**PHHP Outstanding Alumni 2025**

The College of Public Health and Health Professions recognizes seven graduates with Outstanding Alumni Awards at a celebration held this month during PHHP Alumni Reunion Tailgate weekend. These graduates are making important contributions to clinical care, public health practice, education, research and policy in their communities and around the world. [Read more.](https://phhp-main-v2-stage.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/2025/10/06/phhp-outstanding-alumni-2025/)

**PHHP, BREATHE and Brooks Rehabilitation celebrate innovation during spinal cord injury awareness month**

To celebrate Spinal Cord Awareness Month in September, two PHHP entities and the Brooks Rehabilitation Clinical Research Center showcased innovation in spinal cord injury rehabilitation, with lectures by prominent researchers and demonstrations featuring research participants with spinal cord injury. [Read more.](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/09/30/phhp-breathe-and-brooks-rehabilitation-celebrate-innovation-during-spinal-cord-injury-awareness-month/)

**PHHP professor brings bacteriology expertise to public health institute in Guinea**

Environmental and global health professor Anthony Maurelli, Ph.D., recently traveled to Conakry, Guinea as a Fulbright Specialist to assist scientists at the Institut Pasteur de Guineé with research projects and training focused on antibiotic resistance and One Health. [Read more.](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/10/02/phhp-professor-brings-bacteriology-expertise-to-public-health-institute-in-guinea/)

**Two M.P.H. students named This is Public Health student ambassadors**

The program highlights exceptional graduate students and their experiences to strengthen connections with prospective students and inspire the next generation of public health leaders. Jakob Meredith and Santiago Ojeda Sainz are among 71 graduate students chosen from 47 ASPPH member schools. [Read more.](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/09/04/jakob-meredith-and-santiago-ojeda-sainz-named-this-is-public-health-student-ambassadors/)

**Research, personal history motivates faculty member’s Great Lakes swim**

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the shipwreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald — and her 50th birthday — environmental and global health faculty member Tracie Baker, D.V.M., Ph.D., participated in a 411-mile relay swim. [Read more.](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/09/23/research-personal-history-motivates-faculty-members-great-lakes-swim/)

**Public health alumni share career advice with students**

Public health spans expertise in many different disciplines, including epidemiology, health policy, biostatistics, environmental health, global health and social and behavioral sciences. PHHP alumni, faculty and staff shared their top five tips for finding your niche in a diverse field. [Read more.](https://phhp.ufl.edu/2025/09/16/public-health-alumni-share-career-advice/)

**Healthy habits can make your brain age more slowly, study finds**

PHHP researcher Jared Tanner, Ph.D., and colleagues found that quality sleep, social support, maintaining a healthy weight and avoiding tobacco use, among other healthy habits, are linked to slower brain aging. Findings of a new study suggest that how people live and cope with stress can measurably influence the pace of brain aging, even in those living with chronic pain. [Read more.](https://news.ufl.edu/2025/09/brain-aging/)