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A Message from the President

I am excited to provide an update regarding the work of the Academy/DPHA! We have been busy working on what our areas of strategic focus should be for the next 2-3 years. Based on lots of data review, listening to input from many parties across the state, and assessing where we can make the greatest impact, we plan to focus in the following three areas of opportunity:

- focus on healthcare and public health work force challenges and opportunities;
- focus on children "at risk" within our state;
- focus on being the "go to" resource for the state regarding all things relating to public health, and to present the most current and evidenced based information regarding a number of public health related issues.



In addition to these areas of strategic focus, we will work to represent the unique needs of each of our state's three counties; work to form strategic partnerships that will position us to be more effective; focus on strengthening our membership engagement; utilize data to determine areas of need and impact that we collectively achieve; and to work to acquire the funding needed to complete this important work.

We look forward to sharing additional updates as Kate and her team develop plans to operationalize these areas of strategic focus, with a goal of improving the health and wellness of our Delaware community!

One more note, and that is a reminder that the Academy/DPHA will be holding its annual meeting on May 1st at the Hyatt at the Riverfront, in Wilmington (please save the date and plan to join us!). We will have a presentation from the President of the American Public Health Association, award our Lewis B. Flinn President's Award and the Executive Director's Public Health Recognition, and we hope to see you all there!

Thanks for taking the time to review our newsletter, and as always, please be in touch with Kate or me with your ideas and to become more involved in this important work!

Lynn C. Jones, LFACHE President, Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association

DoMore24 Starts Next Week!



The Delaware Academy of Medicine/ Delaware Public Health Association will be utilizing Do More 24 Delaware on **March 7-8, 2024** to raise money for all our programming with the financial goal of \$5,000.

As a supporter of The Academy/DPHA, we ask that you help us meet our goal when the fundraising period begins.

Here is how you can support us: 1) Navigate to

https://www.domore24delaware.org/fundraiser s/delaware-academy-of-medicine

2) Click **"remind me to donate**" and fill out the required information.

3) That's it! You will receive an email reminder ahead of Thursday, March 7, 2024!

You can share our fundraising page URL over email, through texts, or on social media and encourage your friends and social networks to support us by making a 100% tax deductible donation. Every donor receives an automated email receipt for their donation.

The Delaware Academy of Medicine| Delaware Public Health Association is a gold-level transparency organization.

You can see our Guidestar Profile<u>here</u>.

Gold Transparency 2024

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Save the Date

The Academy/DPHA Annual Meeting

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2024 ANNUAL MEETING

May 1, 2024 | 6 PM

Hyatt Place Wilmington Riverfront

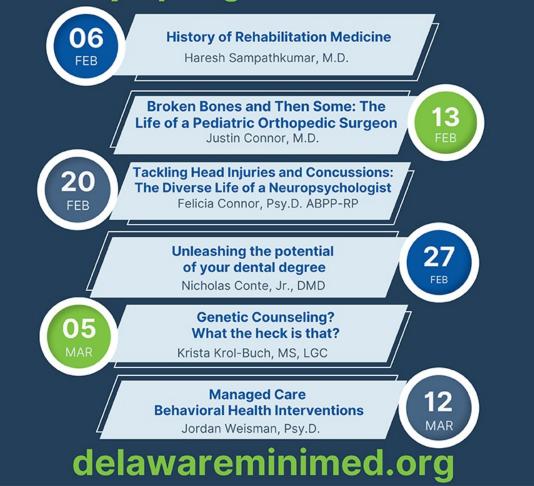




DE Mini Medical School- Two Sessions Left!

February 6th to March 12th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.





Designed for individuals who want to gain a deeper understanding of the world of medicine, Delaware Mini-Medical School is a free, six-week series. **This series is designed for middle**, **junior, high school, and undergraduate students, though all are welcome to attend.** (Parents, attend with your children!) Attendees learn about important trends in diagnosing and treating illness and general health topics. Faculty will provide in-depth lectures and allow time for questions to enhance the experience. There are no tests or grades. No previous medical training is required.

Qualifying participants who attend all six sessions of a series will receive a **Signed Certificate of Achievement and become members of the Delaware Mini Medical School Academy**. Attendance is taken via zoom login for this purpose. For students who are unable, or do not want to attend all six sessions, a self-signed certificate will be made available at the conclusion of the series.

Register here

Medical Society of Delaware Lecture Series

MSD's Campaign for Kids Promotes the Health and Well-Being of Delaware Youth ... "It's OBVIOUS"





FRE Lecture Series

Join us for All 4 Sessions !

