Celebrating Over 50 Years of Public Health Education
Welcome! This Newsletter summarizes the major events of the past semester and summer and includes a few highly newsworthy items that have already taken place this year. I hope that you enjoy reading it.

This is a special year in the history of the university—with ETSU celebrating the 100th anniversary since the creation of the East Tennessee State Normal School in 1911. It is a pretty remarkable time to be at a pretty remarkable place.

It is also very special to realize how much our College, and its predecessor departments, schools, and colleges have contributed to ETSU’s first 100 years. Our graduate student, Katie Neel, recently reviewed all of the university’s old course catalogs, and documented some of our remarkable history:

- In 1933, ETSU first offered a concentration in health of the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Health;
- In 1956, the School of Health was created and a Bachelor of Science in Health Education was first offered;
- The Basic Public Health Sanitation Certificate was first offered in 1961, and by 1965, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health appeared in the course catalog;
- At about the same time, the College evolved to have the Department of Environmental Health, the Department of Health Education, and the Department of Health Sciences (along with departments of Special Education and Nursing);
- The first Graduate Minor in Health Education appeared in the catalog in 1965. The first master degrees were offered in the early 1970s in Environmental Health and Health Sciences;
- In 1969, ETSU became the first undergraduate Environmental Health program in the country to receive accreditation by the National Accreditation Council for Undergraduate Curricula in Environmental Health of the National Association of Sanitarians;
- In 1978, the course catalog first documents the creation of the School of Public and Allied Health, with a wide range of programs, many of which are now in our sister College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences;
- The catalog of 1980 first identifies a Bachelor of Science degree in a new Department of Administration; Master of Public Health degrees first appeared in 1986;
- The catalog first referred to an Interdepartmental “Public Health” degree in 1990, and a formal Department of Public Health appeared in 1996.
- The name “College of Public and Allied Health” was first used in the 1993 catalog;
- The Graduate Program in Public Health was first accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) in 2000;
- The Dr.P.H. and Ph.D. degrees were added in 2006 and 2007, respectively;
- The College split into the College of Public Health and the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences in 2007; and,
- In 2009, ETSU became the first CEPH-accredited College of Public Health in Tennessee and the first in central Appalachia.

As impressive as these accomplishments are, the most exciting thing is to realize this is, in every sense of the word, just the beginning!

I look forward to working with you all to both continue, and build on, this remarkable legacy.

I hope that this is the best year yet!
Academic Excellence Convocation
April 20, 2010

Honors Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

Thomas Brett Evely
Public Health

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Dean Batchelder
Public Health and Biology
Alpha Lambda Delta
Alpha Sigma Lambda
Gamma Beta Phi
Gamma Sigma Alpha
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Dawn April Dent Berglund
Public Health

Gerty Nkiru Cole
Public Health
Alpha Sigma Lambda
Golden Key

Sarah Lindsey Hoss
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences
Alpha Lambda Delta
Sigma Alpha Lambda
Edna Harrison Family Scholarship

Ashlee Elizabeth Jenks
Health Sciences

Cum Laude

Richard S. Rairigh
Health Sciences

Ada K. Reynolds
Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences and Chemistry
ETSU Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Grant
Ronald McNair Program Scholar

Sarah Elizabeth Strom
Public Health
Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming new personnel to our team!

Mr. William Wright joined the Department of Health Sciences as a lab assistant on December 1, 2009. Bill recently graduated with an M.S. degree with a concentration in Microbiology from ETSU College of Public Health. Bill was a graduate assistant with the department for 2 years prior to joining the team. Bill lives in Johnson City, TN, with his wife, Stacey.

Mrs. Phyllis Cooper has joined us as an Executive Aide in the Department of Health Sciences. She comes from the Department of Facilities Management where she served as a secretary/receptionist for three years. Prior to that she worked at Snap-On Tools for about 27 years as a payroll and account clerk. Phyllis lives in Johnson City, TN, with her husband, Fred.

Dr. Christopher Pritchett has joined the Health Sciences Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Pritchett comes from the Department of Microbiology, University of Colorado in Aurora, CO. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland and his research interest involves the role of cell signaling mechanisms in bacterial virulence.

