



Director's Message

Pride Month, celebrated in June, is a month-long celebration that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community and its contributions to society. In our newsletter this month, we are proud to feature some of the great work our students have done in helping to create community spaces at the [San Diego LGBT Community Center](#), as well as in work in HIV Prevention, focusing on structural barriers to provision of pre-exposure prophylaxis treatment that reduces chances of becoming infected with the virus. Our students are also featured in the amazing work they do locally, with work advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population here in San Diego. We are also proud of our global work, with doctoral students studying the interaction between climate and domestic gender-based violence as well as online violence against women on social media platforms in India.



We all know that public health work never ends. At the same time, it is in fact summer (in spite of a cloudy and cool May and June). I hope you all find time to exhale and to take care of yourselves and your family and friends.

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Director, SDSU School of Public Health

HAPPY PRIDE

Pride 2023: JDP Student Carrie Nacht Works on HIV Prevention

Second year JDP student Carrie Nacht manages the PrEP Well and Eros projects through her work at [The Sexual Health Equity Lab \(SHEL\)](#), both of which assess HIV risk and PrEP use.



Pride 2023: Sebastian Montiel Connects Their Gender Identity and Heritage

Undergraduate Sebastian Montiel was awarded the [Jose Julio Sarria/ Nicole Murray Ramirez International Scholarship](#) at [The San Diego LGBT Community Center](#)'s Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast to fund their global health internship with [Child Family Health International](#) in Oaxaca, Mexico this summer.



Awards

SDSU Alumna Alyssa Mireles Recognized as CA LULAC 2023 Young Woman of the Year

As one of seven individuals recognized at [California LULAC](#)'s Gala Award Dinner in Los Angeles, Alyssa was presented with the Young Woman of the Year Award.



JDP Alumna Dr. Nabamallika Dehingia Awarded the 2023 Chancellor's Dissertation Medal

Dr. Dehingia was awarded for her outstanding dissertation examining domestic gender-based violence and violence against women on social media platforms.



CHHS Faculty Promotions Announced

Six of the eleven faculty members in the [College of Health and Human Services](#) who were approved for promotion this year are from the School of Public. Congratulations to [Lauren Brown](#), [Shira Goldenberg](#), [Emily Schmied](#), [Sabrina Smiley](#), [Paula Stigler-Granados](#), and [Jerel Calzo](#) on attaining these major milestones in their academic careers!



CHHS Outstanding Graduating Seniors and Graduate Students 2023

Cleo Chan, Sandhya Muthuramalingam, and Hannah Marks were recognized as outstanding students by [SDSU's College of Health and Human Services](#). Congratulations!

Podcast

Dr. Eyal Oren, Dr. Susan Kiene, & Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson

We have come a long way in the COVID pandemic, and we've certainly learned from it. How can we apply this new knowledge to the next pandemic in order to reduce morbidity and mortality? SDSU School of Public Health researchers discuss the Communities Fighting COVID studies and projects, and explain how they are working to increase access to testing, treatment and vaccines. What if we could decrease regulations and oversight around testing in this country?



Fall 2023 Volunteers Needed!

Help shape public health locally and nationally, research and disseminate information, meet interesting guests, and more. Familiarity with A/V production helpful but not necessary! Please contact Jennifer Munday, Ph.D. MPH at jmunday@sdsu.edu.

Reading Corner

Infectious Disease Epidemiology: An Introduction

School of Public Health director, [Eyal Oren](#), and coauthor Heidi E. Brown at the University of Arizona published the new, foundational textbook for public health and related health science degrees. The book provides a comprehensive public health strategy for understanding and managing the spread of infectious diseases. Read a sample chapter [here!](#)



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