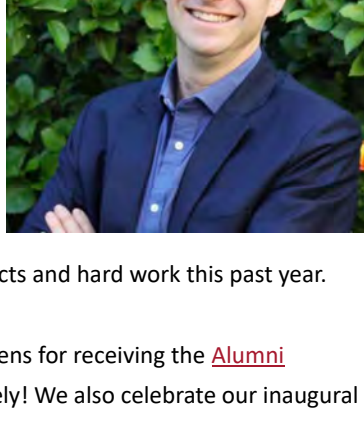




Director's Message

A big congratulations to the Class of 2024!

We are coming off an extended highlight reel of celebrations, from our undergraduate to doctoral student graduations, and I wish you all a sincere congratulations! The week of May 11th, our SPH graduates had the opportunity to celebrate and walk across the Viejas Arena stage. You can watch the full undergraduate ceremony [here](#).



Our college and school recognize numerous outstanding partners, alumni, faculty and students for their impressive impacts and hard work this past year.

Congratulations to Barbara Jimenez and Esmeralda Iniguez-Stevens for receiving the [Alumni Engagement Award and Distinguished Alumni Award](#), respectively! We also celebrate our inaugural F. Douglas Scutchfield, Community Champion Awardee, Ana Solorio. We are excited that our school is well represented in the public health world, with Leticia Cazares and Chuck Matthews awarded as Live Well Champions this year! We feature many other faculty and student awardees below as well. Congratulations to you all!

As part of our commemoration of May as [Asian Pacific Islander Desi American \(APIDA\) Heritage Month](#), this month's newsletter features the work of one of our graduating MPH Epidemiology students, Kyle Fontelera. Kyle has a keen interest in community and in participating in various skill and career development opportunities. Heritage Month is a [nationwide celebration to amplify the experiences, contributions, and achievements of APIDA communities](#).

Our graduating students come from various backgrounds and share a passion for public health research, community and campus service, and academics. You all have a very bright future ahead of you and we are proud you are part of our SPH family!

We will continue with updates this summer. In the meantime, we hope the new few weeks provide a respite from the academic year and wish our graduating students remarkable success in their future endeavors.

Warmly,

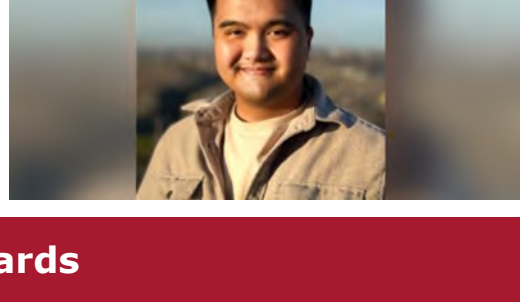
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Director, SDSU School of Public Health



APIDA Heritage Month: Prioritizing Belonging with Kyle Fontelera

Graduating student, Kyle Fontelera, shares his keen interest in community building and skill development opportunities.



Awards

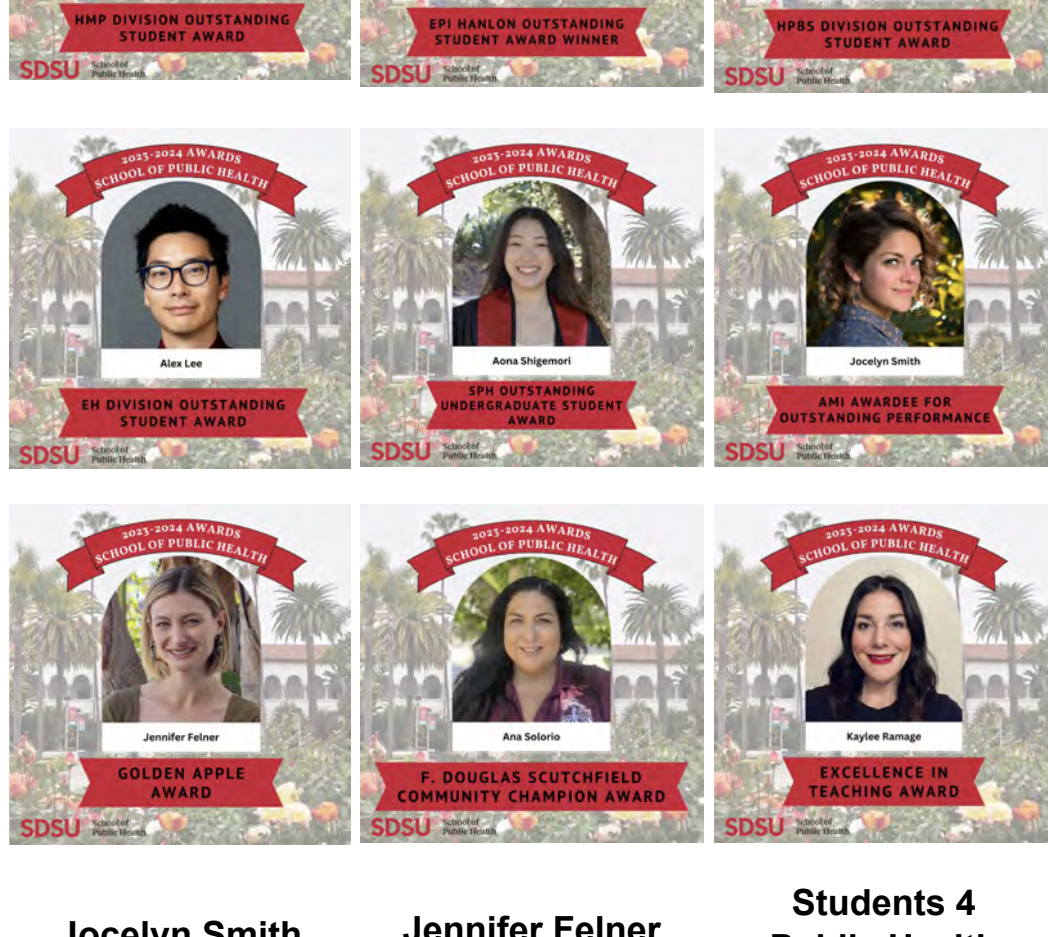
2024 Live Well San Diego Public Health Champion Awards

