BSPH Student Chris Bush Receives Student-Faculty Collaborative Grant Award

Chris Bush, an undergraduate student in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health, has been awarded a student-faculty collaborative grant by the Honors College. Chris will be working with Mr. Mike McKamey and Dr. Megan Quinn, both from the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology on this project.

The title of the project is “A Study of the Perception of Latino Mothers’ Experience with the Healthcare System in East Tennessee” and its aim is to better understand how bias and language barriers influence the perception of Latina mothers in accessing primary care. Recruitment will take place through ETSU’s Language and Culture Resource Center and the Johnson City Community Health Center. The study aims to recruit 10 mothers to complete interviews on their experiences with the healthcare system. Data will be analyzed using thematic analysis and the information will be used to better plan health services and policies for this population.

It is anticipated that the results of the research will be presented at the Boland Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Chris Bush recently completed his internship with Project HOPE in the Dominican Republic and with the Knox County Health Department. During his internship, he and fellow ETSU student, Milca Nunez, were named Volunteers of the Month, by Project HOPE. He anticipates pursuing a graduate degree in epidemiology upon graduation.