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PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH







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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to introduce this report on the 2021-2022 fiscal year activities (July 2021-June 2022) of the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF). Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to fulfill our goals by providing funding to local community-based nonprofit organizations, scholarships for students studying public health, and scholarships and training opportunities for active-duty US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps Officers and their family members.

The Martha Barclay-Giel Seed Grants provided over \$159,000 to community-based non-profit organizations supporting the Surgeon General's priorities, including tobacco use prevention, oral health education and care services, culturally appropriate messaging for disease prevention and health promotion, and substance abuse prevention and intervention programs.

Our Family Member Scholarships are available to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students sponsored by a COA member in good standing. During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, we awarded \$16,000 in such scholarships. We also made awards through the RDML Helena O. Mishoe Diversity "Believe" Scholarship to help support high school seniors from populations that are burdened by health disparities which have been shown to be underrepresented in the health sciences, along with funding three active-duty officers to receive a certificate in Global Health through support from the RADM Jerrold M. Michael Fellowship program.

As the public health community and healthcare providers continued to use all their resources to save lives and protect and preserve health into the third year of the COVID-19 emergency, the introduction of highly effective vaccines and treatments began the process of bringing the SARS-CoV2 pandemic under control. These remarkable interventions allowed all of us to restart many activities and COF was able to host the 55th annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium in Glendale, Arizona in May 2022. The extraordinary outpouring of support for this meeting, reconvened after a two-year hiatus, confirmed the importance and the value of this gathering for the education and training of USPHS officers as well as for their morale.

Much has changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the effects of that world-wide outbreak will continue to be seen into the foreseeable future. Public health and health care have been and will be further changed as much as any part of our society. What has not changed, unfortunately, is the lack of recognition and appreciation of the USPHS Commissioned Corps and the extraordinary dedication and contributions of its officers. During this past year, COF has committed itself to a multi-year effort to make the USPHS Commissioned Corps and its service members more visible as a critical part of America's health and national security infrastructure. COF has partnered with Christopher Productions, LLC to develop, with financial support from COF and our network of generous donors, a documentary for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) to tell the world about

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our officers—who they are, what they do, how important their service is to the welfare of our nation, and why a bigger, stronger, and better supported Commissioned Corps can be the foundation of a revitalized public health system in the United States.

Further, COF has committed to take any additional steps necessary, including enhanced fundraising, communications, partnership development, and outreach to the USPHS veteran community to promote and advocate for the best possible future for the Commissioned Corps.

No summary of this past year would be complete without an acknowledgement and heartfelt appreciation of COF's Executive Director and her staff, whose tireless work makes possible all COF's accomplishments. Our thanks and recognition to CAPT Jacqueline Rychnovsky, USN (ret.), Mr. David Corrigan, and Ms. Teresa Hayden Foley, Ms. Donna Sparrow, Ms. Erica Robinson, and Ms. Lynn Abrahamson.

In Officio Salutis (In the Service of Health),



Steven L. Solomon, MD, FACP, FIDSA
Rear Admiral (ret.), U.S. Public Health Service

President, PHS Commissioned Officers
Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health



HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION



The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (**COF**) **was established.**

2000



The Foundation organized and sponsored its **first Global Health Summit**. Attendees concluded the day by approving The Philadelphia Concord, committing the participants to further the goal of collaborating to improve global health.

2005



The Anchor and Caduceus Society, founded in 1991 to preserve the history and legacy of the USPHS Commissioned Corps, **merged with COF.**

2005



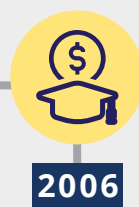
The Foundation published its first book **A Century of Adventure in Northern Health: The US Public Health Service in Alaska, 1879 to 1978** by CAPT Robert Fortune, USPHS, (Ret.)

2006



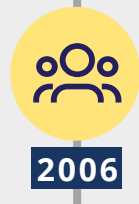
The Foundation published the **Public Health Service Officer's Guide: Protocol and Service Standards** by CAPT Jim Knoben USPHS (Ret.), and CDR Alice Knoben, and donated a copy of the guide to all 6,000+ active duty USPHS officers.