Dr. Andromeda (Andy) Nauli has joined the Department of Health Sciences as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Nauli comes to us from the Department of Cell Biology, The Scripps Research Institute, in La Jolla, CA. He obtained his Ph.D. in Lipid Physiology in 2005 from the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Carolyn Casto has joined us as an Executive Aide in the Department of Health Services Administration. She comes from King College where she served as Administrative Assistant to the School of Business & Economics. Prior to that she worked for Wellmont Home Health in Abingdon, VA. Carolyn lives in Bristol, TN, with her husband, Lloyd. She has two children and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Janet Stork has joined us as an Executive Aide in the Dean’s Office. She comes from Virginia Intermont College where she served dual roles as the Office Manager for the Evening & Weekend College Program as well as the Social Work Program. Janet lives in Bristol, VA, with her husband Philip and her three children and niece.

Dr. Shimin Zheng recently joined the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology as an Assistant Professor. He comes from the University of Iowa where he was a statistician in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Zheng obtained his Ph.D. in Biostatistics in 2003 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has a strong background in longitudinal data analysis, time series, multivariate analysis, and model selection. His research interests include statistical methods and biostatistical applications for clinical research.
Departures

With the pleasure of new arrivals, comes the sadness of departures. This was a heavy year for retirement in the Department of Health Sciences. Ms. Ann Bailey who served as an adjunct instructor officially retired on April 22. Gene McCoy who most recently served as an adjunct instructor officially retired on May 15. Dr. Michael Gallagher also announced his retirement. Both Mr. McCoy’s and Dr. Gallagher’s years of service to the Department, the College and the university have been recognized by being awarded Emeritus status. These individuals contributed much knowledge and experience in their field and will be sorely missed.

Ms. Julie Worthington was accepted to medical school on May 10 and served her last day with our college on July 9. We wish her the very best for the future and will miss her both personally and professionally.

Congratulations!

- Dr. Jim Florence was granted the Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, in December of 2009. The degree provides a theological foundation, with emphasis on the Christian tradition, for understanding the relationship and responsibility between God and humanity.


- Dr. Toni Bounds, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, earned induction into Delta Omega Honor Society for exceptional work as a researcher, teacher, and advocate for cancer prevention and care for women.

- Don Best, Health Coordinator for the Sevier County School System, earned induction into the Delta Omega Honor Society for his outstanding support of Tennessee’s Coordinated School Health Program and for working with the ETSU Department of Community Health as a liaison for an employee wellness program in the school system.

- Dr. Xuefeng Liu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, will serve as a panel member for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

- Mrs. Rickie Carter was nominated by the staff council to serve as the Chairperson for the 2010-2011 academic year. This is her first leadership role in staff council and she took the reins from Mrs. Gina Osborne in May.

- Dr. Kurt Maier was promoted to the rank of Professor effective August 15, 2010.

- Chuck Patton, Executive Aide in the Department of Environmental Health, is serving as President of the Staff Senate.
East Tennessee State University’s College of Public Health presented awards of excellence to faculty and staff members recently during its annual picnic at Rotary Park. More than 50 faculty and staff were in attendance. Dr. Randy Wykoff, Dean of the college, presented the awards and also recognized 13 retired faculty members from the college who attended. New faculty and staff to the college were also recognized. The Teaching Award went to Mike McKamey, an instructor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. Dr. Jim Florence, interim chair and associate professor in the Department of Community Health, received the Service Award. Dr. Joel Hillhouse, professor in the Department of Community Health, earned the Research Award. The Staff Award went to Susan Austin, coordinator of the Coordinated School of Health in the Department of Community Health. The Dean’s Recognition Award for an individual, given for outstanding contribution to the College of Public Health, went to Tim Baylor, assistant dean for public health practice and an instructor in the Department of Health Services Administration. The Dean’s Recognition Award for a group went to the Research Development Committee, composed of Dr. Robert Pack, Dr. Amal Khoury, Dr. Kurt Maier, Dr. Ranjan Chakraborty and Dr. Joel Hillhouse (chair). Wykoff also presented a Dean’s Recognition Award to members of the Coordinated School Health Evaluation team, which included Dr. Deborah Slawson, Robin Elolia, Sean Hoyle, David Hanson, Jean-Jacques Maury, Dr. Xuefeng Liu, Susan Austin and Dr. Robert Pack.
Recent Publications by Faculty


Dr. Brian Martin - “Race, gender, and language concordance in the primary care setting” in International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance.

