



# Scholarship and Fellowship Impact Report

2025 - 2026



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# Ayoola Adewuyi

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

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My name is Ayoola Adewuyi, and I am currently a fourth-year student going into my fifth year. I am also an out-of-state student with aspirations to go to medical school. From a young age, I always had one goal in mind: become a doctor. With a passion for community service, I fell in love with public health — which combined medicine and community.

My family and I have moved many times, from different countries and states. One of the things while moving was watching my parents work determinedly to support the family and keep their licenses from Nigeria — through working multiple jobs and getting American education. From Nigeria, they were already licensed professionals, but with America's job requirements they needed to start over. And for them to send their children to school required greater financial support. Receiving this scholarship will reduce financial burden that my family might be worried about. And, I could not be any more thankful for it.”

# Ella Anderson

## College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“ My initial interest in environmental issues is what led me to the field of public health, and I became passionate about the intersection between the environment and human health. Over the past two years in the program, my interests in public health have expanded as I have learned about the different components of the discipline. One of my favorite experiences within the College of Public Health has been my time with Dr. Joanne Patterson studying Practice & Science for LGBTQ+ Health Equity, where I have been introduced to the use of data collection and analysis methods to understand health disparities. As a rising junior, I am passionate about using statistics and research to create solutions to address public health problems. I plan on applying for the 3+2 program in epidemiology. Receiving this support means a great deal to my family and me, as it will allow me to follow my academic goals with less financial burden.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Environmental Public Health

# Megan Andries

Anna M. and Reverend Dr. Calvin A. Hood Memorial Scholarship  
The Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Fund



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I grew up in the Bushveld of South Africa, where my passion for wildlife was born. Witnessing firsthand the devastating effects of poaching, human-wildlife conflict and habitat loss pushed me to pursue a DVM-MPH dual degree in veterinary medicine and public health. I want to be part of the solution — protecting both animals and people through conservation medicine and One Health research.

Having lived and worked in both South Africa and the U.S., I am uniquely positioned to bridge gaps and foster global collaboration. This scholarship will help me immensely to achieve this goal. Your generosity lightens my hefty financial burden and will help me get to work on these problems sooner.

Thank you for believing in students like me. Thank you for investing in my future, in Africa's future, and in a healthier planet for all. I am deeply grateful for your support.”

Master of Public Health,  
Veterinary Public Health

# Nneka Archimalo

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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My journey has been shaped by resilience, faith and a desire to serve others. After my father's passing, I watched my mother work tirelessly to provide for my siblings and I, often sacrificing her own needs. Her strength inspires me, and I hope to one day support her as she supported us.

I was drawn to public health because I believe health and wellness is a God-given right. I want to ensure everyone, regardless of background, has access to care and resources to thrive. Public health revealed to me how prevention, education, and equity influence health outcomes, especially in underserved communities. I aspire to become an OB-GYN focused on Black women and women of color, who too often face disparities in maternal care.

This scholarship eases the financial burden my mother carries alone and helps us meet basic needs. Your support brings me closer to achieving my dream, and honoring her sacrifices.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Dheevena Bachu

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



“Hello! My name is Dheevena Bachu, I was born and raised in Colorado and received a degree in neuroscience and a minor in computer science. I then pursued a medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed my first two pre-clinical years. I have witnessed the institution’s dedication to excellence firsthand. It positions me to transform my vision into a reality by bringing a clinician’s voice to health care management, while my experiences navigating the health care system have fostered a passion for systemic improvement. The dual MD/MHA degree is actively equipping me with the tools to address challenges at both the bedside and the boardroom, ensuring that health care delivery is not only effective but compassionate and accessible to all. I am greatly appreciative to the Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship Fund for helping make this happen and hope to make a lasting impact on health care systems that is efficient, equitable and transformative for both patients and health care workers.”

Master of Health Administration/  
Doctor of Medicine

# Adelle Bechtel

Dr. Janet E. Porter Scholarship

Anna M. and Reverend Dr. Calvin A. Hood Memorial Scholarship

Robert P. Mullen Scholarship Fund in the Master of Health Administration Program



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My name is Adelle Bechtel and I'm from right here in Columbus, Ohio. Growing up, I always had a passion for helping others. This began early on in the form of caring for animals, and then shifted as I began working as a patient care assistant at OhioHealth's Riverside Methodist Hospital in the emergency department. It was in my years working in this role that I developed and cultivated my lifelong passion, and discovered health administration as the perfect path for me to pair my interests with my skill sets and knowledge base from my undergraduate studies in public health. This support means the world to me, and gives me the freedom as a student to fully immerse myself into learning more about the health care field and into bettering my community. Thank you!”

