**PHHP Connect May 2025**

**UF group offers promise for children with communication disorders**

A collaboration among PHHP, UF Health and P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School is creating a space for children and families to learn and play using assistive technology. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/05/02/for-children-with-communication-disorders-a-uf-group-offers-promise/)

**PHHP associate dean for research selected for prestigious Julius H. Comroe Jr. Distinguished Lectureship**

The American Physiological Society recognized David Fuller, Ph.D., for his exceptional contributions to the field of respiratory science, including his studies developing new treatments for diseases that impair the ability to breathe. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/05/06/david-fuller-selected-for-prestigious-julius-h-comroe-jr-distinguished-lectureship/)

**DPT alumna uses social media, new book to break silence around pelvic health**

Alicia Jeffrey-Thomas, D.P.T., has built her internet presence by combating stigma and misinformation with humor and positivity. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/04/30/dpt-alumna-uses-social-media-new-book-to-break-silence-about-pelvic-health/)

**Physical therapy faculty member named UF Research Foundation Professor**

The UF Research Foundation has named Dr. Andrew Judge as one of 35 of the university’s most productive and promising faculty members as UFRF Professors for 2025. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/04/14/andrew-judge-named-uf-research-foundation-professor/)

**Four PHHP alumni-led businesses named to 2025 Gator100 list**

Gator100 recognizes the world’s fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UF alumni. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/04/24/four-phhp-alumni-led-businesses-named-to-2025-gator100-list/)

**PHHP announces 2025 AI Ph.D. Fellows**

The program offers academic growth, professional networking, results dissemination and research support for both mentors and students. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/04/23/phhp-announces-2025-ai-ph-d-fellows/)

**Congratulations, Class of 2025!**

PHHP honored more than 550 undergraduate, master’s, Ph.D. and professional graduates at university, college, department and program ceremonies. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/05/07/congratulations-class-of-2025/)

**Final reminder: Nominate outstanding alumni by June 1**

PHHP recognizes the extraordinary achievements of alumni through the Outstanding Alumni Awards Program, one of the highest honors the college bestows. Nominations are open now. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/alumni-and-giving/outstanding-alumni-awards/)

**At NASA, PHHP alumna zooms out on public health**

Since 2019, triple Gator Helena Chapman has supported a team that monitors Earth from above, logging environmental data to aid in public health surveillance and disease reporting. (link to come)

**Lauren Tabor Gray,** doctorate in rehabilitation science ’18, is an assistant professor at the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University and the director of the Cathy J. Husman ALS Center, where she is researching new interventions to improve swallowing and breathing for patients with ALS. “Nothing beats making a meaningful change in a participant’s life,” she said. [Read more](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/04/15/alum-spotlight-lauren-tabor-gray/)