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## &gt;&gt;TAKE NOTE

**USF COPH Graduate Students and Faculty Working Together to Feed HIV-positive Children in Haiti**

Caring for Haitian Orphans with AIDS (CHOAIDS) is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to enhance the quality of life for HIV-positive orphan children and women through education and care in a family-centered environment. With the economy like it is today, financial donations to most non-profit organizations are down, especially for small and growing organizations like CHOAIDS. In order to continue to support the work for these HIV-positive children and women who rely on this project in Haiti, we have to develop some ingenious ways to collect money. On Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> a group of friends and strangers (who later became friends) got together to make beaded jewelry to sell to feed HIV-positive abandoned and neglected children in Haiti. The founder of CHOAIDS and event hostess Marie ordered and picked up Mediterranean foods while Heather Clayton, a CFH PhD student, took charge of the entire operation. Everyone worked hard, even those of us who thought we did not have such talent. The jewelry made will be sold at individuals' requests as well



*Marie & friends at bead party*

as at local events, conferences and other fundraising activities. One hundred percent of the money raised will be used to meet the needs of the CHOAIDS children. If you are interested in purchasing any of this jewelry, contact Marie either via email or phone at: [flojo2634@gmail.com](mailto:flojo2634@gmail.com) or (813) 843-0038. Special thank you to: Heather Clayton, Stephanie Kolar, Cara de la Cruz, Bobbi Rose and Marie Denis-Luque (Chiles Center), Dr. Tomar Ghansah (College of Medicine), and Angela Maria Forero Moreno.



*Example of a beaded necklace*

*submitted by Marie Denis*

**College of Public Health Participates in Faculty & Staff Softball Event and Taste of Bulls Country on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, USF held its annual Softball Event and Taste of Bulls Country for Faculty and Staff. The College of Public Health participated in the softball event with a great team this year, The Misfits. The team ended up winning both of their games this year. Game one against University Police ended with a score of 21 to 5. Game two against Registrar's office ended with a score of 16 to 1. Congratulations to Coach Cedric and all the team members!



*Cedric at bat*



*Group photo*

**USF Safety Florida's Programs Helping Companies Reach Safety Goals**

Governor Charlie Crist recognized Florida's 53 SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) employers on March 31st with a letter of commendation. The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award is earned by businesses that adhere to exemplary safety and health management practices.

OSHA approves businesses that are recommended to the SHARP program. Once certified, a business can be exempt from OSHA inspections for a period up to three years, unless a fatality or formal complaint is received.

"The SHARP award is a prestigious honor," the governor writes. "We are fortunate to have companies like yours in the Sunshine State who are committed to provide a safe place to work each and every day."

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USF SafetyFlorida is a safety and health consultation program that offers complimentary, confidential and comprehensive assistance throughout Florida. To help employers profit from a safer workplace, the program identifies workplace hazards, offers solutions for safety and health problems, provides training and education and assists in creating safety and health management plans. To learn more about the USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program or to request a confidential consultation, visit its website at [www.usfsafetyflorida.com](http://www.usfsafetyflorida.com).

*submitted by Kelly Garland*

**FPHA Award Nomination Deadline Approaching**

The deadline for the Awards and Scholarships is fast approaching. Please see the attached documents for information and be sure to submit the applications for both soon.

Nominations for FPHA Awards must be postmarked/emailed by May 31, 2009. Any FPHA member, student member, Section, or Committee may submit a nomination for an award; however some awards are Section Awards. The Awards are given at the Awards Luncheon at the FPHA Annual Educational Conference.

Members of FPHA (2009 dues paid) are encouraged to apply for a \$500 Scholarship to be used toward the attainment of a Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree in Public Health or a Master's or Doctoral Degree in a field of public health. Regular or student members of FPHA are eligible. Awardees must intend to remain in Florida and contribute to Florida's Public Health System following graduation.

Undergraduate students working on degrees in health-related or public health programs may apply for a \$300 Scholarship. The student does not need to be a member of FPHA. A one-year student membership in FPHA will be awarded along with the \$300 scholarship.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked/emailed no later than May 31, 2009. Also, please forward the information for the scholarships. Please reach out and enroll new members that may be then eligible for the graduate scholarship, and please make students aware of the opportunity for the undergraduate award.

Thank-you for your participation in FPHA and the Awards and Scholarships! For complete information please visit:

<http://www.fpha.org/id23.html>.