Master of Health Administration

# Paige Burkhead

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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Thank you so much for your generous support. I am so grateful to have been the recipient of the MHA Class of '90 scholarship. I hope to contribute to the legacy you all established, as I embark on this journey of becoming an influential health care leader. I hope to one day leave a lasting impact for future MHA students, just as you all have. In the future, I want to be an advocate for not only patients, but physicians and staff as well by closing the gap between these parties. Again, thank you so much for all you have done to support future leaders!”

Master of Health Administration

# Ritika Chakraborty

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



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First off, thank you so much for this support as it means very much to me and my education. I come with a background in molecular genetics and health care administration really spoke to me. I was motivated to help bridge the disconnect we have in our public health system between health care, those who provide it and those who receive it. I hope to combine this with my master's in business administration to allow me to understand both sides of the health care industry and those who interact with it to hopefully increase access of resources to those who need it. This support has really encouraged me to go forth with my dreams and aspirations, allowing me to relax a little and also enjoy the graduate college experience without worrying too much about funding my degrees. Thank you very much!”

Master of Health Administration/  
Master of Business

# ZiLin Chen

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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I am incredibly grateful for your generous support. As a Chinese American and first-generation college student majoring in public health with a focus in sociology, my passion for this field was sparked by my father's battle with liver failure. Witnessing the gaps in our health care system inspired me to pursue a path focused on prevention, health equity and improving access to care.

My professional aspirations lie in health administration and consulting, where I hope to lead initiatives that address chronic disease, nutrition, and health education in underserved communities. Your support not only alleviates financial stress for my family but also affirms my commitment to making a meaningful impact through public health.

Thank you for believing in students like me. Your generosity fuels my purpose and empowers my journey.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Isabella Clary

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



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Throughout high school, I worked at a local pharmacy as a pharmacist assistant and served as an orthodontic assistant during a summer internship before my senior year. Both experiences sparked my passion for health care by allowing me to watch the improvement of patients' lives over time. Contributing to the positive changes in patients' health and well-being was deeply rewarding. I realized this was the kind of work I wanted to dedicate my career to. These experiences inspired me to pursue a public health degree in college. My professional aspiration is to work in hospital administration, where I can help promote better health outcomes in communities. Receiving this scholarship is an incredible honor; it provides support for my education, eases the financial burden on my family and motivates me to continue pursuing a career I am passionate about. I am grateful for this opportunity and the investment made in my future. Thank you.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Public Health Sociology

# Lyndsey Daum

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



I started out as a finance major minoring in public health. I realized I was much more passionate about my public health courses, and I decided to make the switch my sophomore year and have enjoyed it ever since. Since switching, I have started and helped maintain many social welfare programs in my community, including starting a hygiene product distribution program at my church's food pantry, starting a program that distributes personal hygiene products to local schools and leading my church's Christmas for Kids program. After I graduate, I want to work with the public by bringing resources to the needy at an organizational level (ex. health department, United Way, etc.) I am graduating debt free, which is a huge financial relief for me and my family. ”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Jade Davis

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship  
Pure Water Access Project Scholarship



I am a first-generation college student from Grove City, Ohio. I have three younger brothers and am paying for my education and housing on my own. This support means I can continue to work towards mine and my family's aspirations of me being the first in my immediate family to obtain a college degree. Receiving this scholarship allows me to focus on my coursework and obtain clinical experience by alleviating some of my financial burden.

I originally came into college undecided on my major. After taking a public health course freshman year, I realized that public health would encompass my love of science and passion for advocacy. I currently plan to attend medical school after graduating with my BSPH, and I am interested in programs that offer a combined MD/MPH program. My ultimate goal is to be able to create a safe space where patients of all backgrounds can feel supported and respected."

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Environmental Public Health

# Abhinav Dendukuri

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



As a student born from outside the United States in a small rural town in India from an immigrant family, the importance of good health, education and sports was instilled by the virtues of my parents. They have worked tirelessly to provide me with a wonderful life that I cherish every day. I loved the field of public health the moment I visited Ohio State and discovered it. I realized that I found a niche in my education. As a future physician trained under public health principles, I can make an impact not only in science, but through community service and enhancing the outlook of other health-related educational fields as well. It has been a dream come true to be a public health major, and my family and I are truly honored and immensely grateful that you have chosen me to receive this esteemed scholarship."

