

MISSION

The mission of the Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice is to pursue health, well-being, and social justice for and with communities through nationally-renowned teaching and research, practical applications of knowledge, and authentic partnerships inspired by our Jesuit tradition and identity.

ORDER OF EVENTS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Leslie McClure, Ph.D.

Dean, College for Public Health and Social Justice

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Michael Rozier, S.J., Ph.D.

Chair, Health Management and Policy

WELCOME

Leslie McClure, Ph.D.

Dean

TERRY LEET TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented by

Leslie McClure, Ph.D.

LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS

STUDENT SPEAKER

Hana Korajkic

M.H.A. Candidate

Presentation of the Graduates

Bernie Backer

Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions

Dr. Lauren Arnold, Ph.D., M.P.H., C.P.H.

Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics,

Director of Undergraduate Public Health Programs.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Faculty mentors will accompany doctoral candidates.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Leslie McClure, Ph.D. Dean

Michael Elliott, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Enbal Shacham, Ph.D., M.Ed. Associate Dean for Research

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH
EDUCATION

Anne K. Sebert Kuhlmann, Ph.D., M.P.H. Chair

DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIostatISTICS

Michael Elliott, Ph.D., Chair

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

Michael Rozier, SJ, Ph.D. Chair

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The colorful attire worn by graduates, faculty, and gown, the graduates and their professors are part of a long tradition that dates back to Paris and Bologna, Italy, to Oxford and Cambridge, England, in the days of their Catholic glory.

The exact origins of several parts of the academic garb are a bit of a mystery. Because medieval students enjoyed the status of cleric during their university years, one might guess that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an cap of today recalls the skullcap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear on U.S. campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern is highly uniform.

THE GOWNS

The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment has sleeves long and closed but slit just above gown of the doctor has full, bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed – with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

THE HOOD

When the skullcap was introduced, the hood was retained but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (master's and doctoral) has its special hood, which varies in length and, for the doctor, also in pattern. The color or colors lining the hood are those of the college or university that granted the wearer's degree. For example, Saint Louis of white. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for the master and the doctor.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

*** summa cum laude (G.P.A. 3.9)

** magna cum laude (G.P.A. 3.7)

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS

REVERAND JOHN J.
FLANAGAN, S.J. AWARD
Gauri Kaushal

This award honors the priest who established a program for training health administrators more than 50 years ago. The award recognizes an MHA student who, in the judgment of peers and faculty, demonstrates leadership performance and scholastic achievement.

MPH IN HEALTH
MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
AWARD

Ashwin Siddaraju

This award recognizes a student who, in the judgment of peers and faculty, has demonstrated leadership performance and scholastic achievement.

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FUTURE LEADERS
OF HEALTH
MANAGEMENT AND
POLICY

Irfan Akbani
President, 2022-23
Treasurer, 2021-22

Avery Claire Lyons
President, 2023-24

Desislava Pavlin
Yordanova
Promotions Chair,
2023-24

McKenzie Lynn Beck
Chief Communications

PUBLIC HEALTH CLUB

2021-22; VP 2021-22

Án Drápa Cárólína
Banda

Samantha Nicole
Eaker

VP of Finance, 2020-21

Representative 2020-21;
Outreach, 2021-22;
Treasurer, 2022-23

Robel Esayas
VP of Communication,
2023-24

Dhairya N. Shah
Sophomore
Representative, 2021-22;
VP 2022-23

Liam Daniel John
VP of National Public
Health Week, 2020-22

Erinn Catherine
Miller
VP of Communication,
2022-23

LIONS CLUB

Amarah Siddiqui
VP of Membership/
Communications,
2021-22

Amela Sijecic
VP of National Public
Health Week, 2022-23

Lillian Grace Wilkins
VP of National Public
Health Week, 2023-24

MATERNAL CHILD
HEALTH STUDENT
INTEREST GROUP

PUBLIC HEALTH
DOCTORAL STUDENT

Ronnie Darnell
Austin, Jr.
Secretary, 2023-24

Sandra Mansour
Youssef Dimitri
Article Discussion Chair,
2023-24

Sydney Michelle
Grellner
Recruitment Chair,
2023-24

STUDENT SENATORS FOR THE CPHSJ UPSILON PHI DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Luke Evan Busboom Neira Dzananovic
 Undergraduate Student President, 2023-24
 Senator, 2023-24

