2021-2022
Celebrating Student
Excellence

STUDENT AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS
Class of 2022

Doctoral Graduates

Amanda Crandall
August 2021
The Effects of Scarcity on Food Reinforcer Pathology

Gloria Aidoo-Frimpong
June 2022
Exploring the Acceptability and Potential Use of Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention Among Ghanaian Immigrants in the United States of America

Christina Kasprzak
February 2022
Evaluation of Pre-Implementation Capacity and Implementation Effectiveness of an Evidence-based Intervention for Mobile Produce Markets

Amanda Marie Ziegler
June 2022
Adolescent Eating Autonomy: Defining and Measuring a Novel Construct to Assess Adolescents’ Autonomous Eating Behaviors
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MPH Graduates

August 2021
Kristen M. Buell
Roopsy Kambooj
Shavae Lewis
Charles Oluwarotimi Poluyi

February 2022
Claire Finnerty
Kaiden Girouard
Olivia Marie Humiston
Dylan Jablonski
Sarah Lane
Kaila McCray
Rachel Meyerowitz
Ambra Munlyn
Amir Siadat
Elizabeth Siciliano
Nidhi Simlote Villanueva
Michelle Zambrano

June 2022
Omar Abdel-Kerim
Saad Alasil
Kassidy Amburgey
Einas Batarseh
Brian Benson
Taylor Billings
Jessica Lynn Bonds
Megan Breen
Paige Alyssa Burkard
Jessica Burke
Elizabeth Ann DiCarlo
Peter H. Duong
Hannah N. Foland
Alfred Gary III
Jennifer George
Alexis Gigliello
Malkijah Griffiths
Caitlin Herrington
Ebehitale Julia Imobhio
Emma Jean Jones
Lindsay Jones
Rebecca MacLeod
Onisa Martin
Jenna Adelaide Mattson
Stacey McClinsey
Malaiikha McCormick-Cisse
Wheveline Orvil
Christopher Platt
Neila Rekic
Lauren Michelle Saldutti
Tatiana Sanchez
Michael Schwartz
Seara Shahnaz Shams
Anna Stoklosa
Shelby Taylor
Ian Troidl
Lynanne Woolley
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Master of Science Graduate

February 2022
Jacob Bleasdale

Bachelor of Science in Public Health/MPH Graduates

February 2022
Rachel Steeley Wenner

June 2022
Cali Armstrong
Temara Cross
Andrea Nicole Maldonado
DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award
This award is presented to a doctoral student who shows great potential for future research and/or practice contributions to public health; the awardee is judged on academic success and the quality of their contributions in research, teaching, and service.

JACOB BLEASDALE

Drs. Sanjit and Jharna Basak Student Assistance Fund
This year’s funds were used to support students taking the CHES, Certified Health Education Specialist, exam.

KAIDEN GIROUARD
HANNAH PREMO
RACHEL WENNER
ANDEE WIK

Francis V. Hanavan Memorial Fund Award
The award is presented to an MPH student in the Department of Community Health and Health Behavior who shows great potential for future contributions in public health.

TEMARA CROSS

Paul T. Wietig Community Service Award
this award is presented to Community Health and Health Behavior MPH or PhD students who exemplify accomplishment, commitment to vocation and the profession of public health and service to the community.

EBEHTALE IMOBHIO
Awards & Recognitions

SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Perry Poster Awards
These awards are given to students who excelled in their presentations during the virtual Perry Poster Day.

NATASHA ALLARD (PhD)
MAISHA RAHMAN (MPH)

Hamilton-Wilson Award
This award is given to a Black student from the Master of Social Work or Master of Public Health program to be utilized on school-related expenses. This award is to increase the representation of minority students in the fields of social work and public health.

MIKAYLA LOGAN

Delta Omega Gamma Lambda Honors Society
Membership in Delta Omega reflects the dedication of an individual to quality in the field of public health and to the protection and advancement of the health of all people. New members are elected based on high academic standards and outstanding performance in scholarship, teaching, research, and community service.

JERRY MANUEL
TATIANA SANCHEZ
EBEHITALE IMOBHIO

SUNY Chancellor’s Award
A Chancellor’s Award is the highest honor SUNY bestows upon its students. Award recipients are recognized for excelling in areas such as leadership, community service, campus involvement or the arts.

TEMARA CROSS
Awards & Recognitions

ADDITIONAL AWARDS
(BY STUDENT RECIPIENT)

SAAD ALASIL

**Climate Health Innovation Sprint**—This competition is organized by the Office of Global Health Initiatives and Blackstone Launchpad; *First place winner for proposed expansion of NFTA access and routes to lower pollution and support a healthier Buffalo*

REEM BERMAN

**WNY Prosperity Fellowship ’21-22**

Generously supported by the Prentice Family Foundation, the Western New York Prosperity Fellowship supports University at Buffalo students who are committed to contributing to our region’s economic vitality.

**Blackstone Launchpad Fellowship ’22**

Blackstone LaunchPad is an experiential campus program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and develop entrepreneurial skills and mindsets through individualized coaching, ideation, and venture creation support.

JACOB BLEASDALE

**24th Annual International AIDS Conference, International AIDS Society; Scholarship recipient**

**Mark Diamond Research Fund**

This scholarship is supported by the Graduate Student Association.

**Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award**

MALKIJAH GRIFFITHS

**Henry A. Panasci Jr. Technology Entrepreneurship Competition**—This competition was created by the School of Management and Office of Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships, and is supported by the endowment of late Henry A Panasci Jr. to facilitate and promote viable businesses in Western New York; *First place winner*


Seldeen, Kenneth L.; Thiagarajan, Ramkumar; Leiker, Merced; Berman, Reem Nagi; Redae, Yonas; Weiss, Carlara; Troen, Bruce. (2021). Both Vitamin D Supplementation and HIIT Boost Muscle VDR Expression, Which May Underlie Benefits for Frailty. *Innovation in Aging*, 5(1).


Berman, Reem. HIIT increases myonuclear accretion and progenitor cell proliferation in aged mice. UB Department of Medicine Celebration of Scholarship; 2021.

Berman, Reem. Both vitamin D supplementation and HIIT boost muscle VDR expression, which may underlie benefits of frailty. The Gerontological Society of America; 2021.


Posters & Presentations


Bleasdale, Jacob, Przybyla, S.M., Crehan Higgins, M., & Liu, Y. Serosorting is Associated with Greater Internalized Homophobia Among a Community Sample of Young Men who Have Sex with Men (YMSM). American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA, October 2021.

Novak, Lianne; Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica; Samuel Lev; Leah Vermont; Lucia Leone. “Challenges and successes of operating a mobile market in rural communities.” Presented at 2022 Public Health Partnership Conference; April 29, 2022; Niagara Falls, NY.

Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica. “Adapting food security interventions in the context of COVID-19 for the advancement of diet and health.” Presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine’s 43rd Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions; April 8, 2022; Baltimore, MD.

Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica. “A YMCA-based behavioral exercise intervention increases quality of life and participation among women with obesity.” Presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine’s 43rd Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions; April 6, 2022; Baltimore, MD.

Awarded meritorious student award and citation award
2021-2022 CHHB Graduate Student Association

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Congratulations, students and graduates!
Have additions to our ‘2022 Celebrating Student Excellence’ booklet?

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