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Environmental Public Health

# Meya Derwacter

## First Community Village Endowed Scholarship



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I am extremely grateful and honored to be the recipient of the First Community Village Endowed Scholarship Fund. As a master of health administration candidate, the contribution from donors like you has relieved a great deal of financial stress for me as a graduate student with fewer scholarship opportunities than I had in undergrad. To be selected as a recipient also means a lot to me, as I have worked in home health for the past three years, and long-term care is a topic I am extremely passionate about. My role in home health care has led me to pursue this degree as I have a future goal of owning and operating my own home health company. Thus, the donations from this fund are allowing me to continue my education, pursue my goals and help me make a positive difference for patients in the long-term care arena. Thank you for supporting my education through this scholarship. I truly appreciate it!”

Master of Health Administration

# Taylor Doherty

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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I am incredibly grateful for your support. Growing up as a future seventh-generation dentist, I was inspired by my family's dedication to helping underserved communities. Watching patients smile with renewed confidence after receiving care showed me the true impact of compassion and service. Pursuing a degree in public health strengthens my mission: to become a dentist who partners with Medicaid and brings quality care to those who need it most. As the upcoming president of Service, Education, and Activism in Dentistry (SEAD) club and Special Olympics at Ohio State club, I am committed to leadership rooted in service and inclusion. This scholarship not only helps me financially, but it also empowers the many lives I hope to touch in the future. Your generosity means the world to me and my family, and I am committed to carrying this legacy forward!”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Annabelle Dolney

Bernard J. Lachner Graduate Fellowship



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Being chosen by this community means so much. The support, encouragement and belief from those around me have helped me grow and show up as my best self. It is incredibly meaningful to be recognized for the work I've done in this program. It also affirms the career I'm building rooted in improving hospital systems for patients and providers. I was honored to win (with my team) a national case competition focused on health care strategy and quality improvement, which was made possible in part by generous donor contributions. Currently, I serve as the chair of the Ohio State MHA Case Competition. Coordinating this initiative has strengthened my skills in stakeholder engagement, event strategy and mission-driven fundraising, all while fostering a platform for emerging healthcare leaders to showcase their ideas.”

Master of Health Administration

# Sharefa Duhaney

Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



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I chose to pursue a PhD in health behavior and health promotion to better understand and address the systemic and structural forces that shape health outcomes. As such, I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient of the Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund and sincerely grateful to its generous donors. This support will allow me to further explore how public health can be advanced through spatial analysis, urban form, and research on child victimization — bringing interdisciplinary perspectives to complex public health challenges.

This award represents not just an academic milestone, but also the fulfillment of a shared dream: to use education as a tool to uplift others. Your support brings me one step closer to making a lasting impact in the field of public health.”

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD),  
Health Behavior and Health Promotion

# Atticus Chance Emig

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



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I am an aspiring scientific communicator with hopes of bringing complex health information to the general population and those in need. I witnessed many people close to me experience significant barriers to health care when I was young, and I felt helpless in the face of these barriers. I knew I wanted to lend a hand and improve the system. A job placement at the American Red Cross opened my eyes to public health and how we can achieve health justice through collaborative efforts. I have remained in the field ever since! My family and I are extremely grateful to have received this scholarship to support my final year. Thank you SO much!”

Master of Public Health,  
Health Behavior and Health Promotion

# Brooke Farren

Columbus Hospitals Endowment Fund



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I am truly honored to receive the Columbus Hospitals Endowment Fund, which will support my enrollment in The Ohio State University's Master of Health Administration Program. As a former pre-occupational therapy student, I am passionate about advancing health care access and quality on a broader scale. My motivation to pursue this field is attributed to my mom, who is a breast cancer survivor. Throughout her treatment journey, I witnessed many financial barriers and inconsistencies in care. These experiences strengthened my commitment to creating a more equitable and patient-centered health care system. In the future, I aspire to work in an outpatient care facility, particularly in cancer care, where I can improve access and quality for patients while contributing to preventive initiatives and research. This generous support will provide me with the education and experiences necessary to achieve my goal of becoming a health care leader committed to advancing and improving patient outcomes.”

Master of Health Administration

# Liz Fry

## The College of Public Health General Scholarship



“I am a second year MPH student with a specialization in biostatistics. I also studied public health at Ohio State for my undergraduate degree, so I knew the College of Public Health was the right place for me to continue my studies. I decided to study public health because I am passionate about the pursuit of health equity for all. I chose biostatistics as my specialization so I could use data to answer public health questions and gain insight into the root causes of disparate health outcomes. I currently work with Greater Columbus INSIGHT, which is conducting the first ever Community Health Needs Assessment for the LGBTQ+ community in and around Columbus. I serve as both a surveyor and as a part of the data analysis team. After graduation, I hope to continue to harness data to reduce health disparities for marginalized communities. Receiving support from the College of Public Health General Scholarship Fund has helped me to continue my studies and finish my degree.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Biostatistics

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## The Dr. Richard R. Lanese Memorial Scholarship



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I am sincerely grateful for your generous support. As a first-generation student and child of immigrants, I've witnessed how health disparities affect vulnerable communities, which inspired me to pursue a degree in public health. My journey began through community work with refugees, and I've since focused my studies on immigrant health, health equity and preventive care.