Dr. Hadii Mamadu - “Tobacco companies use of developing countries’ economic reliance on tobacco to lobby against global tobacco control: The case of Malawi” in American Journal of Public Health.

Dr. Chul-Young Roh - “Longitudinal effects of impact fees and special assessments on the level of capital spending, taxes and long-term debt in American cities” in Public Finance Review.

Dr. Tiejian Wu and Dr. Xuefeng Liu - “Joint effects of child temperament and maternal sensitivity on the development of childhood obesity” in Maternal and Child Health Journal.

Dr. Chul-Young Roh - “Achieving high performance in public sector” in Public Performance & Management Review.

Dr. Chul-Young Roh - “Telemedicine: What it is, where it came from, and where it will go” in Comparative Technology Transfer and Society.

Dr. Amal Khoury - “Screening mammography: A cross-sectional study to compare characteristics of women aged 40 and older from the deep south who are current, overdue, and never screeners” in Women’s Health Issues.

Dr. James Florence, Dr. Mike Stoots, and Dr. Randy Wykoff’s Abstract - “Fifty years of undergraduate public health education: Lessons learned and future directions” has been selected for Poster presentation during the 138th APHA Annual Meeting in November of 2010 in Denver, CO.

ETSU College of Public Health receives Pfizer Visiting Professor Award

East Tennessee State University's College of Public Health has received a competitive Pfizer Visiting Professor award that will bring a Johns Hopkins expert in pulmonary medicine to the campus.

Dr. Gregory Diette, a faculty member at Johns Hopkins University, will be a visiting professor at the ETSU College of Public Health during the 2011 spring semester. Diette’s primary appointment at the Baltimore university is in pulmonary medicine, and he holds joint appointments in epidemiology and environmental health sciences in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Diette, a globally recognized expert in the health consequences of indoor air pollution, conducts research at Johns Hopkins focusing on identifying factors that cause or provoke asthma. Diette and Wykoff first met when they both participated in the Joint Indo-U.S. Workshop on Environmental Risks of Respiratory Disease in Chandigarh, India.

While he is here, Dr. Diette will also provide a public lecture as a part of our Leading Voice in Public Health Lecture series.

ETSU and Johns Hopkins are two of only 43 universities in the United States and Puerto Rico with schools of public health that are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.
Quillen College of Medicine students can now simultaneously pursue master’s degree at ETSU College of Public Health

Students at East Tennessee State University’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine can now simultaneously pursue a master’s degree from the ETSU College of Public Health in addition to their medical degree, a dual track designed to provide future physicians a broad perspective that could help solve health problems on a large scale.

The dual track, called the MD/MPH program, became available recently when the Tennessee Board of Regents approved a proposal by ETSU. Dr. Robert Pack, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Public Health, said many physicians who pursue a master’s degree in public health do so with an eye toward a career broader than one that is centered on one-on-one patient care.

Pack worked with Dr. Ken Olive from the Quillen College of Medicine, faculty from both colleges, and administrators at the university level to develop the dual track curriculum. Students who enter the program will pursue a master’s degree concentration through the ETSU College of Public Health while they are taking medical school courses. After their third year of medical school, students will devote one year to the master’s program in public health before returning for a final year at the College of Medicine.

ETSU College of Public Health researcher receives $2.7 million NIH grant for indoor tanning study

Dr. Joel Hillhouse, a researcher and professor in the Department of Community Health, has received a $2.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for his innovative strategy aimed at curbing indoor tanning use among teens.

Hillhouse is the study’s principal investigator and already a national authority on interventions designed to lower skin cancer risk through reducing indoor tanning. His work is driven by research that shows the risk of melanoma skyrockets for those who use indoor tanning before they turn 30. While the cancer risk increases, the acknowledgment of the danger does not. The research team at ETSU’s College of Public Health will work with colleagues at Penn State University to educate teens through the Internet and social media.

The NIH-funded project will be centered on an extensive, interactive web site geared toward female high school students. A combination of results from multiple studies has shown that the risk of melanoma increases by 75 percent for those who initiate indoor tanning before age 30.

