

Delta Omega Gators

Beta Upsilon, UF Newsletter

January 29, 2018

Letter from the President

Happy New Year DO members! With a great start to 2018, I am really excited to see the change we can create in public health, near and far! All of you are such an inspiration with the outstanding Public Health work and advocacy you are doing and it motivates and inspires me to continue just as enthusiastically in my Public Health work.

Just around the corner is **National Public Health Week: Healthiest Nation 2030**, taking place April 2-8, 2018. We are looking for members to join our NPHW planning committee. We welcome everyone to participate! If you're interested, even if you don't live in Gainesville, please email me at dfgagana@ufl.edu. You can contribute tremendously from afar!

And always... **GO GATORS!**

Best,
Denny Fe G. Agana, MPH, CPH
President, Delta Omega, Beta Upsilon Chapter

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New Member Nominations

It is that time of year again! The executive committee will meet in mid-February to early March to review nominees for induction into the Beta Upsilon chapter. If you know of an alumna/us or current faculty member who has demonstrated leadership in the field of Public Health and is interested in Delta Omega membership, please ask to nominate them or encourage them to self-nominate. As alumni inductees, eligible nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Made a significant contribution towards the practice of public health
- Served as a model for future graduates of the College
- Have earned a graduate degree from the UF College of Public Health and Health professions in Spring 2015 or earlier

All nomination letters are due to Cindy Prins at capfive@ufl.edu on Friday, February 23rd at 5:00 PM EST.

SAVE THE DATE: Induction Ceremony is Thursday, May 3, 11:30am-1:30pm @ Sweetwater Branch Inn

APHA Atlanta Recap



UF was well-represented at last year's APHA conference in Atlanta, GA. Several Gators presented their research during poster sessions,

including Denny Fe Agana and Joanne D'Silva who were chosen for the National Delta Omega Student Poster Session.

Delta Omega National Fundraiser for Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Recovery Fundraiser

The National Office of Delta Omega is launching a fundraiser to help the **Chi Chapter and the School of Public Health at the University of Puerto Rico**.



Delta Omega has decided to have a national fundraiser for a food pantry for the Chi Chapter.

Please be on the lookout for our fundraising events in

Gainesville. You will also have an opportunity to contribute from afar!

Spring Service Project

For our 2018 Spring Service Project, we will be partnering with UF's [Project Makeover](#) to revitalize and enhance Terwilliger Elementary School, here in Gainesville. Delta Omega needs 12 volunteers for the shift on Saturday, Feb 24 from 9:00am-12:00pm. [Sign up here](#). Volunteers will be painting murals, landscaping, and more. Look at our photos from last year! We had a BLAST!



We will also be holding a [children's book drive](#) now through Friday, February 23rd. All donated books will be gifted to the students of Terwilliger Elementary School. When choosing books please remember to keep in mind the diversity of students. For your convenience we have created an [Amazon list](#) of diverse books that you can choose from, but you don't have to shop from this list. Please drop books off at the collection boxes, located on the ground floors of the PHHP and CTRB buildings or have them shipped to the addresses below, c/o Meghan Nodurft-Froman:

USPS:

PO Box 103600
Gainesville, FL 32610

FedEx/UPS:

2055 Mowry Road
Gainesville, FL 32611

Member Spotlight

Each newsletter, we highlight the work and accomplishments of two of our own members. If you would like to share your work or a fellow Beta Upsilon inductee's work in an upcoming newsletter, please email dfgagana@ufl.edu. We would love to share your successes with the chapter!

Cuc H. Tran

Cuc H. Tran, PhD, MPH, a 2015 Global Health PhD graduate has made BIG moves in Public Health! After graduating, she served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer for the CDC in the Pox and Rabies branch, where she served abroad in several countries such as Vietnam and Haiti. She is currently in Atlanta, GA at the Global Tuberculosis Branch.



Marrissa Valentine-King

Marrissa Valentine-King, MPH, RN, currently a PhD candidate in the One Health program at UF has been creating waves! She was recognized by the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice as a "Student that Rocked Public Health in 2017"! She was featured for her contribution in identifying a rare mutation that causes antibiotic resistance for urinary tract infections. We also want to highlight Marrissa's continuous participation in all of the local DO events!



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK BETA UPSILON MEMBERS!

Delta Omega Social!

As a chapter, we felt that we needed to become more cohesive in Gainesville! Therefore, we will be having our first social at The Swamp on March 23rd in conjunction with the MPH accepted students visit day. Mark your calendars! More details to come!