2006



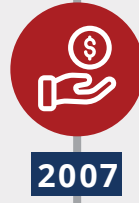
Family Member Scholarship Program established for spouses, children, and grandchildren of COA members.

2006



The John Adams Society is established to allow donors to make a bequest to the Foundation in their will or trust.

2006



COF assumed responsibility and **funding for the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium.**

2007



COF created the **RADM Jerrold M. Michael Fellowship** in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

2009



First Capital Campaign launched to ensure the ongoing fiscal wellness of the Foundation.

2010

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION CONTINUED



2011

COF published **Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response: Principles & Practice**, a ready source of information that is applicable both as a desktop reference and field manual. This book was edited by VADM Richard Carmona, 17th Surgeon General of the United States; CAPT (Ret.) Robert Darlin; CAPT (Ret.) Jim Knoben; and RADM (Ret.) Jerrold Michael.



2012

COF received a bequest of **\$620,000** upon the death of CAPT Robert Lathrop, who spent his USPHS career as a dentist in remote parts of Alaska.



2013

C. Everett Koop Living Legacy Fund established following the death of the 13th Surgeon General.



2018

COF received a **\$4.6 million bequest** from the estate of CAPT Martha Barclay-Giel, and subsequently established the Barclay-Giel Seed Grants.



2020

20th Anniversary of the Foundation.



2021

COF published **Service Before Self**, a summary of the USPHS Commissioned Corps Health Service Officers response to the Ebola virus outbreak.



2021

For the 2nd year in a row, the annual **USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium** was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Category Day events were held virtually, sponsored by COF.



2021

Launch of updated logo, website, and tagline **"Forging Leadership for Generations."**

PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION AND COMMITTEES

THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION IS TO RECEIVE, ADMINISTER, AND EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986:

- **Education and training for health professionals;**
- **The conduct of studies and research;**
- **Collaboration with related organizations** and the broad dissemination of public and professional information;
- **Other educational and charitable activity** as determined by the Board of Trustees; to assist other educational and charitable organizations in the conduct of similar activities; and

The Foundation conducts its activities through a variety of committees.

- **The Executive Committee** oversees the day-to-day functions of the Foundation.
- **The Finance and Audit Committee** ensures that budgets are maintained and finances are kept in order.
- **The Development Committee** explores options for fundraising and conducts activities which allow the COF to advance public health.
- **The Nominations Committee** is responsible for recruiting future members and leaders of the COF Board of Trustees.
- **The Education Committee** manages the scholarship and fellowship programs to advance public health education.
- **The Studies, Research, and Grants Committee** leads the Barclay-Giel Seed Grant program and evaluates other potential studies and research activities for COF.



ABOUT US

VISION

Advance public health and public health leadership for a healthier nation.

MISSION

Build leadership in public health through advocacy, education, research, partnerships and program support.

STRATEGIC GOALS

ADVOCACY

Advance public health and public health leadership through participation in, and collaboration on, initiatives that promote the public health mission of the PHS Commissioned Corps and the overarching importance of public health for the nation.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Conduct and fund public health education and training programs for PHS commissioned officers and other health professionals.

GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Maintain an effective and informed Board of Trustees and increase the Foundation's financial resources in order to provide greater support for public health initiatives that are relevant to the mission of the Foundation.

PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE

Support activities and programs that highlight and preserve the historical legacy of the Public Health Service and the PHS Commissioned Corps.

PROJECT AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

Support and conduct projects and research studies that advance and promote public health and public health leadership nationally and globally.



ISSUES AND **ADVOCACY**

OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE THE MISSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES. WE DO THIS BY ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS.

WE ADVOCATE FOR:

- **Increased funding for public health** at all levels of government—federal, state, and local.
- **Increased recognition of the vital role of public health professionals** through greater support for training and education.
- **Augmenting the capacity of the public health system** to address critical problems through increased staffing, better equipment, and a national effort to prioritize health and safety of individuals and communities.
- **Greater awareness of the history and accomplishments** of the USPHS Commissioned Corps and its officers, as well as its potential to serve as the primary national locus for public health action in the United States.
- **A national commitment to public health literacy and education** in the United States to combat misinformation, disinformation, and contagion of anti-science that has become one of the greatest threats to the health of our communities.
- **A national commitment to training** the next generation of public health leaders with an emphasis on increasing representation from underserved and underrepresented groups.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AFTER A 2-YEAR HIATUS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, 1,150 OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND 105 EXHIBITORS ATTENDED THE 55TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, HELD AT THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL IN GLENDALE, ARIZONA ON MAY 23-26, 2022.