Receiving this award is not only a tremendous honor, but also a meaningful relief for my family, who have supported me with unwavering love despite financial hardships. Your generosity brings me one step closer to my goal of becoming a public health professional who advocates for underrepresented populations, both locally and globally.

Thank you for investing in students like me and making it possible to continue this important work.”

Master of Public Health,  
Epidemiology

# Kevin Guillen

## Hanson Family Scholarship



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Born in D.C. and raised just across the river in Virginia, I'm coming to Ohio State as a proud second-generation Buckeye. I earned my undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University where my passion for health care first took root. As a pre-med student and psychology major, I spent several years working as a technician in various hospital units, including time in both a psychiatric ward and a neurosurgery unit.

While I loved being close to patient care, I found myself increasingly curious about the systems behind it all. I often noticed inefficiencies that impacted both patients and staff — things I knew could be improved. That curiosity led me to shift my focus from medicine to management, and ultimately to pursue an MHA. With this degree, I hope to help build health care environments that run smoothly and support the people at the heart of it all. My goal is to make sure the system works for the providers, so they can focus on what they do best, caring for patients.”

Master of Health Administration

# Cecilia Glancy

## First Community Village Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

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I want to sincerely thank you for your generous support through this scholarship. I'm from North Canton, Ohio, and recently graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in health sciences and a minor in aging. My experiences working with older adults made me realize how important good leadership is in long-term care, which led me to pursue a master of health administration at Ohio State. My goal is to become a nursing home administrator and help create better work environments and care experiences for residents and staff. This scholarship means so much to me and my family. It eases the financial pressure of graduate school and allows me to focus more on learning and getting involved in programs that support older adults. I'm truly grateful for your generosity and for believing in students like me who want to make a difference in health care.”

# Sophie Griffith

Mark Wagar Memorial Fund



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Thank you for the generous donation you made to help me further my education, I am extremely grateful to have been awarded this scholarship. I am from Youngstown, Ohio and graduated with my bachelor's from Ohio State in May of 2025. From there, I decided to stay an additional two years to receive my master's in health administration. I have loved Ohio State since childhood and am thrilled to have the opportunity to receive a second degree from this place I hold so close to me. Thank you again for creating this fund to help students like me further their education. I cannot wait to begin my career and make a difference in the world!”

Master of Health Administration

# Keerti Gudla

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“ As the daughter of Indian immigrants, I've seen firsthand how language barriers, limited access and systemic inequities can prevent families from receiving essential health care. These experiences sparked my passion for public health and inspired me to pursue a major that allows me to advocate for underserved communities. At Ohio State and in my community, I've engaged in health equity work by volunteering at a free clinic, researching environmental health risks and participating in student organizations that serve vulnerable populations. One day, I hope to lead initiatives that improve access to preventive care and reduce disparities through policy and community-based solutions. Receiving this support not only motivates me to work hard every day to address the health inequities faced by immigrant families but also affirms my commitment to serving others through public health.”

# Fatou Gueye

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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I am a first-generation student from a low-income background, so I am grateful for your support. What led me to study public health was my desire to learn and understand the health disparities that affect marginalized communities and what I can do in the future to help those communities. This scholarship allows me to continue to take classes and be involved in extracurriculars to strengthen my path towards pursuing an MPH and becoming a physician's assistant. I want to become a health care provider who will provide the utmost care to my future patients. Your support means so much to me and my family, as it relieves financial burden and encourages me to work harder to achieve my dreams.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Dorinda Hammond

Ruth Ella Moore First-Generation Student Scholarship  
The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship



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Thank you so much for this award. It means the world to me that you all recognized my hard work and dedication to pursuing this degree. I identify as Ghanaian-American where my parents were born and raised in Ghana but I was born and raised in America. Being from an immigrant family, I have always strived to make my parents proud and achieve their dream of giving me a better life by moving to America. This support means the absolute world to me and my family because you are giving me a chance to continue my education in such an expensive economy. I was drawn to public health because I realized how unfair our health system was towards people of color, women and children and I aspire to work as an epidemiologist to help identify those gaps in our health care and help implement interventions to address those. Thank you so much once again!”

