



## Director's Message

Dear Friends,

We have passed the mid-semester point and still see smiling faces on campus! This is indeed a busy month. During Boo to the Flu October, flu shots are available at no cost to our students! In addition, our students are busy garnering awards. Two of our students were also part of a small group of nationwide awardees of the [American College of Healthcare Executive fellowships](#). We are also starting a monthly profile of some of our amazing doctoral students. This month Joint Doctoral Program student [Giovanni](#)



[Appolon](#) is featured as a predoctoral student awardee examining tobacco disparities and cancer. We congratulate our amazing faculty as well. Congratulations [Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson](#) on earning the [Presidential Research Fellowship](#) from SDSU! We recently launched our [Bachelors of Science of Public Health in Imperial Valley](#). In addition, with our new [Doctor of Public Health \(DrPH\) degree](#), designed to train leaders and executive managers to assume leadership roles in public health, we are now [seeking additional faculty](#).

In a new edition of our podcast, [Dr. Rachael Record](#), SDSU Professor of Communication, speaks on strategies to improve tobacco-related health behavior. If you are no longer at SDSU, please continue to stay in touch with us! For updates on the SPH and our events, please check our website and online calendar, our LinkedIn Alumni pages, and make sure you update your information in our alumni database: <https://publichealth.sdsu.edu/gsph-alumni/alumni-update-form/>

Warmly,

*Eyal Oren, Ph.D, MS*

Director, SDSU School of Public Health

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## Faculty Spotlight



## 2025 Presidential Research Fellows awarded \$25K each to further their projects

[Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson](#) is one of six faculty members to receive a 2025 Presidential Research Faculty Fellow. She hope to use it to help involve students in her research on HPV vaccines, cervical cancer, cancer disparities and COVID-19 inequities.

## Awards

### Two SDSU Students Awarded with Prestigious ACHE Awards

The American College of Healthcare Executives has awarded two public health students at SDSU with a Graduate Student Scholarship Award.



## Student Spotlight



### Joint Doctoral Program Scholar at SDSU/UCSD Awarded with TRDRP Grant for Tobacco Dissertation

Giovanni Appolon, A Joint Doctoral Program scholar at SDSU/UCSD, has been awarded with the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) Predoctoral Grant for his dissertation titled "Evaluation of California Tobacco Control Policies and Their Influence on Tobacco Use Among Youth".

## Student Group Spotlight

## SDSU Graduate Student Council School of Public Health

Learn all about what the Graduate School of Public Health Student Council is working on and how to get involved and stay informed with their events!



## Student News



### SDSU Imperial Valley welcomes inaugural cohort of undergraduate public health students

On October 11th at SDSU Imperial Valley, attendees welcomed our first cohort of incoming students and celebrated the opening of the new public health research laboratories!

## Podcast

### Season 9, Episode 2

James Romine speaks with Dr. Rachael Record, SDSU Professor of Communication and expert on strategies to improve tobacco-related health behavior.

Thirdhand smoke, vaping, and the use of social media for health behavior change are important topics discussed in this episode of If I Could Change

One Thing, the Health Policy Podcast of San Diego State University.



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Dr. Rachael Record

Tobacco-related Health Behavior Expert  
Associate Director of the Thirdhand Smoke Resource Center

## 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](mailto:jkromine@sdsu.edu) to apply.

## Events



### SPH Alumni Mixer Recap

SPH had a successful Fall Alumni Mixer at Stone Brewing Company in San Diego, with current students, faculty and School alumni in attendance. Looking forward to seeing you all at future events!

## Reading Corner

### Persistent organic pollutants and cognitive decline among middle-aged or older adults in the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos

Check out [this new article](#) from [Dr. Humberto Parada Jr](#) and [Dr. Nicolas Lopez-Galvez!](#)

### The association of perceived cannabis risks and benefits with cannabis use since cancer diagnosis

Check out [this new article](#) from [Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson](#), [Dr. Humberto Parada Jr](#), and Nasim Kasiri MPH!

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