



Director's Message

The recent Supreme Court decision in [*Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard and Students for Fair Admission v. University of North Carolina*](#) has ended affirmative action in college admissions. While California has banned racial preference in admissions for decades, the SCOTUS decision is highly impactful for higher education across the country as well as to public health more broadly, given the needs for highly educated diverse leaders in our local and global communities. This decision is unfortunate and negates the negative impact of racism and hate in this country that has impacted access to higher education. The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) has shared a [statement](#) and a [case synopsis](#).



I would like to reaffirm our commitment as a School of Public Health to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our work and in our broader culture. We are currently fortunate to have a diverse faculty, staff, and student body and admit all qualified applicants. However, it is critical that we continue to ensure a racially and ethnically diverse public health workforce for health equity, and to meet needs of ever more diverse populations, and that will mean paying attention to how we give effective voice to the varied constituents within our school.

I am proud to share the important public health work in our SDSU community in this summer issue. We are excited to share important advocacy conducted by our students highlighting the needs for [paid student internships](#) across health and human service majors. Our alumna and instructor [Rosanne Rushing](#) speaks to the significance and trajectory of Disability Pride Month, we profile recipients of the [Adams Family Scholarship](#), and highlight new public health curricula and [collaborations](#) at SDSU Imperial Valley.

Stay cool out there!

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Disability Pride Month



The Shield T3 mobile lab on Gallaudet campus, with (from left to right): Robert Weinstock, Director, Public and Media Relations; Dominic Lacy, Chief Operating Officer; Rosanne Rushing, Public Health Program Director; Davina Kwong Yu, Executive Director, Campus Services; Jeremy Franz, Campus Services

The path to the ADA and Dr. Rosanne Rushing's continued work to bring the wall of exclusion tumbling down

In celebration of National Disability Pride Month, we explore the history of the Disability Rights Movement and reflect on paths forward toward strengthening disability inclusion efforts with Dr. Rosanne Rushing.

School News

SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley Collaborate in Binational Environmental Workshop

The conference hosted more than 30 experts to address environmental issues that affect the San Diego/Tijuana and Imperial Valley/Mexicali regions.



SDSU Imperial Valley to Open New Public Health Major

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health, set to start fall 2024, will examine environmental health issues that are prominent in Imperial Valley.

Awards

Adams Family Scholarship: Funding Master Students' Original Research

Three of the students selected for this newly initiated, designed to as a new funding opportunity for Masters of Public Health students conducting mentored research projects, are profiled here.



Podcast

Herb K. Shultz (Rerun)

In this episode, Gary Rotto talks with Herb Schultz! Schultz is the president of HKS Strategies, former Regional IX Director for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and Advisor to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius. Learn about how one engages stakeholders in Health Policy development in the field, how the secretary's office relates to travel governments in the need of American stakeholder groups, and much more in this episode!

This episode was recorded in 2020.



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

Students Deserve Paid Internships: Opinion by a Master of Social Work/ Master of Public Health Dual Degree Candidate

Last year, Adams Family Scholarship recipient Elana Metz co-authored [an article in The San Diego Union-Tribune](#) to highlight the importance of paid internships for social work students and the Payment for Placements (P4P) campaign. [Read her update](#) on this topic!



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