The symposium was a venue for health leaders to learn the latest in the field of public health and care for populations across the United States served by the USPHS Commissioned Corps.

ANNUAL ANCHOR & CADUCEUS RECEPTION & DINNER

Over 270 officers attended the Annual Anchor & Caduceus reception and Dinner, which featured guest speaker, Dr. Richard Southby, Executive Dean of the Milken Institute of Public Health at the George Washington University, who presented the keynote address. The event concluded with an exceptionally moving original expressive poem by Captain Karen Munoz titled “We Fight Too!”



OPENING DAY EVENTS

Opening Ceremonies included the plenary session keynote by Dr. Leana Wen, “*Lessons for the Future of Healthcare and Public Health*,” and the Luther Terry Lecture by RADM Richard Childs, “*Augmenting the Corps’ Deployment Capability to Respond to Public Health Emergencies Through Integrated Real-time Data Analysis and Reporting*.” The day ended with leadership briefs by ADM Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, and VADM Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General, and an outstanding performance by “*The Surgeon General’s Own*” music ensemble and choir.

EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall featured more than 100 vendors demonstrating their products and services for public health professionals. The success of the 2022 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium can be attributed to the 2022 Sponsor & Exhibitor Committee leadership under the direction of Mr. John DiMaggio and CAPT (Ret.) James Minor, and Planning Committee Chair CAPT Deborah Dee and Co-Chair CDR Stephanie Begansky. We thank them and the dozens of talented volunteers who dedicated their time and knowledge to organize and execute an excellent symposium.

SESSIONS

The event concluded with a very successful Category Day, Scientific Track Session, Poster Session, closing keynote by VADM Richard Carmona, 17th Surgeon General of the United States, and Foundation-sponsored breakfasts for retired officers, the Minority Officers Leadership Committee (MOLC), and the Junior Officers Advisory Group (JOAG).

COA GATHERINGS

THE FOUNDATION WAS PLEASED TO SPONSOR THREE VIRTUAL “COA GATHERINGS” DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER 700 OFFICERS FOR EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND FELLOWSHIP.

JULY COA GATHERING

Join us for our latest event:

THE IMPORTANCE OF OFFICERSHIP

WHO VADM Vivek Murthy, M.D., the 21st Surgeon General of the United States, and RADM Joan Hunter, R.N.

DATE Tuesday, July 20th, 2021

TIME 7:00 PM ET

REGISTER
<https://tinyurl.com/julycoagathering>






COA GATHERING

Join us for December's event:

HOLDING ON TO AUTHENTIC OFFICERSHIP

WHO RADM Kis Robertson Hale, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services, Office of Public Health Science, and Chief Public Health Veterinarian

DATE Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

TIME 7:00 PM ET

REGISTER
<https://tinyurl.com/dec21coagathering>





RETIREMENT SEMINAR

SESSION 1: OCTOBER 13, 10:30 AM - 1:45 PM ET

- Prudential Pathways | New Beginnings: Managing Employment Change
- Prudential Pathways | New Beginnings: Transitioning Successfully into Retirement

SESSION 2: OCTOBER 20, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

- TRICARE Medical Benefits: Kimberly Bagley, TRICARE East
- Federal Employees Dental & Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP and BENEFEDS.com): Richard Hartley, BENEFEDS

SESSION 3: OCTOBER 27, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

- How to Prepare and File your VA Claim: Art Timmins, American Legion
- Thrift Savings Plan Pre-Separation Brief: Randy Urban, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

SESSION 4: NOVEMBER 4, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET

- Recent Retiree Panel "What I Know Now that I Didn't Know Then:"
 RADM (ret.) Michael Toedt, CAPT (ret.) Alan Echl, CAPT (ret.) Jessica Fedo, and CAPT (ret.) Margie Wallace

Sessions 2-4 will be video recorded and archived on the COA website for future viewing.