The grant falls under NIH’s R-01 classification. Dr. Robert Pack, the College of Public Health’s Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, said that research must tie directly to NIH’s mission to compete for R-01 funding. In addition to funding web and social media development, the NIH grant will also support additional positions for researchers and staff in the College of Public Health.
ETSU funds faculty projects in support of research

Dr. Wykoff would like to congratulate seven of the College of Public Health faculty who received RDC Major Grant Awards this year-over one third of the total and the most received by any one College! They were: Brajesh Dubey, Amal Khoury, Hadii Mamudu, Brian Martin, Edward Onyango, Effiong Otukonyong, and Kesheng Wang. This year represents a remarkable increase and reflects very well on everyone’s efforts to advance our scientific disciplines.

Dr. Edward Onyango—"Effect of stress on the integrity of the protective barrier of the gastrointestinal tract"
Dr. Effiong Otukonyong—"Central leptin suppresses high-fat diet-induced weight gain and modulates metabolic hormones"
Dr. Hadii Mamudu—"Stakeholder analysis of adoption and implementation of statewide smoke-free policy in a tobacco-producing state: Tennessee Non-smokers Protection Act"
Dr. Brian Martin—"Northeast Tennessee Public Health Workforce Assessment"
Dr. Kesheng Wang—"Gender difference and parental influence in genetic association analysis of alcohol dependence in the COGA sample"
Dr. Brajesh Dubey—"Fate of silver nanoparticles and silver nanoparticle containing discarded waste materials in waste disposal system: Methods Evaluation for Analysis"
Dr. Amal Khoury—"Practices of primary care providers in Southern Appalachia towards cancer genetics services: A pilot study"

ETSU PRIDE Week

To launch ETSU PRIDE week, the campus and community members decorated their doors, windows and offices in honor of this year’s theme: “Since 1911…..ETSU PRIDE.” The event had a record number of entries this year. The Dean’s Office for the College of Public Health participated by decorating with various displays. Two windows displayed pictures and a timeline for the history of the university. Another window displayed pictures and a timeline linking public health education all the way back to 1933. The front of a pirate ship and a history of the mascots was constructed on the door entering the office. Inside the office, numerous displays of memorabilia were arranged for viewing. Many of these items are still on display-so stop by and share in our...
East Tennessee State University’s College of Public Health has received a $3.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA) to serve as a comprehensive training center where public health professionals across the state can advance their knowledge and skills.

ETSU is one of only 27 institutions chosen by HRSA to become a new Public Health Training Center. Most of the universities chosen for the program are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). ETSU is the only CEPH-accredited school of public health in Tennessee.

The Association of Schools of Public Health has reported that by 2020 the United States will face a shortage of 250,000 public health workers. The Public Health Training Centers are part of a federal effort to improve health through a public health workforce that is better equipped to address this shortage and meet the challenges of public health in the 21st century.

At ETSU, the HRSA grant will support the launch of a new program called Tennessee LIFEPATH, or Tennessee Long-Distance Internet Facilitated Educational Program for Applied Training in Health. The university will serve as the program’s statewide hub while three schools partnering with ETSU on the grant, Meharry College of Medicine, the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee, will provide regional training events. Other partners include the Tennessee Department of Health and the National Association of City and County Health Officials.

With a significant distance learning component, as well as stipends to offset some student costs, LIFEPATH will offer convenient learning opportunities for working public health professionals. Though many courses can be completed online, students can also take courses on campus, said Dr. Robert Pack, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Public Health and principal investigator for the grant. The grant will fund new positions at ETSU to develop and sustain the training center.

As part of the LIFEPATH program, Dr. Brian Martin, Assistant Professor in the ETSU Department of Health Services Administration, will oversee a statewide needs assessment study to determine which areas of public health training should receive particular emphasis.

“Public health workers from anywhere in the state, and, in fact, those from outside Tennessee, will be able to engage in academic coursework at the certificate, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels,” Pack said. “LIFEPATH will offer a broad array of academic and non-academic programs to help ensure Tennessee’s public health workforce has the knowledge, skills and training to meet the state’s present and forthcoming health challenges.”
“Improving Value in Health Care: Capabilities, Chronic Health, and Health Strategy”
Scott Wallace, JD, MBA
Visiting Professor, Darden School of Business
University of Virginia
October 5, 2010 Grand Soldiers Ballroom, Carnegie Hotel 7:00 p.m.

“Public Health Policy and National Security: Life in the Times of Emergent and Re-Emergent Diseases”
Carlos Castillo-Chavez, Ph.D.,
Regents Professor
Joaquin Bustoz Jr. Professor of Math Biology
Arizona State University
November 16, 2010 Grand Soldiers Ballroom, Carnegie Hotel 7:00 p.m.