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students are recognized for their academic achievements during their academic careers in the CPHSJ

DR. PAUL R. DONNELLY
 AWARD
 MHA students graduating with a 4.0 GPA
 McKenzie Lynn Beck
 Emily Catherine Jasper
 Hana Korajkic

Georgios Alexander Pefoulidis
 Neira Dzananovic
 Allison Ann Roe
 Alexis Nicole Wurtz

Samantha Diane Levine
 Bianca Paige Trollinger
 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIostatISTICS AND HEALTH ANALYTICS

UPSILON PHI DELTA HONOR SOCIETY
 Students in good standing in the MHA program, have 2 semesters of course-work completed and obtain a GPA of 3.9 or higher.
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 required to maintain a minimum of 5 community service hours each semester.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES
 Awarded to students pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Studies who earned a 4.0 GPA

Recognition of students graduating with a 4.0 GPA
 Gerrit Charles Burgener
 Nikolas Theodorou

McKenzie Lynn Beck
 Ellie Gentry Cobb
 Ryan Edward Davis
 Darsh Desai
 Samantha Nicole Eaker
 Emily Catherine Jasper
 Anisha Katyayan
 Gauri Kaushal
 Hana Korajkic
 Sai Vaishali Lingutla
 Sarah Grace Merda
 Allison Osowski
 Anish S. Patchipala
 Radha Patel

Andrew F. Cowart-Oberle
 Titilola Abike Gbaja-Biamila
 Germysa Emily Little

DELTA OMEGA PUBLIC HEALTH HONOR SOCIETY
 These students are recognized for performing at a high level of academic excellence, have demonstrated leadership in public health and show commitment to the protection and advancement of the health of all people.
 Intimaa AbuHelou
 Ebenezer Sanmi Adeoti
 Winnie Bakebua Basilua
 Bridget Grace Curran
 Sydney Michelle Grellner
 Mehdiya Hassan
 Germysa Emily Little
 Patrick William Murphy
 Ashwin Siddalingappa
 Siddaraju
 Maxine L. Taylor

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 Recognition of students graduating with a 4.0 GPA
 Intimaa AbuHelou
 Patrick William Murphy
 Lauren Perry Anderson
 Natalie Kartik Patel
 Melinda Bellomy
 Karina Pizzelanti
 Mehdiya Hassan
 Ashwin Siddalingappa
 Siddaraju
 Shammah Oyeinbrakemi
 Kodjo-Soroh
 Maxine L. Taylor

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education

In 2023, Saint Louis University educated more students than ever before and experienced unprecedented international enrollment: 15,204 students, from all 50 states and 96 countries. SLU's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,104 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. Eighty percent of SLU students volunteer each year, nearly triple the national average among college students.

SLU is also a catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$1.2 billion in housing, retail and business development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, and the University is in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

Inspired by its pioneering history while focused on its promising future, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to serve a higher purpose while always seeking the greater good.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

One of the country's top colleges (The Princeton Review, the Wall Street Journal and Forbes magazine) – and one of the country's top-10 Catholic colleges (Niche)

RESEARCH

Among the fastest-growing private research universities in the country, SLU had a 96% increase in research expenditures over the last seven years.

SERVICE

1.6 million hours of service completed by the SLU community annually

ENDOWMENT

\$1.8 billion, an increase of 88% over the last decade

ATHLETICS

NCAA Division I, Atlantic 10 Conference

MASCOT

The Billiken, a mythical 1777 XT-QQP1- represents "things as they ought to be"

ALUMNI

137,364 alumni in 50 states and 154 countries