**March of Dimes - March for Babies**

The March of Dimes/March for Babies walk (five miles) is this Saturday, April 25th from 8 am -10 am, starting at University of Tampa Plant Park. It is a beautiful 5 mile walk along Bayshore Drive and through South Tampa. You can sign up for the faculty staff team led by Dr. Russell Kirby or the student /USF Health Service Corps team led by Ellen Kent, MPH. Also, members of the Virgin Health Miles program can EARN an Extra 250 Health Miles by participating in this event!

Here are the steps to take to sign up on line:

- (1) Go to <http://www.marchforbabies.org/> click on the pink sign that reads 'Join a team' (there is a picture of a cute toddler holding the pink sign)
- (2) Type in University of South Florida, hit 'search'
- (3) Click on the University of South Florida link that appears in next window
- (4) You can click on the team link [USF Faculty & Staff](#) if you are a faculty or staff member OR THE [USF Health Service Corps-Student Team](#) if you are a student!



## &gt;&gt;Students

**Student Research and Funding Opportunities:**

COPH students are encouraged to check out the comprehensive web site of student research at <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/fundingopps.html> which provides links to COPH student funding opportunities at the COPH, USF, as well as external private foundations and federal funding agencies. The deadline for the (monthly) SHARP

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html> applications for May is Monday May 4th, 2009. We advise each student to submit their SHARP applications *at least* one month prior to the conference during which they will be presenting their research, to ensure that there is sufficient time for (a) the application to be reviewed and (b) for the student to work with their departmental administrator to ensure that their travel (TAR) form can be entered into the university system. Feel free to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants at any time at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu) or in room 2150H for advice or further assistance!

**Student Service Opportunities:**

The USF Health Service Corps is a wonderful way in which you can participate in a wide variety of health-related service activities with other USF Health students. The spring service activities are listed on the website at <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/hsevents.htm> and calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>. Feel free to send questions or suggestions pertaining to student service to Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator for the USF Health Service Corps at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu) or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H at anytime!

Thanks to the many COPH Students and alumni who contributed to the Hispanic Health Fair at Santa Maria Mission on Saturday, April 18th with: interpreting; health education. fitness and safety activities: and fitting bicycle helmets!

## &gt;&gt;Faculty

Dr. Hamisu Salihu has his one-page idea funded: Breast Cancer Concept Award BC086388 (UNCLASSIFIED).

The Department of Defense has approved funding for a one-page concept paper authored by Dr. Salihu which offers a pathway on how combat-stress induces reduced immunity and accelerated breast cancer among women in uniform. The proposal is being funded because it is highly innovative epidemiologically using a remarkable design based on three rigorous hypotheses. Within the one-page concept paper, Dr. Salihu offers a robust statistical pathway to prove the three innovative hypotheses he postulates. Finally, Dr. Salihu speculates that the results of the study will improve our understanding of the association between combat-induced stress and breast cancer, a step that could potentially enhance our ability to formulate effective breast cancer prevention strategies among women veterans exposed to combat-related stresses. Because of logistic reasons, Dr. Salihu is being funded from the DOD through the Veteran's Hospital Administration.

## &gt;&gt;Center News

**Public Health Leadership Institute of Florida**

The fourth meeting of the **Public Health Leadership Institute (PHLIF)** Class 13 scholars was held April 6 - 8, 2009 at the FDOH State Office and the Capitol. The beautiful city of Tallahassee was host to the "Political Effectiveness" session. Scholars had the opportunity to meet many members of the State Office leadership, lobbyists, and legislators.

Staff and scholars met on Monday at the Florida Department of Health State Office. The agenda included presentations by the State Surgeon General, Ana Viamonte Ros, Chief of Staff, Robert Siedlecki, Deputy Secretary for Health Jean Kline, Gary Mahoney, Acting Deputy Secretary for Administration, and CMS

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Deputy Secretary Joseph Chiaro. Additionally, the class had the opportunity to tour the State Emergency Operations Center and meet with Rhonda White, Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Jon Erwin, Special Projects Coordinator. Shannon Lease, Director of the Office of Performance Improvement hosted the visit and assisted with the coordination of the speakers.

On Tuesday, Class 13 met at the Capitol with Mr. John Phelps, former Chief Clerk of the House and current Curator of the Historical Capitol. The current Chief Clerk of the House, Mr. Bob Ward spoke with the group about the legislative process in general and the procedures of the House of Representatives in particular. The scholars also met with veteran lobbyists Sam Bell and Lester Abberger who spoke about the importance of communicating their message and building a relationship with the legislators in their community. The class then toured the Senate chamber and participated in a mock session.