“An Evening of Health, Wellness, and the Arts”
Part 1: “Dispatches from the Other Kingdom: The Cancer Journey”
An Oral History Theatre Piece Conceived and Directed by Dr. Joseph Sobol with members of the ETSU Storytelling Program.

Part 2: “My Brain Tumor: A Mind Expanding Comedy”
by: David Nathan Schwartz (Los Angeles, California)
January 27, 2011 Culp Center 7:00 p.m.

“A Global Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS”
Ambassador Eric Goosby, M.D.
U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator,
U.S. Department of State
February 17, 2011 Grand Soldiers Ballroom, Carnegie Hotel 7:00 p.m.

“The Mouse, the House, and the Hamburger: Making Sense of the Asthma Epidemic”
Greg Diette, M.D., MHS
Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Research, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Pfizer Visiting Professor in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
March 3, 2011 Grand Soldiers Ballroom, Carnegie Hotel 7:00 p.m.

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October 30, 2009-ETSU’s College of Public Health received accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health, becoming the first school in Tennessee, and the only one in central Appalachia, to earn that designation.

February 18, 2010-College of Public Health’s report on Tennessee Coordinated School Health program shows the state has made strides toward reversing the trend of childhood obesity.

Five faculty members from three ETSU colleges—the College of Public Health (Dr. Tiejian Wu & Dr. Xuefeng Liu), the College of Arts and Sciences (Dr. Wallace Dixon, Jr & Dr. William Dalton III) and the James H. Quillen College of Medicine (Dr. Fred Tudiver)-collaborated on a study that found that specific combinations of a child’s temperament and the degree of sensitivity the mother displays toward her child can be a predictor of childhood obesity.

The *Johnson City Press* featured an article on Big Kenny Aphlin. Alphin was a speaker in the “Leading Voices in Public Health” lecture series, which is sponsored by ETSU’s College of Public Health. During his visit, Alphin established the ASPIRE Appalachia Scholarship through the Healing Hands Foundation to support College of Public Health students who complete their field placement in Appalachia. (www.bigkenny.tv)

Tricities.com and the *Johnson City Press* featured an article on the College of Public Health’s and partner Mountain State Health Alliance’s launch of a new program called HEAL Appalachia. The program targets childhood obesity in our region and will focus on community efforts and programs to encourage better health habits. (www.healappalachia.com)

The Tennessee Institute of Public Health (TNIPH) is among a handful of organizations across the nation selected to receive a grant that will be used to help raise overall levels of health across the Volunteer State. TNIPH, a statewide partnership of public health leaders, was created by legislative action to address the leading health challenges facing Tennessee. Dr. Randy Wykoff, Dean of ETSU’s College of Public Health, serves as the interim director of TNIPH.

The Hope Through Healing Hands First Global Health Leaders, including Bethesda (Beth) O’Connell, Katie Skelton, and Brittany Cannon, traveled during the summer of 2010 and reported back great work from around the globe that included public health education for hand washing, dental hygiene, HIV/AIDS prevention and clean water. Two additional students, Jennifer Hunt (MPH) and Jodi Sutherland (DrPH) completed ASPIRE Appalachia placement.
**Student Awards**

ETSU College of Public Health presented several students with awards of excellence and scholarships at the Student Awards Ceremony.

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Upon my graduation from ETSU in 2005, I was able to obtain a job at Mountain States Health Alliance. I currently work in Organizational Development as the System Educator/Coordinator for orientation of new team members and placement of students in all disciplines. Having worked for MSHA, I have been exposed to a number of aspects related to the health and business world. My education has prepared me to work in a variety of settings and to implement programs and strategies that make a positive difference.

While at ETSU, I enjoyed an interdisciplinary approach in my undergraduate study. The knowledge and insight gained through my education at ETSU is invaluable. ETSU helped me achieve my goals of furthering my education through specialized coursework. Within the last year, I have earned a master’s degree as well. This has allowed me to continue developing professional skills while building on my undergraduate education.

Overall, my education has allowed me to become a better asset to my department and MSHA. I am eager to learn new things and strive for continued excellence. I am glad that I chose ETSU.

