

Delta Omega Gators

Beta Upsilon, University of Florida Newsletter

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Letter from the President

In *The Book of Joy*, the Dali Lama states that acts of kindness and goodness rarely make the news as it isn't news—goodness is constantly and consistently around us. In a time where it can feel that there are more distressing stories than stories of good, this is a valuable reminder that goodness is all around us, and we, in the public health profession are examples of that good in the world.

I encourage us to see and be the good in our ever-changing world. You have chosen a profession that serves and cares for others, and I want to commend you for that choice. Let's take time each day to see the good and the good that can come out of some of the hardest struggles we, and the people we serve, face.

This edition of the Delta Omega Gators sets to demonstrate the good of this organization. Congratulations on being a leader in the field and we invite you to help us be even better. Together, as we know, has the potential to accomplish great things.

Meghan Nodurft-Froman

President
Delta Omega Beta Upsilon Chapter
2018-2019



2018 Inductees of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Omega were honored during a banquet at the Sweetwater Branch Inn on May 3, 2018. Pictured with PHHP Dean Michael Perri.

Faculty Inductee

Dr. Mary Ellen Young

Alumni Inductees

Kendra Auguste, Janet Brishke, Dr. Maria Mejia de Grubb, Emily Jones, Ian Kracalik and Chad Nielsen

Student Inductees

Dr. Heather Anderson, Dr. Meera Chandra, Carlyn Ellison, Dr. Andre Espallat, Phillip Hahn, Dr. Romina Hennig, Emily Klann, Donald Neiffer, Jazmine Quintana, Veronica Richards and Brandace Stone

2018-2019 Beta Upsilon Executive Committee

- President: Meghan Nodurft-Froman
- President-Elect: Jodian Blake
- Past-President: Dr. Denny Fe Agana
- Members at Large: Kendra Auguste & Kelsea LeBeau
- Executive Secretary: Dr. Cindy Prins

APHA 2018—San Diego

Save the date for the [2018 APHA Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, CA, which will take place November 10-14, 2018. The theme for this year's meeting is "[Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now](#)".

Delta Omega will hold its Annual National Meeting on Monday, November 12 as part of APHA, and we also encourage you to attend the UF Reception on the 12th at 6:00pm. RSVP Christy Ewing at chrisser@pnhp.ufl.edu if you plan to attend.



Undergrad Welcome



At the August 15th meeting, the official vote was cast to approve the change in the bylaws to include undergraduate members in our Beta Upsilon Chapter. This means the top 25% of the graduating Bachelor of Public Health students will be eligible for membership. To read the new bylaws, please visit the website:

<https://deltaomega.mph.ufl.edu/>

Building the Network

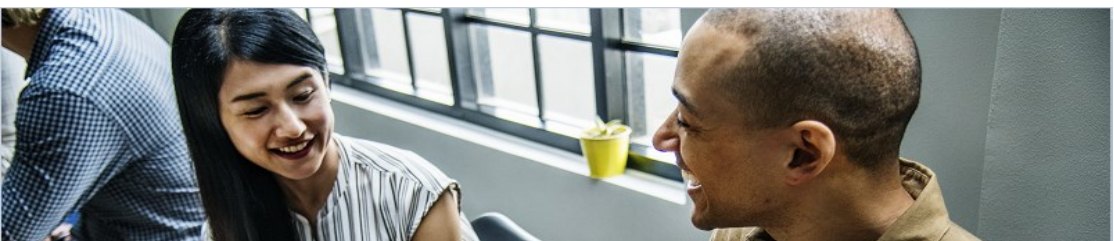
According to our constitution, the purpose of our chapter is to “encourage and recognize excellence in practice, research, education and academic achievement in the field of public health.” We currently recognize excellence, and this project is to foster encouraging it.

To foster the ongoing conversation of encouraging excellence in public health, we are going to start an official directory of all of our members for two reasons:

1. to connect with each other
2. to create a mentor program for new inducted members

Yes, we are going to develop a mentor program within our chapter. As a gift to new members, we will match them with a member that aligns with his or her professional goals to serve as a mentor. You may opt out of this program, but please know that you will soon be contacted by the Delta Omega Beta Upsilon Chapter requesting contact information along with additional information to help possibly match you with a mentee, if you decide to opt in to the program.

The structure of this program is currently being put together, so if you are interested in putting that structure together, please contact [Meghan Nodurft-Froman](#).



Spring Service Project

We had a wonderful time participating in UF **Project Makeover** again in 2018 to revitalize and enhance Terwilliger Elementary School in Gainesville for our Spring Service Project. Beta Upsilon volunteers helped paint several murals as part of the beautification project.



Upcoming Service Projects

Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build

This has been a work in progress. As scheduling issues have come up, this date is still working on being set. If you are interested in anything Habitat for Humanity Related, please contact Brandy Stone at brandace.stone@gmail.com.

Center for Independent Living Wheelchair Ramp Build

Projected for November 2018. If interested, please contact Meghan Nodurft-Froman at meghan.froman@medicine.ufl.edu.

Heart for the Homeless

Provides free blood pressure screenings and education to the homeless population in Gainesville through clinical outreach opportunities. Projected January 2019. Please contact Meghan Nodurft-Froman at meghan.froman@medicine.ufl.edu if interested in this project.

Project Makeover

Founded in 2008 by UF students, the mission is to better low-income learning environments in Alachua County to create more dynamic learning environments for elementary school students. Project Makeover will be working with Lake Forest Elementary this year on February 23rd. If you are interested in this project, please contact Victoria Gibney at victoria.hunter@ufl.edu.

Healthy Start Diaper Drive

Will take place during Public Health Week April 2nd—April 8th. Please contact Jodian Blake at jodalq3@ufl.edu.

Member Highlight

Brandace Stone, MPH, CPH, currently holds a position at the University of Florida in the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics’ Institute for Child Health Policy. As a Research Coordinator, she assists with program evaluations for both the Florida KidCare and Children’s Medical Services Programs to improve health care and health outcomes for children throughout the state. During her time as a student in UF’s Master of Public Health Program, Brandace created a course called “Building Resilience in individuals and Communities for Public Health,” which will be offered through the College of Public Health starting in the summer of 2019.

