you prepared for your future career?

I have researched career paths that would be interesting to follow, talk to professors and professionals in the field about their jobs and their advice. Reach out to organizations for shadowing opportunities!

Scholar Bowl

We would like to announce your 2019 Scholar Bowl team! These individuals will be competing with public health students from across the nation:

- Karah Savage
- Julianne Mooney-Ryan
- Jacqueline Rogers
- Matt Dempsey
- Nina Hollopeter
- Hannah Buchner
- Brett Conrad