Master of Public Health,  
Epidemiology

# Jiashan He

Dr. Gary G. Koch and Mrs. Carolyn J. Koch Fellowship Fund  
in the Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Biostatistics



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I did my undergraduate degree in Shantou, China, majoring in statistics then finished a master's degree at the University of Hong Kong. During my master's program, I was very fortunate that Professor Eddy Lam, a biostatistician, provide me an opportunity to work in a research project related to clinical trial design. The project is co-supervised by Professor Lin Ruitao at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. We tried to "save" the type I error by sculpting the rejection region in two-stage adaptive trial design for smaller sample size under a certain power restriction. I learned that sometimes simple ideas make difference in biostatistics. Additionally, I was trained to provide reasonable interpretation of complex framework in plain language. Now, I am reading papers related to causal subgroup analysis. The support helps me achieve my dream of pursuing a PhD in biostatistics. I am truly grateful for the opportunity.”

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)  
in Biostatistics

# Roxanna Irani

## William O. Cleverley Fellowship Fund



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I grew up in Houston, Texas, where I was exposed early on to community service. I completed my bachelor's in business administration at Texas A&M University, but I knew my passion lay in my public health classes and leadership involvement. For that reason, I decided to pursue a Master of Health Administration. When The Ohio State University offered me the Cleverley Fellowship alongside my admission, it was a no-brainer for me. Ohio State and the Cleverley Fellowship have allowed me the financial freedom to pursue my passions and goals with the support of a community. Since starting my MHA, I have been interning at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Healthy Community Center. I completed a graduate internship with the Mayo Clinic Health System, and I will be starting as an administrative fellow at Houston Methodist Hospital upon graduation. Without the generosity of the Cleverley family and MHA alumni, none of these goals would have come to fruition, and I am excited to continue to give back to my communities.”

Master of Health Administration

# Alayna Jones

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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I graduated from Ohio State with my bachelor's in public health in 2024. Upon starting my MHA program, I have truly thrived in the program and have learned as much in my personal life as I have professionally. I began my journey in public health with a goal to impact the health disparities my community and I have faced. Through the scholarship, I have been equipped with the financial means to explore my future in health care administration. I aspire to continue to work in FQHCs (federally qualified health centers), in strategy, to successfully help those who were not given a voice.”

Master of Health Administration

# Annette Jones

Anna M. and Reverend Dr. Calvin A. Hood  
Memorial Scholarship



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My father immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico, and neither of my parents graduated from high school. I will be the first person in my family to obtain a master's degree. I've been married almost seven years and have two children (2 and 4 years old). I chose public health because I love focusing on health at the population level, and I strongly believe that health is a human right. Everyone is impacted by public health efforts every day. After graduation, my goal is to work as a data manager or biostatistician for a local, state or federal health department. My dream job is to work as a biostatistician for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Receiving this scholarship award is a big blessing for my family and myself. As a wife and mother, this award will be a big financial relief as I get through my second year of graduate school. Thank you so much to the donors who made this scholarship award possible!”

Master of Public Health,  
Biostatistics

# Kenzi Kaminski

Dr. Janet E. Porter Scholarship

Dr. Amy Acton Future Leaders of Public Health Scholarship



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My background of public health includes my current position as an epidemiologist for Fairfield County Health Department. I started my public health journey in 2020 in Pickaway County as a contact tracer, leading me to learn more about how much public health impacts ours lives and me changing my major for my undergrad to public health. As for my future endeavors, I plan to continue on to obtain either my PhD or DrPH with a focus in infectious disease epidemiology. I cannot express enough gratitude for receiving this scholarship. Paying off student loans is something that I have been struggling with, and this scholarship will help lift some weight off my shoulders. I can not wait to apply the skills from my degree to my current position and beyond. Thank you.”

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

# Emily Kearns

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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This scholarship has allowed me to apply my classroom experiences in the workforce, and I could not be more grateful. I can pursue my passion in administration and thrive inside and outside the classroom. I plan to work in a leadership and administrative role, and this would not be possible without the help from you all throughout my graduate school journey. I have dedicated more time to my volunteer experience at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, gaining valuable experience in hospital operations, process improvement and strategy. I appreciate all the support and am grateful for your investment in my future. I am excited to see what is next once I graduate!”

Master of Health Administration

# Hannah Kellner

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student  
Endowed Scholarship



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I am truly honored to be the recipient of the Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. As I work to fund my own graduate degree, this generous support makes a profound difference in my educational journey. I aspire to become a leader in women's and mental health, committed to making a positive impact on the lives of every patient and colleague I serve. My experience at Ohio State has been incredible, and I could not have chosen a better place to prepare for my career. Your generosity inspires me to give back to my community in the best way I know how; by becoming a passionate, innovative health care leader. Please know that your investment in my future motivates me every day to work hard and strive for excellence.”

