

# Public Health & Health Sciences

## GAZETTE

Spring 2023 EDITION

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Campus Community,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the inaugural edition of the Public Health and Health Sciences Gazette, a publication of the Department of Health Sciences. Each edition will highlight the successes of our students and accomplishments of our faculty.

Special features will include notable health topics and special events sponsored by the Department. There are many opportunities for you to get to know us by participating in our clubs, conferences, lectures, student panels, Job Expo, mixers, alumni discussions, and much, much more! We look forward to meeting you. Wishing you a very successful semester, Best wishes, Dr. Pamela Krochalk

### MEET & GREET

Our Fall 2022 Meet & Greet took place on Wednesday, September 14th cohosted by the Public Health Toros Association. The event was successful with over thirty students in attendance. Our college Dean, **Dr. Mi-Sook Kim**, kicked off the event with an inspiring speech and activity to motivate our students on effective planning. We had our department chair, **Dr. Pamela Krochalk**, give our students an extended welcome to the department!

**Mr. Mark Kerr**, Academic Advisor, and **Professor Castillo**, Internship & Professional Development Coordinator, engaged the group with a fun icebreaker: 2 Truth & 1 Lie! What a great way for the students to get to know our faculty a little better.

We concluded our event with some generous gifts donated by our colleague **Professor Hogenson Kida**. Our students left with great treats and a sense of belonging! We definitely left them knowing about the Culture of Care CSUDH offers.

### Alumni on the go!!

**Marta Rivas (Class of 2019)** received her MPH degree from California State University, Northridge Fall of 2022. She is now a Program Coordinator for the Riverside University Health System - Public Health sector. Congratulations Marta!

**Raymond Ranada (Class of 2021)** had his Capstone research accepted for publication by Radiologic Technology, the premier journal in his profession. His article is entitled Gonadal Shielding Practices of California Radiologic Technologists.

**Tosca Bridges, (Class of 2022)** accepted the position of Radiology Services Manager at the University of California San Francisco where she oversees radiology services at two hospitals and several imaging centers in the Bay Area. She was invited to deliver a presentation to the 2022 American Healthcare Radiology Administrators annual meeting based on her Capston Research.



## Spring 2023 Events

Monday, Jan 23rd- Semester Begins

Monday, Jan 30th- Guest Speaker  
Mr. Scott McGrew - Leprosy

Friday, Feb 3rd- Spring Mixer

Spring Break- 03/26 - 04/01

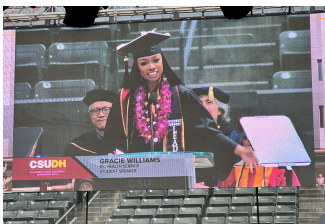
Tuesday, April 11th- Job Expo

Saturday, April 22nd- Alpha Eta Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony

Thursday, April 27th- CHHSN 50th Anniversary  
Celebration

Friday, May 19th- Commencement

## Past Event Photos



## Public Health Toros Association

The Public Health Toros Association (PHTA) is an organization that provides public health students with platforms to develop, enhance, and practice professional skills of communication, technology, and positivity. The leaders of PHTA are, Irma Escobar (President), Enny Banjo (Vice President), Marlene Gallegos (Social Media Specialist), and Aysa Collins (Community Liaison). We have invited guest speakers from the Student Health Center (SHC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to embrace us with their life stories, journeys, and life empowerments. PHTA has also continued to be a student-led organization with goals to develop, enhance, and propel students into careers. We host weekly zoom meetings for health check-ins, current events, and guest speakers. Please join us on Fridays from 12-1 pm to learn more about the club, connect with other students, and expand your professional skills. For more information please email, [csudh.phta@gmail.com](mailto:csudh.phta@gmail.com) Thank you, Toros!  
We look forward to hearing from you!

## Student Highlights

**Christopher Partin**, an undergraduate student in the Radiologic Technology option, has had an article accepted for publication in the journal Radiologic Technology, which has a circulation of 156,000.

**Irma Escobar** and **Judith Gutierrez** both have been named one of 30 American Heart Association Scholars for the Hispanic Serving Institution program. Irma is a senior in the Community Health option and Judith a senior in the Health Care Management option.

**Enny Banjo** had the opportunity to work with Dr. Roback on different projects such as the annual water quality report of tribal lands in California and research on the health implications of working and living near Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Additionally, she held the position of Vice President of the Public Health Toros Association (PHTA) at CSUDH and interned at the California Department of Public Health – Office of Health Equity.

## Faculty Highlights

**Dr. Wenli Jen** has been named as an Associate Editor of the online publication, *csuglobal*, which focuses on California's engagement in the world. Its three types of content – a current affairs 'zine, an interdisciplinary academic journal, and a platform for international education and pedagogy – will highlight California's increasingly global role and reflect the mission of the CSU as a forum for public debate and as a teaching institution by showcasing the expertise of our faculty and students, staff and administrators.

**Dr. Elwin Tilson**, Graduate Coordinator for the MS degree in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, has had three peer-reviewed articles published and two other research articles in-press in the last 18 months. He also has been an invited speaker at three national and two regional professional meetings during that same time. Dr. Tilson presented a paper on A Systematic Approach to Developing Leaders for the Profession at the Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions meeting.

**Dr. Donna Dueker** was a guest speaker at the Grand Rounds Conversation hosted by CSUDH Student Health & Psychological Services dealing with the Intersection of Health, Well-Being, and Social Justice on Nov 8, 2022.

**Dr Amer El-Ahraf**, Professor Emeritus, presented a research paper at the Annual Meeting of the National Environmental Health Association of which he is a Past President. The paper is titled : "Dietary Modification as a Control Measure of a Naturally Occurring Environmental Carcinogen: The Impact of Dietary Fat Source Modification on the Toxic and Carcinogenic Effects of Aflatoxin B1", June 28-July 1, 2022.

**Karla Castillo** was voted as the NTTF representative to the Academic Senate 2022-2023 and the Faculty Mentor for the CHHSN Student Success Center.



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