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From the President and Executive Director

Happy New Year! We hope your new year is off to a great start, and would like to share with you some of our projects for 2023!

The next issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health: **Focus on Delaware's Healthcare Workforce** is now online at diph.org. Joining the issue is the new dehealthforce.org website. The website covers the four components of our ARPA-funded work, which include:

- **Core Data and Research**
- **Mini Medical School Certificate Program**
- **Interest-Free Student Financial Aid** for qualifying Delaware residents in key healthcare fields
- **Graduate Medical Expansion**

The dehealthforce.org website will also become the public face of de-identified healthcare workforce data for the State of Delaware, and will show workforce changes, predict trends, and inform policymakers and resource allocators in all sectors.

One of the key goals in the Academy/DPHA mission is education, and on that front we have been busy planning many opportunities for the public and providers alike.

- We are a proud sponsor of the annual [LIFE conference](#) - Delaware's Premiere Disability Conference.
- We are co-sponsors of the upcoming **Delaware Public Health Institute's "Chronic Disease Public Health Conference - Connecting with Prevention,"** and the upcoming **Mid-Atlantic Public Health Partnership's "Public Health and Climate Change: Response, Policy and Implementation."**
- Finally, please save the date for our **93rd Annual Meeting of the Academy/DPHA** on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at the Dupont Country Club.

We'll see you soon!



Meet the Staff

Giselle Bermudez joins the team!

The Board of Directors and I are pleased to announce the hiring of **Giselle Bermudez** as our Student Financial Aid Coordinator.

Giselle has a deep bench of experience in student financial aid. She will manage the original loan program for physicians and dentists, and our new ARPA-funded loan program for nurses, behavioral health professionals, medical and dental assistants, and physician assistants.

She also brings the gift of being bilingual (English/Spanish), a wonderful attribute as we increase our work in the Hispanic communities of Delaware.

Giselle joins the rest of the staff and me as pictured below.

-- Tim Gibbs, MPH



Tim Gibbs, MPH
Executive Director



Kate Smith, MD, MPH
Program Manager





Nicole Sabine, BS
Research Associate

Academy/DPHA Events

Chronic Disease Public Health Conference: Connecting with Prevention



**Wednesday, February 15, 2023,
8:00 am - 1:30 pm**

Join the Delaware Public Health Institute and Academy\DPHA on the Path to Prevention!

Join us for this **hybrid** conference to discuss the prevention of chronic disease in Delaware.

Embassy Suites
654 S. College Ave,
Newark, DE

[Learn More and Register Here!](#)



Mid-Atlantic Partnership Regional Conference

March 16 - 17, 2023

*Public Health and Climate Change:
Response, Policy and Implementation*



2023 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Public Health & Climate Change: Response, Policy, and Implementation

March 16 & 17, 2023

The Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association

(Academy/DPHA), Maryland Public Health Association (MdPHA), and Pennsylvania Public Health Association (PPHA) are proud to bring the third annual (and first hybrid) conference to public health communities in the Mid-Atlantic Region!

Extreme weather events in recent weeks are a reminder that climate change and public health are inextricably connected. Adapting public health policy to address the climate crisis is key to protecting and strengthening our communities.

[Learn More and Register Here!](#)

Save the Date!

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Dupont Country Club, Wilmington DE

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Delaware's Healthcare Workforce

Across the country and here in Delaware, people in racial and ethnic minority groups experience higher rates of poor health and disease for a range of health conditions, including asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, obesity, and preterm birth.

These health disparities are preventable, and can affect many other populations of people (i.e. those with disabilities, women, the LGBTQI+, people for whom English is not their primary language, and recent immigrants). By increasing awareness of these disparities and creating interventions to address them, we can improve health equity.

[Read the Issue](#)

Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health - [The DPH Bulletin](#)

Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - [Subscribe](#)

Johns Hopkins Infectious Diseases COVID-19 Grand Rounds - [View Schedule](#)

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