On Wednesday morning, the scholars had the opportunity to meet with one of the great pioneers of public health in Florida, Dr. Charlton "Skeeter" Prather, a former Florida Secretary of Health. He spoke about the importance of the history of public health and challenged each scholar to think about their legacy in public health.

Also scheduled into the agenda was time for scholars to meet with legislators and staff from their districts. Many scholars took advantage of this opportunity and made appointments prior to arriving in Tallahassee, and others stopped by their legislators' offices and met staff and aides.

The next meeting of the PHLIF Scholars will be the *Future of Public Health* session on May 18 -20, 2009 at the Dayspring Conference Center in Ellenton.

For more information about the PHLIF program, please visit our website ([www.health.usf.edu/phlif](http://www.health.usf.edu/phlif)) or contact Kirsten Miller at [kmiller@health.usf.edu](mailto:kmiller@health.usf.edu)

## &gt;&gt;Global Scene

**Dr. Aurora Sanchez-Anguiano Invited to Give Lecture at the VIII Curso de Influenza in Panama**

Aurora Sanchez-Anguiano, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics was invited by CRCES - Centro



Regional de Capacitación en Salud del Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas (Gorgas Regional Training Institute), to give a lecture on field Epidemiology and Outbreak Control at the VIII Curso de Influenza (8<sup>th</sup> Course on Influenza), that took place March 9- March 20 in Panama City, Panama. The purpose of the course (which was taught in Spanish) was to train 50 health

professionals (physicians, nurses, veterinarians) from all Central American countries in all issues related to the influenza pandemic. The Centro Regional de Capacitación will be organizing up to three courses a year and plans to invite health professionals from Central America and the Caribbean.

USF has a long-standing relationship with the Gorgas Memorial Institute in Panama City, Panama, and an agreement with the Gorgas Regional Training Institute to provide training in a wide variety of health-related topics to health professionals throughout Central America and the region. Workshops and



seminars cover all aspects of pandemic influenza from surveillance and epidemiological studies, to training in clinical and pandemic disaster management.

Dr. Sanchez-Anguiano also met with Dr. Arlene Calvo, Director of the USF Health International Foundation located in Panama, to work on the details of the IFE students currently in Panama.



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**International Field Experience (IFE) Debriefing Session**

The IFE Debriefing session will take place Friday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m., in COPH 2018. The session is open to the public

*Join us for this debriefing session, as students will be sharing their experiences from Panama, Bolivia and New Zealand*

## &gt;&gt;Alumni News

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## &gt;&gt;Employment Opportunities

**WWARN Positions Available**

We are now beginning the process of filling WWARN job positions at the University of Oxford. Applications are currently being accepted for the Project Manager position, Clinical Module Analyst, Senior Analyst, Quantitative Policy Analyst, and Head of Advocacy & Communications.

We anticipate posting descriptions of other positions, including those in endemic regions, in the coming weeks and months.

Please advise your colleagues that these positions are available.

More detailed descriptions can be found on the Nuffield Department of Medicine website:

<http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/ndmjr/about/jobvacancies/hb09031cm>

<http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/ndmjr/about/jobvacancies/hb09043cm>

<http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/ndmjr/about/jobvacancies/hb09037cm>

<http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/ndmjr/about/jobvacancies/hb09036cm>

<http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/ndmjr/about/jobvacancies/hb09035cm>

as well as the WWARN website:

<http://www.wwarn.org/home/network/current-positions.php>

**Important Dates**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009** - 10:30 am, LRC 108 - CFH Spring Domestic Field Experience

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009** - 4:00 - 5:15 pm, College of Public Health Auditorium, COPH 1023C - ERIC Seminar - "Current Asbestos issues in the United States", Dr Steven Mlynarek, Associate Professor, College of Public Health

**Thursday, April 23, 2009** - 12:00-1:00 pm, COPH 1023-C - Dean's Lecture - Warren A. Jones, MD, FAAFP, Executive Director Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health Distinguished Professor of Health Policy University of Mississippi Medical Center - "Health Disparities in America: The Challenge of Ethics and Professionalism"

**Friday, April 24, 2009** - 11:00 am, COPH 2143 - HPM Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

**Friday, April 24, 2009** - 11:30 am, COPH 2016/2018 - EPI/BIO Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

**Friday, April 24, 2009** at 10:00 am, Room 2018, Spring 2009 International Field Experience Debriefing

**Friday, April 24, 2009** - 9:30-10:30 am, Room 2024, "Key Outcome Indicators for Evaluating Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs: Updating the Evidence" - by Ms. Bambi Arnold