Master of Health Administration

# Andrea Klempay

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



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Thank you for your gracious gift! I hail from Youngstown, Ohio, and am pursuing a career in public health because I wish to uphold the delicate balance among the One Health pillars: animal health, human health and environmental health. I dream to become a public health veterinarian, protecting global health by ensuring that nations are protected from foreign animal diseases (FADs), high-consequence zoonotic pathogens and emerging/re-emerging infectious hazards in the wake of climate change. I am so grateful to have received this scholarship, and I thank you for considering me for this honor.”

Master of Public Health,  
Veterinary Public Health

# Taeyeon Kim

Dr. Gary G. Koch and Mrs. Carolyn J. Koch Fellowship Fund  
in the Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Biostatistics



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I am a first-year PhD student in biostatistics. My passion for biostatistics began at Seoul National University, where I studied stochastic processes and survival analysis. Through my master's research, I developed weighting and calibration methods for handling missing data and collaborated with medical researchers on real health care projects. These experiences inspired me to pursue advanced training to build more accurate and reliable models for medical data. Upon completing my PhD, I aspire to remain in academia as a researcher, designing and validating statistical methodologies that address limitations such as missingness in survival data. I hope my work will ultimately improve patient care through more precise risk assessment and diagnosis. Receiving the Koch Fellowship has greatly supported my ability to pursue these goals without financial pressure. I am sincerely grateful to Dr. Gary and Mrs. Carolyn Koch for enabling students like me to continue advancing public health through biostatistics.”

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)  
in Biostatistics

# Arya Kumar

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student  
Endowed Scholarship



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I am a second year MHA student aspiring to continue my career in health care consulting. I wanted to study public health because I wanted to make an impact on the health care industry. Receiving this support means an incredible amount to me. As a student and early careerist I will forever be grateful for this level of support, as it is difficult to navigate this period of life without financial flexibility. Thank you so much for this opportunity.”

Master of Health Administration

# Angela Lee

## The College of Public Health General Scholarship



Master of Public Health

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After completing medical training in cardiology, I was inspired to go back to school for an MPH after doing projects related to cardiovascular disease prevention with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Million Hearts Initiative. I greatly appreciate this scholarship, which will help fund my applied practice experience at a federally qualified health center, where I am working to improve hypertension management at the population level. I ultimately plan to combine my background in cardiovascular disease with the skills I acquire in the population health leadership and management program to make an impact on cardiovascular disease on a large scale.”

# Victoria Leonard

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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I am honored to be selected as a recipient of the Ohio State MHA Class of '90 Scholarship. This financial assistance will help me pursue my future career goal of being a leader in health care. From 2022-2024, I worked as a medical scribe at Cleveland Clinic. During this time, I worked with the chief of staff, chair of the obstetrics and gynecological institute and Cleveland Clinic board of governor's members. This past summer, I had the opportunity to intern at Harding Hospital and contributed to meaningful projects in operations, strategy and finance. Working at these two different academic medical centers has shown me that I am where I am meant to be in the realm of health care.”

Master of Health Administration

# Wenjing Liu

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



I am sincerely grateful for your generous support. I grew up in a low-income neighborhood in China, where access to health care and education was limited. These early experiences shaped my deep commitment to equity and led me to pursue a master's degree in biostatistics at The Ohio State University. My goal is to become a public health researcher focused on using data to improve health outcomes for underserved communities, especially in immigrant and minority populations.

Receiving this support not only eases the financial burden on my family — who have made countless sacrifices for my education — but also reaffirms my belief that there are people who care about students like me. Your generosity allows me to continue working toward my dream of making public health research more inclusive and impactful. Thank you for investing in my future.”

Master of Science, Biostatistics

# Marilyn Macario

## Ruth Ella Moore First-Generation Student Scholarship



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No words can express my immense gratitude to be a recipient of the Ruth Ella Moore scholarship. This scholarship allows me to be one step closer to being the first individual to have a graduate degree within my family. I receive a huge amount of support from my community, igniting my passion to give back. My role as a patient navigator allows me to assist with patient's logistical barriers that may infringe on their care, but I know I can improve my current skills. The amount of need present in our community is alarming, but many are unaware of the resources and information that they have access to. I utilize my own voice to educate both patients and staff. With my path of public health, I continue to learn and gain awareness to better serve my community. The MPH program allows me to fully immerse myself in my passion while also effectively provide assistance for those in need.”