We thank FEDVIP, our generous sponsor. The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) is a voluntary, enrollee-pay-all dental and vision program available to Federal employees and annuitants, certain retired uniformed service members and active-duty family members. It is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and offers eligible participants a choice between 12 dental and 5 vision carriers.

REGISTRATION:
<https://event.me/jx12lm>

COST:
 \$0 for COA members
 \$29 for nonmembers

PARTNERS








SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generous donations of active duty and retired U.S. Public Health Service members, local COA branches, and others, the Foundation was able to provide \$16,000 in scholarships in the spring of 2022. Funding is provided to registered students for undergraduate or graduate study in the United States who are sponsored by a member of the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS (COA).

Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic excellence, career aspirations, and extracurricular school/community activities. The Foundation is pleased to help support future leaders who will have an impact on advancing public health.

THE 2022 RECIPIENTS WERE:

- **Abigail Post:** Exercise Physiology, Marquette University (CAPT Jennifer Post)
 - **Addison Ault:** Exercise Science, Montana State University (CDR Gregory Ault)
 - **Alexa Mutz:** Cell and Molecular Biology, Northeastern State University (CDR Shelo Mutz) *
 - **Amelia Thoennes:** Microbiology and Biotechnology, South Dakota State University (CDR Mary Thoennes)
 - **Carla Merriweather:** Nursing, Howard University (CAPT Shelia Pack Merriweather)
 - **Carolyn Fenno:** Biology, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom (CDR James Fenno)
 - **Colin McGarry:** Biomedical Engineering, Regis College (CDR Mary McGarry)
 - **Katherine Gora Combs:** Epidemiology, University of North Carolina (CAPT Jeffery Combs)
 - **Landon Lee:** Biology, William Jewell College (CAPT Michael Lee)
 - **Laurel Gibbins:** Medical Laboratory Science, University of Cincinnati (CAPT John Gibbins)
 - **Lily Richardson:** English, Arizona State University (CAPT Jeffrey Richardson)
 - **Miguel Verani:** Economics, Washington University (CAPT Jennifer Verani)
 - **Nam Phuong Pommier:** Nutrition and Dietetics, Rowan University (LCDR Ryan Pommier)
 - **Paige Reed:** Biology, University of Maryland (LCDR Jennifer Shepherd)
 - **Rebecca Cox:** Medicine, Emory University (CDR Deborah Cox)
- * **Alexa Mutz** also received the Ronald Lessing Scholarship. Ronald Lessing, DBA, MS, had a lifelong devotion to learning and teaching in science and mathematics. He served as a full-time Public Health Service civilian employee of various agencies within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and received numerous honors and awards for outstanding performance. A devoted husband and father, Ronald Lessing tragically succumbed to a malignant disease on April 7, 1976, leaving a wife and three young sons. This award was established by his family to honor his legacy.
- More information about the COF Family Member Scholarships can be found at: <https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/family-member-scholarships>.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



RDML MISHOE DIVERSITY “BELIEVE” SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship program was established in 2020 by RDML Mishoe, PhD, MPH to foster the career dreams of high school seniors from underrepresented populations who are interested in the health sciences and research, or health-related disciplines. Candidates for the scholarship are assessed on strength of character, a commitment to community service, resiliency in overcoming challenges and leadership potential. The Foundation is honored to support tomorrow’s public health professionals who will become visionary change-makers.

The 2022 recipients were: Yerahm Hong and Landon Lee.



RECIPIENT

Yerahm Hong was the first-place award recipient. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 2022 to pursue biomedical science on the pre-med track. In her scholarship essay, Yerahm wrote that she has a “goose mom” – a family where a young person migrates to a foreign county and the parent supports the student’s education by working abroad. Seasonal visits are made the way geese migrate every year – hence the term. She is an exceptional student who has a “heart to serve others.” After organizing the first ever String Ensemble at her high school, she sought performance venues in a variety of local groups including a nursing home, a local Rotary Club, and school events.

