Capstone Poster Presentation

Second year MPH students presented their practicum work to an audience of peers, faculty and field preceptors on March 18th. The event, held in the atrium of the Brickell Building, had an atmosphere of excitement and professional pride as the students discussed their own work and reviewed the work of their peers. Especially noteworthy is the contribution these practicum projects made to furthering the role of public health in improving community health. Congratulations to the class of 2015 and congratulations to Barbara Geraghty who will present her work at the annual meeting of the Society for Public Health Education and also at Graduate Student Research day at Old Dominion University. Well done, Barb.

The MPH program would like to say 'Thank You' to the preceptors who took the time to come out to support the students, and for their willingness to be Practicum Preceptors.

Another special 'Thank You' goes to the Practicum advisors and faculty advisors for their hard work and dedication for helping the students become successful graduates of the EVMS/ODU MPH Program. Thank you for supporting the students.

Fighting Pancreatic Cancer

Barb Geraghty, MPH 2015

My dad, Roger Geraghty, served his country in the Navy in the Korean War, worked full time to provide for his family of five children and got his bachelor's degree with the GI Bill at night. When he announced that he had pancreatic cancer in May 2009, it was a devastating blow to our family. Although Dad was not able to have the Whipple Procedure due to liver metastases, he did undergo a chemotherapy regimen until it was no longer effective. We had my dad for just over a year, which gave our family time to enjoy precious moments and say goodbye.

Pancreatic cancer is a remorseless disease. Of 100 people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer today, 73 will die within the first year, and only 6 will survive to five years. We don't know much about the risk factors for pancreatic cancer, there are no early detection methods, and very limited treatment options for those who are diagnosed. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's mission is to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by this deadly disease. Since 2003, the organization has granted over $123 million dollars to researchers and clinicians, to include an Innovative Grant to Dr. Amy Tang, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Leroy T. Canoles Cancer Center at EVMS.

The Tidewater Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is sponsoring the second annual PurpleStride on April 18, 2015 at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront (31st St Park). PurpleStride is an 5K run/walk to raise awareness of the disease and
funds to support research. EVMS has started a team, and the Team Captain is Sara Wood (woodse@evms.edu) and you can register for the event at http://purplestride.kintera.org/tidewater/saraewood

You can help us make a difference by joining the team as a runner, walker, or volunteer and raising funds. The top 10 fundraising teams will be listed on the back of the PurpleStride 2015 t-shirt, so please help us put EVMS’ name front and center!

Awards, Publications and Presentations!

Congratulations to:

Dr. James Blando just received a grant from NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) on workplace violence prevention in Nursing Homes.

National Public Health Week 2015

Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Networking with those in the KNOW

April 9, 2015
5pm - 7pm

The Networking Fair and Panel Discussion will be in Lester Hall, room 104. Light refreshments will be served.

This National Public Health Week event is open to students, alumni, and Public Health organizations throughout Hampton Roads wishing to:

- Recruit current students for practicum projects and internships
- Recruit graduating Public Health students for employment
- Network with other Public Health Organizations
- Promote their organization and its contribution toward keeping Hampton Roads healthy.

MPH 2015 Graduation is May 16th!

Hey Graduates of 2015! Check the Commencement Website and your EVMS email for announcement updates. Go here to find out about the mandatory rehearsal times and to make sure you are ready to walk across the stage!

Professional Development

The 2014-2015 MPH Professional Development Series has been very successful in providing students with resume writing and interviewing tips in an effort to “land the perfect job” after graduation. In February there was a webinar hosted by NIH (National Institutes of Health) that informed our students about how to apply for NIH jobs, fellowships and internships. The final activity for the Spring will be a panel discussion made up of MPH alumni who will share their insights and experiences about their careers and current jobs. If you would like to know more about these events or be on our email list, contact Professor Pautz at pautzlm@evms.edu.
Interested in the EVMS/ODU MPH Program?

EVMS and ODU have partnered to develop an interdisciplinary program that trains students in bettering public health and preventing disease and disability around the world. Take a look at what an MPH degree from EVMS/ODU can offer you...

**Health Promotion:** Provides students with an understanding of public health sciences along with skills in the expanding field of healthcare promotion in private organizations, as well as local, district and state health departments.

**Epidemiology:** Provides students with a well-structured curriculum of experiential learning analyzing the cause, pattern, and control of disease and conditions that affect populations.

**Health Management and Policy:** Provides students with knowledge and field experience in both public and private healthcare sector organizations. Students have the opportunity to engage with faculty research and in community service through academic courses or in student/program sponsored volunteer efforts.

**Global Environmental Health:** This track familiarizes students with a broad range of 21st century issues at the local, national, and international levels. Global Environmental Health graduates work in government, the uniformed services, not-for-profit organizations, the private sector and international organizations.

**MD/MPH:** A five year dual degree program for students admitted in the EVMS MD Program. The MPH degree supplements the MD students’ medical education with skills involving the health of populations.

To see the detailed curriculum and information regarding tuition and the application process, please visit us online at [www.evms.edu/mph](http://www.evms.edu/mph) or call us at 757-446-6120.

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