Master of Public Health,  
Health Behavior and Health Promotion

# Mina Metyas

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



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I am a second-year student in the Master of Health Administration Program. I wanted to pursue a career in public health because I wanted a job that was fulfilling. Working for an organization that serves the health and betterment of the community is something that I look forward to, and receiving your support in achieving my professional aspirations means everything to me. Your help will not go unnoticed as I will be giving back to the community in my professional role and making a positive impact in the public health sector. Thank you so much for all your support!”

Master of Health Administration

# Sumaya Mohamed

## College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



I am beyond grateful to receive the Undergraduate Scholarship Fund to help support me in the final stretch of my academic career. I would like to extend my gratitude to both the College of Public Health and the alumni who have made this possible. Because of your contributions, I can go into my final semester at Ohio State knowing that my education is valued, recognized and supported. Receiving this award means more than words can express, not only to me, but to my parents as well. Knowing that the College of Public Health supports me puts their minds at ease and strengthens their pride in me to complete my education. I have had many ups and downs in the earlier years of college, however, those challenges led me to study a field that I love, and I wouldn't change any part of that journey.

Being a public health student shaped my world. I hope that through this recognition, I can one day give back in a meaningful way to the same community that has given so much to me.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Addison Monter

## College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“To all of the donors of the College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship Fund, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for selecting me to receive this scholarship. I originally decided to major in public health knowing I wanted to help people but was unsure of what my end goal would be. The past two years within the College of Public Health at Ohio State furthered my passion for wanting to help others in numerous ways. From learning about health inequities, doing research with health care access and having the opportunity to work at the James, I now want to further my education within public health by getting a master's in health administration and a juris doctorate. I hope to one day work within health policy and change our health care systems to have a more public health focus. This scholarship will allow me to continue my education and fulfill my dream of working in health policy.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Nellie Moore

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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I am a first-generation college student who has been passionate about the field of health care from an early age. My goal is to become a pediatrician, and when I found maternal and child public health it felt like a mixing of my passion for advocating for equity and health care. Through learning more about public health in my time here at Ohio State, I have also developed a passion for global public health which has allowed me to gain experiences in Spain and Costa Rica. This support means so much to both me and my family, as I am the first person in my family to seek a bachelor's degree. This really helps my family and me as I continue my education.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Shanelle Nebre

The Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Fund

Dr. Amy Acton Future Leaders of Public Health Scholarship



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As a first-generation Filipino-American from a low-income immigrant community, I grew up understanding how financial barriers can shape our sense of what's possible. I saw it in the sacrifices my family made and in the health care systems that so often failed the people around us. Those experiences are what led me to public health: a field where I could work to dismantle those same barriers for others.

The cost of graduate school nearly kept me from applying. Receiving this scholarship is both a relief and a powerful reminder that I'm exactly where I'm meant to be. It allows me to focus more fully on building the skills I need to lead community-centered, data-informed work that promotes equity and systemic change. With over a decade of experience in public health, I'm now taking the next step in deepening my training to become a leader who turns research into action and helps shape a more just and inclusive future for all communities.”

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

# Pejmon Noghrehchi

Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



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I'm a fourth-year PhD student in Health Services Management and Policy. My pursuit of public health is driven by a passion to bridge the gap between research and practice to create a lasting impact on all individuals served by health care organizations. I aspire to become a tenured professor in health care management, where I can conduct research that informs hospital leadership, policymakers and practitioners on strategies to revolutionize the process of care delivery to patients.

I'm deeply grateful for your support. Your generosity helps students like me gain experiences that shape our careers and expand our ability to make a difference in health care.”

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)  
in Health Services Management and Policy

# Sabrin Omar

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“As a first-generation college student, my journey has been shaped by my passion for public health, driven by my desire to improve health outcomes in underserved communities.

My background in community service and volunteer work has fueled my commitment to this field. I aspire to work as a public health advocate, focusing on health education and policy reform to create equitable access to health care.