RDML MISHOE DIVERSITY “BELIEVE” SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUED



RECIPIENT

Landon Lee received the second highest score from scholarship reviewers. In the fall of 2022, he will begin at William Jewell College with a major in biology with the intention of becoming a physician. The college is known for teaching critical thinking with a goal of training and empowering students to make a difference in the world. Landon is an excellent student who has served the community in a variety of ways. In addition to packing backpacks for the local food bank, he has distributed food with “Food on the Move” – a program that provides healthy and quality food into economically challenged and hard to reach communities.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/mishoe-believe-scholarship/>



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

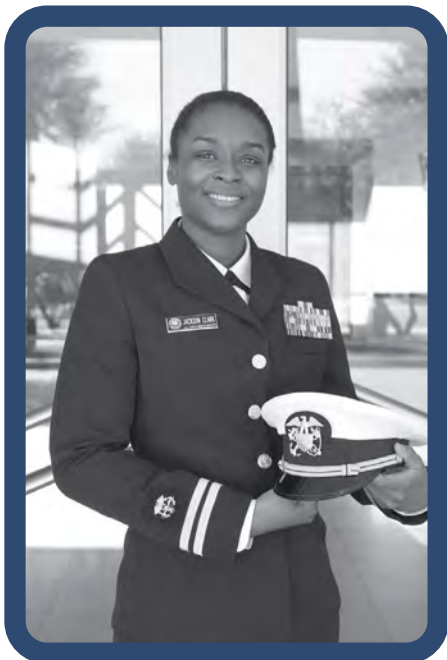


RADM JERROLD M. MICHAEL FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship program was established in 2009 in partnership with the UMD School of Public Health to honor the late Rear Admiral Jerrold M. Michael. He was an engineer with a lifelong passion for public health education. RADM Michael's devotion to the Commissioned Corps and academia is legendary.

Financial support is provided each year for Commissioned Officer Association (COA) members who are active duty USPHS junior officers interested in pursuing professional development opportunities. The program covers tuition and fees associated with obtaining a Certificate of Global Health, a Certificate in Health Data Analysis, or a Certificate in Professional Studies in Applied Epidemiology at the University of Maryland (UMD) School of Public Health. The fellowship is valued at approximately \$12,000 per student.

The 2022 Fellows were: LT Ebony Jackson Clark, LCDR Jamillah Dionisia Bynum, and CDR Rachael Leigh Cook.



RECIPIENT

After receiving notification of the fellowship, **Lieutenant Ebony Jackson Clark, DPT, PT** wrote that "Pursuing a global health certificate will enhance my understanding of global health engagement, allowing me to be a better asset to my agency and the USPHS and assisting me with reaching my goals of alleviating healthcare disparity and improving healthcare." She currently works as a physical therapist with the Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility with the Indian Health Service. In her application, LT Jackson Clark stated that working on the Navajo reservation has increased her commitment to healthcare disparity and health education issues.

RADM JERROLD M. MICHAEL FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED



RECIPIENT

Lieutenant Commander Jamillah Dionisia Bynum, MSW, LCSW, BCD wrote that "I am aware that I will be serving at every level of ensuring our country is able to prepare, mitigate, respond, and recovery from disasters. Obtaining the global health certificate will provide me with a better understanding of global public health and evidence-based promotion strategies I can use to improve social, political, and environmental health inequities." A clinical social worker, LCDR Bynum is a member of the Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team (PHERST) with the Office of the Surgeon General Commissioned Corps Headquarters. PHERST responds to emergent regional, national, and global public health emergencies.



RECIPIENT

In her fellowship application, **Commander Rachael Leigh Cook, Pharm.D., MPH, CPH, NHDP-BC** wrote that "Completing the Certificate in Global Health will increase my understanding of global health and improve my ability to apply my knowledge of global health to both CDC and USPHS international responses. I would feel more confident in my knowledge of global health and would be able to apply the tools I learn through the certificate program to solve real-world challenges that emerge both domestically and abroad." CDR Cook currently serves as a Regulatory Affairs Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Disease.

The Foundation would like to thank the donors who helped make this program possible. Read more at: <https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/radm-michael-fellowship/>. Information about the UMD School of Public Health certificate program can be found at: <https://sph.umd.edu/academics/certificates>.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE (IPEC) AWARDS



The year 2021 marked the 5th anniversary of the Public Health Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Award, which was established to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding multidisciplinary efforts to impact community health. The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) and the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) were pleased to congratulate the 2021 COF IPEC Award winners and five honorable mention finalists:



2021 IPEC COF Award: Overall Winner:

Kean University, Union, New Jersey.

