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FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2023 RADM MICHAEL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) will provide funding for three officers to attend the University of Maryland School of Public Health Certificate Program as recipients of the 2023 RADM Jerrold M. Michael Fellowship. The funding is valued at approximately \$12,000 per student. The Fellows include **LCDR Briana Rider, LT Gabriella Marie Wuyke, and LCDR Mirabelle Adamu**. Recipients are junior officers in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (US PHSCC) who were selected based on their professional accomplishments and educational goals.

The Foundation established this fellowship program in 2009 to honor the late Rear Admiral Jerrold Michael. He was an engineer officer with a lifelong passion for improved public health education. The devotion RADM Michael had for both the USPHS Commissioned Corps and academia is legendary. He was Dean of the University of Hawaii (UH) School of Public Health from 1972 to 1992 and continued as a Professor of Public Health until 1995. RADM Michael later served as Professor Emeritus at UH and as an Adjunct Professor of Global Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University.

Lieutenant Commander **Briana Bond Rider, PharmD, FISMP, CPPS, NHDP-BC, CHEC** wrote in her application that *"obtaining a Certificate of Global Health will allow me to more effectively support existing and emerging emergency response missions. Furthermore, pursuing formal global health training will allow me to better deal with the challenges of improving public health to better support the mission of the USPHS."* She currently works as a Program Analyst in the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Regional Response Office with the Incident Management Team (IMT) Division.

After receiving notification of the award, Lieutenant **Gabriella Marie Wuyke, PhD, MSc** has decided to pursue the Certificate of Health Analytics. *"Not only do I wish to serve my country and support global health missions around the world, but I also hope that with the drive to continuously learn, I can give back as an educator. Like RADM Michael, I aspire to teach and mentor students from the lessons I learned in my career."* She currently serves as a Public Health Advisor in the Fiscal Planning and Evaluation Office Global Health Center, Office of the Director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Lieutenant Commander **Mirabelle Neh Adamu, PharmD, MPH** will be seeking a Certificate in Global Health to *"increase knowledge of issues, policies, and practices in global health. It will also allow me to work more effectively in my role as a PHERST Pharmacist officer in strategic decision-making as I arise to lead global health initiatives that continuously impact the health security of our nation and the world at large."* She is a Pharmacy Officer with the Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team (PHERST) Region 3, Office of the Surgeon General Commissioned Corps Headquarters.

The Foundation congratulates all three officers for seeking continuing education opportunities to improve the health of the communities they serve. It would also like to thank the donors who support this scholarship program

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and the volunteers who reviewed the fellowship applications. More information about the RADM Jerrold Michael Fellowship can be found at: <https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/radm-michael-fellowship/>

The Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) is a member-based organization that supports and advocates for the USPHS Commissioned Corps and its active duty and retired officers. The foundation arm of the association, the Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) was established in 2000. Its primary goal is to advance and promote public health in the United States.

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