“**The knowledge and insight gained through my education at ETSU is invaluable.**”

*Jessica Denney*
Student & Alumni News

- Students Glenn Quarles of Kingsport, TN, Rebecca Bartles of Mount Caramel, TN, and Sumit Pathy of India and alumna Davida Rogers of Memphis, TN, were inducted into Delta Omega honor society.
- Liang Wang’s Abstract entitled “Effects of maternal depression on the development of childhood obesity” was selected for oral presentation during the 138th APHA Annual Meeting in the Greg Alexander Outstanding Student Paper Session. This is the second time he has been selected to present in this category.
- Glenn Quarles obtained employment as a Clinical Research Assistant in the Center for Applied Genomics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Glenn reports that his interviewer informed him that having the MPH moved him to the front of the pack in the pool of applicants.
- Joshua Turbeville spent a second summer in China leading a team of 12 college students teaching an English camp. He has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will serve in the public health/HIV AIDS section in Sub-Sahara Africa upon medical clearance. Until then, he is working in Loudon, TN, at the NP Clinics of Tennessee.
- After completing his field experience at Cardiovascular Associates, Brad Holt was hired to oversee quality improvement activities for their business office operations.
- Cody Murdock received a job offer from his internship site in Auburn Alabama-East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, AL.
- Jessica Blevins obtained employment via her field experience at the American Cancer Society in Johnson City, TN. Karen Heaton, her preceptor, is one of our alumni.
- Lance Beus was promoted to a practice administrator position with Blue Ridge Medical Management.
- Andre Ragone obtained employment via his field experience at Eastman Wellness and Fitness.
- Katie Neel was selected as a new member to the East Tennessee State University President’s Pride service honorary organization. Members of this highly competitive program must maintain a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be nominated by faculty, staff, or current members, complete a screening and interview process aimed at selecting students best able to assume active leadership roles. An article announcing new members was featured in the Johnson City Press.
- Taylor McKeehan and Kimberly Whaley’s Student-Faculty Collaborative Grant Proposal was selected for funding by ETSU’s Honors College. This award is particularly noteworthy because there was a large and high quality pool of proposals submitted.
- Congratulations to Katie Skelton (MPH), Beth O’Connell (BS), and Brittany Cannon (MPH) who received the Frist Global Health Scholars scholarships.
- Congratulations to Jodi Southerland (DrPH) and Jenny L. Hunt (MPH) who received the ASPIRE Appalachia scholarships.
- Roger Blackwell, candidate for Doctor of Public Health, received a grant from the ETSU Graduate Council for his proposal “Exploring the relationship between social stigma and health outcomes among men who have sex with men (MSM) in rural Appalachia.”

In 2009, the student chapter of American Society for Microbiologists (ASM) was established in the Department of Health Sciences with the initiative and hard work of students, Ms. Ada Reynolds and Mr. Tom Barber with the help and support from Dr. Laraine Powers. This is the first and only student chapter in Tennessee. In its first year, the chapter has sponsored many educational activities for students.
Relay for Life is an annual event organized by the American Cancer Society in partnership with East Tennessee State University which aids in the fight against cancer, remembers loved ones who have been lost in the battle against cancer and celebrates the lives of those who have survived cancer. The Public Health Student Association Relay for Life team had great success this year. The PHSA team broke personal records by raising more money and having more team members participate than in years past. PHSA was able to raise over $3500.00 for the cause, the most of any team. PHSA also took part in “Paint the Town Purple” and “Purple 101”. Both of these events are designed to raise money and awareness in our community for the American Cancer Society. The PHSA team is looking forward to even more success at next year’s Relay for Life.

For more information about the Public Health Student Association, please contact MIKKI JOHNSON-MACZKA (GRADUATE PRESIDENT) at jmjohnson411@gmail.com or AUBREY CHILDRESS (UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT) at Childressanc@yahoo.com.

Degrees Offered

BS Public Health
- Community Health
- Health Administration

BS Health Sciences
- Human Health
- Microbiology

BS Environmental Health
- Environmental Health Practice
- Occupational Safety and Health

MPH
- Biostatistics
- Community Health
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology**
- Health Services Administration**

MS Environmental Health
- Administration
- Specialist

DrPH
- Community Health
- Epidemiology

PhD Environmental Health

Graduate Certificates
- Biostatistics**
- Epidemiology**
- Gerontology
- Health Care Management**
- Rural Health

** Programs available on-ground and online.