"The Effectiveness of Patient Navigation using Motivational Interviewing and m-Health Technology on Patient Activation & Engagement for Self-management Practices in Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease Risk: A Pilot Study."



2021 IPEC COF Honorable Mention: Health Communications and Health Technology:

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. "Virtual Interprofessional Education (VIPE)."



2021 IPEC COF Honorable Mention:

Behavioral Health: Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin. "Safe Seniors In-home Visit Collaboration – Sheboygan County, Wisconsin."



2021 IPEC COF Honorable Mention:

Public Health Infrastructure: Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota. "Bridges Health: An Innovative and Replicable Interprofessional Community and Public Health Clinical Education Model Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Advancing Health Equity."



2021 IPEC COF Honorable Mention:

Community Empowerment and Education: New York University, New York, New York. "Educating Students Early About Fostering Interprofessional Relationships Focused on Patient-Centered Care to Build Long Lasting Relationships for the Future."



2021 IPEC COF Honorable Mention: At Risk and Vulnerable Communities:

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. "Addressing Healthy Eating and Lifestyles in a Federally Qualified Health Center: An Interprofessional Quality Improvement Project."

All honorees were recognized at a virtual ceremony in conjunction with the Summer 2021 IPEC Member Meeting on June 1, 2021. The COF IPEC IPE in Excellence Award acknowledges many successful examples of interdisciplinary education in health professions education. Nominations were evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions on community health.

"Our Foundation is very pleased to co-sponsor this award with IPEC in acknowledgement of our shared commitment to interprofessional education and collaborative practice. We know that a team-based approach, integrating the expertise of multiple health professions disciplines is vital to conquering public health problems, from pandemics to chronic diseases to health disparities," said U.S. Public Health Service Rear Admiral (retired) Steve Solomon, MD, FACP, FIDSA, Past President, COF Board of Trustees.



GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

- RDML Steven Solomon, President, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RDML Randall Gardner, President Elect, USPHS, (Ret.)
- Mr. John DiMaggio, Treasurer
- CAPT Jacqueline Rychnovsky, USN (Ret.), (ex officio)

TRUSTEES

- CAPT Daniel Beck, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RDML Michelle Dunwoody, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT Alan Echt, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RADM Dushanka Kleinman, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RADM Boris Lushniak, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RADM Kerry Nesseler, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RDML Pamela Schweitzer, USPHS, (Ret.)
- RDML Paul Seligman, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT Lisa Tonrey, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT Rob Tosatto, USPHS, (Ret.)
- Ms. Karen Watkins

HONORARY TRUSTEES



Admiral & Surgeon General David Satcher, USPHS, (Ret.)



Vice Admiral & Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin, USPHS, (Ret.)



Vice Admiral & Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, USPHS, (Ret.)



Vice Admiral and Surgeon General M. Joycelyn Elders, USPHS, (Ret.)



Vice Admiral & Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello, USPHS, (Ret.)



Rear Admiral & Acting Surgeon General Audrey Forbes Manley, USPHS, (Ret.)



Rear Admiral & Acting Surgeon General Kenneth P. Moritsugu, USPHS, (Ret.)

HONORARY TRUSTEE EMERITUS OF THE FOUNDATION, IN PERPETUITY



Vice Admiral & Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, USPHS, In Memoriam



Rear Admiral & Assistant Surgeon General Jerrold M. Michael, USPHS, In Memoriam

STAFF

- Captain Jacqueline Rychnovsky, Executive Director, USN, (Ret.)
- David Corrigan, Deputy Director
- Teresa Hayden, Chief Financial Officer
- Erica Robinson, Director of Administration
- Donna Sparrow, Membership and Development Coordinator
- Lynn Abrahamson (Contractor), Grants Manager

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, JUNE 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets		
	Cash	154,134
	Accounts Receivable	28,100
	Prepaid Expenses	0
	Total Current Assets	\$182,234
Property and Equipment, Net		10,000
	Investments	5,876,316
	Total Assets	\$6,068,550