Open to all adult, middle school & high school students, parents & community members. Don't miss the opportunity to engage with experts







OBVIOUS: Empowering Delaware - Tackling Critical Community Issues Together

#MSDObviousOutreach

- March 6 Bullying/Suicide Prevention by Sean's House
- March 13 Violence Intruder Preparedness by Detective Chris Nicholson from DE State Police
- March 20 Screening of the "HAZING" film by Byron Hurt, followed with a Q&A with Dr. Mark Borer
- March 27 Feel Great & Have Fun with Food & Nutrition presented by David Donohue, MD

Register Here:
the http://tinyurl.com/2k3z5787

Join MSD for a Free March Lecture Series to address issues that impact young Delawareans.

March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ ChristianaCare's John H. Ammon Medical Education Center.

Presentations are on bullying, suicide, violence, obesity & intelligent decisions.



Community Health Worker Training Program



Partner with chwCORE to train and grow the community health workforce!

Serving Pennsylvania and Delaware

chwCORE Training Program is:

- Fully accredited by the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB)
- Offering stipends to support trainee participation
- Self-paced and online to fit any trainee's schedule
- Providing peer-learning sessions for ongoing trainee growth

Visit chwCORE.org to sign up as a partner. If you have more questions email us at chwcore@gmail.com



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Who is chwCORE?

chwCORE trains Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Pennsylvania and Delaware. chwCORE is fully accredited by the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) and is a program of the Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC). The process includes:

- training
- site placement
- chw certification

What is included in chwCORE training prior to placement?

After a 75 hour online training, which covers care navigation, trauma-informed care, harm reduction strategies, professional ethics, and more, trainees get placed at a partner organization like yours to assist in community health initiatives. We provide trainees peer-learning support to reinforce skills developed in online training and access to additional certifications in Mental Health First Aid and the Health Literacy Specialist curriculum.

How does chwCORE support trainees and partner organizations?

Our program offers a stipend to trainees while placed at partner organizations to help support living expenses. During this site placement, trainees acquire 300 hours of work experience in a community health role while supporting organizations' needs. Examples of activities may include: outreach, education, informal counseling, care navigation, and more. Wherever possible, chwCORE staff work to remove the reporting and training burdens from partner organizations.

How can potential partner organizations get involved?

chwCORE will pair interested partner sites with trained CHWs. To become a program partner and share open opportunities with our program, visit chwCORE.org to fill out an application. If you have more questions, email us at chwcore@gmail.com

2024 APHA Annual Meeting & Expo



APHA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO Minneapolis | Oct. 27-30

Rebuilding Trust in Public Health and Science

The APHA 2024 Annual Meeting and Expowill be held in Minneapolis from Oct. 27-30, and public health professionals like you are needed to shape the 2024 program. Be an active part of the meeting by submitting an abstract for an oral or poster session, or a Learning Institute abstract. You can also get involved by volunteering to be an abstract reviewer.

Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts on the meeting theme — Rebuilding Trust in Public Health and Science — and current and emerging public health issues. Presenters will be notified of abstract status in June via email. Educational sessions define the APHA Annual Meeting, and reviewers will get a firsthand look at the abstracts submitted and help select the scientific content presented during the meeting. The abstract reviewing period will begin in April.

Submit an abstract

Volunteer to review abstracts



Legacy Student Financial Aid Program for Physicians and Dentists

Physician and Dentist Legacy Loan Application re-opens March 15th!

Email Giselle Bermudez, MS at <u>gbermudez@delamed.org</u> with any questions.

Healthcare Student Loan Program

Attention Delaware Residents Pursuing Careers in the Healthcare Field!





INTEREST FREE LOANS

for Delaware Residents, attending Delaware Institutions of higher learning, who are willing to commit to working in Delaware after graduation for a set period of time. Loans available for nursing, physician assistant, behavioral health, dental and medical tech, and many more.

Application open until funds are depleted





Delaware Health Force

Funded by the Delaware American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for shortages in the healthcare field due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Loan amount averages between \$2,500 to \$15,000 annually. Don't let money be a barrier to a rewarding career in healthcare!

TO APPLY, VISIT:

delamed.org/student-financial-aid/

CONTACT:

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This program is supported by State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds thru the Department of Treasury and State of Delaware [SLFRP0139].



Unlock your potential with the Delaware Academy of Medicine's Student Financial Aid Program!

Don't let securing a no-interest loan* stand in the way of your goals! Are you passionate about nursing, physician assistant, behavioral health, dental, medical assisting, or other healthcare professions? We have great news for you! The Delaware Academy of Medicine's SFA program is here to support your dreams and make your education more affordable than ever before.

Interest-free student loans*

(with a time-limited commitment to work in DE post-graduation based on degree or certification type the loan is financing)

Loan Amount ranges \$2,500 to \$15,000 Funds available until depleted

Apply Now!

Become a Member and Stay Connected!

Want to become a member?



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Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health - <u>The DPH Bulletin</u> Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - <u>Subscribe</u>

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