

# Delta Omega Gators

Beta Upsilon, University of Florida Newsletter

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## Save the Date! 2017 Annual Chapter Meeting

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Omega will be holding its Annual Meeting on **Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5:30 PM, in CTRB 2161** on campus.

We will be holding elections for President-elect and both Member-at-Large positions. **Please send nominations to [victoria.hunter@ufl.edu](mailto:victoria.hunter@ufl.edu)**

## 2017 Induction of New Members

On April 26, 2017, 19 new members of the Beta Upsilon Chapter were honored during a banquet at the Sweetwater Branch Inn.

Dr. Michael Lauzardo of UF College of Medicine was recognized as the 2017 honorary member and also served as the keynote speaker. Delta Omega also recognized Wendy Resnick of UF Health Shands with the Delta Omega Public Health Champion Award. Thank you to all members, special guests, family, and friends who joined us to celebrate the new inductees!



*Dr. Michael Lauzardo being recognized as an honorary member of Delta Omega*



*2017 Inductees of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Omega were honored during a banquet at the Sweetwater Branch Inn on April 26, 2017.*

### Honorary Inductee

Dr. Michael Lauzardo

### Faculty Inductees

Dr. Joe Bisesi  
Dr. Anthony Maurelli  
Dr. Susan McGorray

### Alumni Inductees

Dr. Van Brass  
Johanna Pringle  
Dr. Steven Smith  
Dr. Elizabeth Wood

### Student Inductees

Dr. Donna Carden  
Dr. Makyba Charles-Ayinde  
Aleksandra Gasparova  
Hsiao chu Hsu  
Kelsea LeBeau  
Cara McDonnell  
Haley Rademacher  
Laura Ramirez  
Karen Restrepo  
Brittney Roth  
Akemi Wijayabahu

## FPHA Annual Education Conference

There's still time to register for the **[Florida Public Health Association \(FPHA\) Annual Education Conference](#)** in Orlando, FL! This year's conference will take place at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center, July 26-28, 2017. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Power of Collaboration".

To become a member of FPHA or register for the conference, visit **<http://www.fpha.org/>**



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Florida Public Health Association

## APHA 2017—Atlanta



**APHA 2017**  
ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO  
ATLANTA | NOV. 4 – 8

Save the date for the [2017 APHA Annual Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA, which will take place November 4-8, 2017. The theme for this year's meeting is "[Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health](#)".

If you are not yet a member of APHA and would like to become one, Delta Omega members have access to several benefits, including discounts on annual APHA membership fees. Click here for more info <http://www.deltaomega.org/memberBenefits.cfm>

We also hope you will join us for the UF PHHP Social on Monday, November 6 from 6-8:00 PM at the Georgia World Congress Center. This will be a chance to network with Public Health Gators from around the country. Conference registration is not required to attend the social.

## Spring Service Project

We had a wonderful time participating in this year's UF [Project Makeover](#) to revitalize and enhance Stephen Foster Elementary School in Gainesville for our Spring Service Project. Beta Upsilon chapter had 10 volunteers who donated their Saturday morning and transformed the outdoor basketball court with their hard work. In addition to volunteering, a number of members contributed to our children's book drive. Thank you to everyone who donated; because of your generosity, Beta Upsilon was able to donate over 150 books to the students at Stephen Foster Elementary!



*Left: Books donated to Stephen Foster, collected by Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Omega  
Right: (from left to right) Marissa Valentine, Denny Fe Agana, Linda Cottler, Krishna Vaddiparti, Meghan Nodurft-Froman, Amy Blue, Victoria Gibney, Cindy Prins, & Cailin Wetzel*

## Careers in Public Health Panel

In March 2017, the Beta Upsilon chapter partnered with the UF Undergraduate Public Health Association (UPHA) to host a professional panel on career paths in the field of public health. Our panelists included Dr. Cindy Prins, Cailin Wetzel, Sarah Catalanotto, and Dr. Donna Carden.



## Member Highlight

### Dr. Helena Chapman



Beta Upsilon member **Helena Chapman**, MD, PhD, MPH, (PhD in Public Health/One Health, Fall 2016) successfully completed her dissertation research that examined the "knowledge-action" gap among healthcare workers regarding adherence to tuberculosis infection control measures in the Dominican Republic and Cuba. In Spring 2017, she worked on the "Veterans and Agent Orange: 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Update" consensus study as a Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Fellow at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.