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities		
	Accounts Payable	272,964
	Deferred Revenue	24,476
	Total Current Liabilities - Total Liabilities	\$297,440
Net Assets		
	Without Donor Restrictions	
	General	5,196,256
	Board Designated	303,523
	With Donor Restrictions - Temporary	175,377
	With Donor Restrictions - Permanent	95,954
	Total Current Liabilities - Total Liabilities	\$5,771,110
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$6,068,550



JOHN ADAMS SOCIETY

IN 1798, PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS SIGNED INTO LAW THE ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF SICK AND DISABLED SEAMEN. IT WAS THE SEED WHICH GREW INTO TODAY'S COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Members of the John Adams Society have decided to plant their own seeds and support the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health. They chose to bequeath funds to the Foundation in their wills and trusts.

MEMBERS

- CAPT Martha Barclay-Giel, USPHS, In Memoriam
- CAPT Amy C. Barkin, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT John J. Bartko, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT Leah M. Bigalow, USPHS, In Memoriam
- CAPT Rita K. Chow, USPHS, (Ret.)
- Mr. John J. DiMaggio
- CAPT Irene L. Doto, USPHS, In Memoriam
- RADM Marlene E. Haffner, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT William H.J. Haffner, USPHS, (Ret.)
- CAPT Robert L. Lathrop, USPHS, In Memoriam
- RADM Michael R. Milner, USPHS, (Ret.)



2021 15TH ANNUAL COF GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COF) HELD ITS 15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GOLF CLUB.

Many challenges caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic were overcome, and 96 golfers enjoyed the beautiful, sunny day raising money for COF. The event was kicked off by the singing of the national Anthem by retired Master Sergeant Caleb Green, known for his competition on *America's Got Talent*. During the lunch, numerous awards and raffle prizes were given out including cash to the top three teams. The tournament raised over \$5,000 to support the Foundation's scholarships and grants programs. We are especially grateful for CDR David Schwab's ongoing leadership and dedication to the success of this annual event.

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DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THE PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH CHRISTOPHER PRODUCTIONS, LLC TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENTARY ON THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (USPHS) FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE (PBS).

The film will cover the history and role of the USPHS, highlighting aspects of the USPHS Commissioned Corps to help educate viewers about the role that the officers play in the future health of our nation, and the world. Invisible Corps: In Officio Salutis will be premiered at the 56th Annual Scientific & Training Symposium in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2023.

HHS does not endorse any fundraising activities of the Foundation.



PROJECT AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

BARCLAY-GIEL SEED GRANTS

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) is pleased to announce that sixteen organizations have been selected to receive Barclay-Giel Seed Grants for the Fall 2021 grant cycle. The total amount to be awarded is \$159,238. The grants will address a wide number of issues to improve the health of populations and communities.

The Seed Grant program is named after the late Martha Barclay-Giel, a retired Captain of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. Captain Barclay-Giel dedicated her life's work to advancing the health of Americans. After retiring, she supported COF through considerable charitable donations. For more information, visit <https://www.phscof.org/seed-grants.html>

RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- **ABLE-NH (NH)** - improve oral care for persons with disabilities.
- **Boost Oregon (OR)** - address vaccine hesitancy using videos and print materials.
- **Chaldean Community Foundation (MI)** - provide health education and prevention training for older adults.
- **Cherokee County Health Services Council (OK)** - reduce tobacco use and vaping in youth.
- **Coalition RX (NE)** - prevent substance abuse and mental health issues in older adults.
- **Community Health Worker Coalition WA** - target misinformation about COVID among migrants and refugees.
- **Health Outreach Prevention Education (OK)** - provide sexually transmitted infection education and services for youth.
- **Klamath County Public Health (OR)** - address tobacco and substance abuse in young people.
- **Maryland Primary Care Program (MD)** - improve health literacy in the primary care environment.
- **Not 1 More Project (IN)** - address maternal health in Black communities.
- **PA Coalition for Oral Health (PA)** - prevent HPV-related oropharyngeal cancers.
- **Rosa es Rojo, Inc (TX)** - promote cancer prevention and wellness of Hispanic women/families.
- **Seven Valleys Health Coalition (NY)** - instill healthy eating habits and promote nutritional principles through a produce prescription program.
- **Siouxland Community Health Center (IA)** - provide a dental sealant program for elementary school children.
- **The Keya Foundation (SD)** - reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use in youth.
- **The Northampton Recovery Center (MA)** - provide support for families/friends of individuals with substance abuse disorders.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Readers,