San Diego County's Health and Human Services Agency honored SPH faculty Leticia Cazares and Dr. Charles "Chuck" Matthews at their 2024 Live Well San Diego Public Health Champion Awards Ceremony.



2024 Alumni Awards

At the MPH Graduation Celebration Banquet, several end-of-year SPH awardees were announced. Among them were two remarkable alumni, [Barbara Jimenez](#) and [Dr. Esmeralda Iniguez-Stevens](#).



Jocelyn Smith

CHHS Council Outstanding Graduate Student

Jennifer Felner

CHHS President's Award

Students 4 Public Health

CHHS Council Outstanding Student Organization

Benjamin Aceves

40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health National Minority Quality Forum

Jennifer Felner

2024 Implementation Research Institute Fellow

Podcast

Jonathan Vasquez Ramirez & Roberto Santana

In this episode, we speak with [Jonathan Vasquez Ramirez](#) and Roberto Santana, two recent graduates of the School of Public Health undergraduate program and fellows of prestigious programs through the San Diego County Public Health Services Administration and the CDC's CureTB project.



Volunteers Needed!

Help shape public health locally and nationally, research and disseminate information, meet interesting guests, and more. Familiarity with A/V production is helpful but not necessary!

Please contact James Romine at jkromine@sdsu.edu to apply.

Congratulations, graduates!



Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Public Health Graduation Celebration Picnic, MPH Graduation Celebration Banquet, and Commencement!

Reading Corner

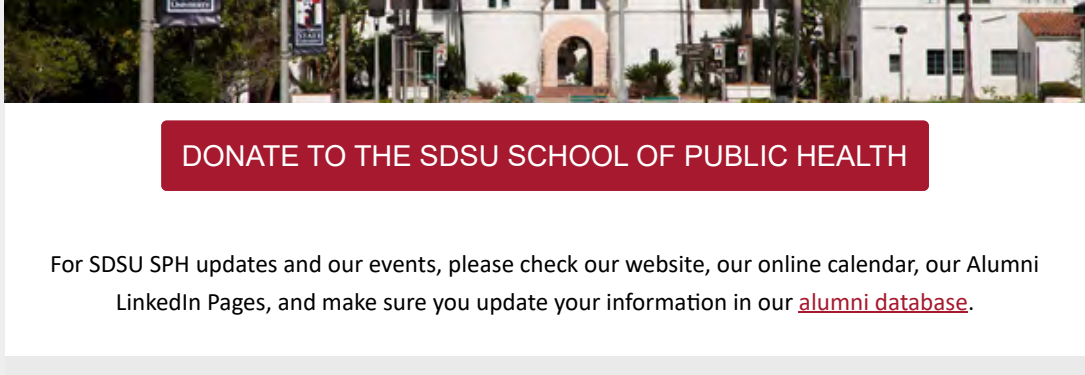
Rate of Aquatic and Maritime Drowning Deaths After US-Mexico Border Wall Height Increase

Check out this [new article](#) from JDP student Anna Lussier!

Influence of tobacco product wastes in a protected coastal reserve adjacent to urbanization

Check out this [new article](#) from [Srimanti Duttagupta](#), [Katelyn Nynas](#), [William Richardot](#), [Shahrin Binte Salam](#), [Melissa Pennington](#), [Jade Wong](#), [Nathan Dodder](#), [Thomas Novotny](#), [Karilyn Sant](#), and [Eunah Hoh!](#)

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