This past year presented an abundance of challenges to our nation's, and the world's, health, and well-being:

- US life expectancy declined again
- An economy burdened with supply shortages, volatile financial markets, and profound inflation, yielded a cascade of adverse events, including barriers to accessing healthcare
- Hundreds to thousands of COVID-19 deaths daily in the US
- Escalation of politicized anti-science misinformation
- Increasing mental health problems in adults and youth, with loneliness, isolation, truth-decay, and social-media being linked to the growing prevalence of mental illness and substance abuse in the US
- US health professional burnout, with never-before-seen rates of psychological distress and workforce shortages

During all these public health challenges, USPHS Commissioned Corps officers have done an amazing job as servant leaders who defend and advance public health for American citizens and people around the world. You have worked tirelessly to defend and support the Surgeon General's priorities. You have inspired a grateful nation by serving as America's

Health Responders, providing care, encouraging prevention, promoting health education, enabling equitable access to healthcare, and facilitating innovation in protecting our country's public health.

Please accept the heartfelt gratitude of the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for your leadership, your resilience, your unselfish dedication to serving your country, and your tireless efforts in advancing public health. Allow us to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your impressive support of, and contributions to, the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation.

With the support of our investment advisors, the management of Teresa Hayden, our Chief Financial Officer, CAPT Jacqueline Rychnovsky, our Executive Director, and the oversight of our Finance and Audit Committee, we have limited losses of our savings in a volatile economy, while beginning to earn positive returns on our investments which fund the Foundation's efforts to achieve our public health mission. We have invested the donations that you have entrusted to us into a wide variety of grants, scholarships, and projects which advance public health and the development of public health leaders.

We hope that we have met and exceeded your expectations as you have perused this Annual Report which outlines what we accomplished on your behalf. Please hold the Foundation accountable for honoring our mission; we would like to hear from you how we are doing, what we can do better, and what you would like to see us support in the future on behalf of USPHS Commissioned Corps Officers and public health.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

If you liked the 2022 USPHS Annual Scientific and Training Symposium in Glendale, Arizona, it is our fondest hope to provide you with the most successful 2023 USPHS Annual Scientific & Training Symposium in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Below are our recommended priorities for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

- Develop and apply the Foundation-sponsored documentary "*Invisible Corps: In Officio Salutis (In Service of Health)*" in order to magnify public awareness of what public health is, why public health is important, and what the USPHS Commissioned Corps does to lead the defense and advance of public health in the United States of America. Many thanks to Rear Admiral Pamela Schweitzer for her vision and leadership in bringing this project to fruition.
- Develop and apply the opportunity for the Foundation to partner with Military Non-Profit Consulting, Inc., in executing a Capital Development Campaign which will enable Foundation fundraising to expand grants and scholarships, while investing into new areas of unmet public health needs, from challenging politicized misinformation, to promoting equitable access to care, to providing education about the benefits of preventative healthcare, to encouraging enlightenment about and measures enabling social determinants which promote optimal public health. Our gratitude to Rear Admiral Steven Solomon for his vision and leadership in championing this vital initiative.
- Partner with the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS and the USPHS Commissioned Corps in building public health leadership through advocacy, education, research, partnership, and program support.

Please help us with this mission. Should you be interested in volunteering to serve on one of our Foundation committees, or as a Trustee, or if you are able to make a donation to our Foundation or know of someone or an organization within the private sector who may have interest in supporting the work of the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation, please reach out to our Executive Director, Captain Jacqueline Rychnovsky, USN (Ret.), or the 2022-2023 President of our Foundation, Rear Admiral Randall Gardner, USPHS (Ret.).

Thank you, again, for your public health leadership, for your service to our country, for your support of and donations to our Foundation, and for everything that you do to improve the health and well-being of our nation's citizens and people worldwide.

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