Receiving this scholarship not only alleviates financial burdens for my family and me but also motivates me to excel in my studies. Your support inspires me to pursue my dreams and make a meaningful impact in public health. Thank you for believing in students like me and for investing in our futures.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Armani Oppenheimer

## College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



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I moved to Ohio State back in 2022 as an incoming freshman, hoping to discover my true passion and future as a college student. Later on, I decided to have public health as my main major...I decided to find a major where I felt capable, determined and could achieve the goals I had set in my mind since I first I arrived in Columbus. My hope is to have a master's degree in public health and continue my studies by doing an internship or work in the field to have more experience. This support helps my family cover some of the tuition and loans left to pay of my collegiate career and will lead to making future connections with the College of Public Health.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Delaney O'Shea

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship  
John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



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I would like to extend my gratitude to the donors to this scholarship. I have always seen education as a privilege and blessing, and I have consistently prioritized my academics. Receiving this support affirms my efforts and motivates me to continue striving for excellence. I am passionate about helping others, whether individuals, communities or larger populations, and public health is giving me the tools and resources I need to create meaningful change. This scholarship provides both financial relief and a renewed sense of confidence as I work toward my eventual goal of pursuing a master's in health administration and contributing to a more equitable health care system. My family shares in this pride and gratitude, and your support means more to us than words can fully express. Thank you for believing in me and helping my goals become a reality.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Emmalie Parker

William O. Cleverley Fellowship Fund



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As a first-generation college student, receiving support has meant the world to both me, my family and my mentors who have inspired me throughout my career. Prior to starting my journey at Ohio State, I studied health administration at my alma mater, Utah Valley University. During this time, I gained exposure to the impact that positive, ethical and mission-based leadership could have on shaping health systems and caregivers. As an undergraduate student, I developed a passion for big picture thinking specifically within cancer care. Now, as a master's student, these passions continue to live on. Within this first semester of my MHA, I have had the opportunity to be involved in case competitions, cancer-related projects at The James (Cancer Hospital) and have begun to foster amazing connections with my peers and alumni. Receiving a leading education from Ohio State will grow me into an effective and successful future executive. Thank you to all the wonderful donors of the College of Public Health.”

Master of Health Administration

# Kaitlyn Pedicord

Mark Wagar Memorial Fund



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As a first-generation college student and the first in my family to attend graduate school, this scholarship is an honor and aid in pursuing my passion. I chose to pursue a degree in health administration because I have firsthand experience about what it's like to struggle with access to health care. This is what fuels my passion for change. I want to help create a system that allows affordable and accessible health care to those who are facing hardships and may not have the means for adequate insurance. I know change takes time, so my goal is to educate those around me and create a foundation for change in the future. Your support through the Mark Wagar Memorial Fund allows me to continue my education and get closer to my goals. Thank you for investing in my future, as well as the future of equitable health care.”

Master of Health Administration

# Samiksha Prasanna

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



“Thank you so much for your generous support! Born and raised right here in Columbus, I am a public health sociology student with minors in history, public policy and statistics. Through this approach, I have found purpose in exploring complex public health issues: the institutions that work to address them, the historical context within which they exist and the power of evidence-based reasoning at all levels.

I hope to work at the intersection of health care and policy after receiving a master's in health administration, and create interventions that promote equity at the hospital or government level. This scholarship eases the financial burden on my family and allows me to focus more fully on my academic and professional development as I apply for graduate school during the upcoming year. It is also an affirming reminder that my goals are supported and shared by others who believe in the importance of public health. I am truly grateful.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Tyra Robertson

Cancer Research Student Support

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



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I am 23 years old and my hometown is Cleveland, Ohio. After undergrad, I spent time doing research in cancer survivorship and women's health. Through my experiences, I learned so much about public health. It encouraged me to look beyond individualistic health care and into a more broader scope of the life influences that affect population health. I wanted to learn more and study deeply about this sector of health to be an advocate to public health systems in need of change. Also, I want to increase awareness to people who could benefit from health education. Through public health, I have found my drive to be a leader of change in the hospital, in research and in the greater community as a doctor. Receiving this support means I now have more financial capability to pursue all of my dreams without financial worry and stress.”

Master of Public Health,  
Health Behavior and Health Promotion

# Kristen Ruscitelli

The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



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I was thrilled to continue my education at Ohio State for my MPH after completing my bachelor's degree here in evolution and ecology and psychology. As I decided to shift my career into medicine, I wanted to pursue an MPH in epidemiology before applying to medical school to better my understanding of how socioeconomic factors contribute to development, progression and management of disease. I also hoped that my MPH would allow me to build the skills to involve myself in public health-related research throughout my medical education. Ultimately, I intend to practice clinical medicine as a physician and I hope to continue to involve myself in research that is similar to the health services research that I am currently involved in. I am honored to have been selected for this scholarship and it will allow me to become further involved in opportunities related to public health research, which I otherwise would not have been able to pursue because of financial barriers.”

Master of Public Health,  
Epidemiology

# Sabreen Sheera

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



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Thank you so much for your support! I'm a public health sociology and pre-dental student at Ohio State, and receiving this scholarship means a lot to my family and me. I chose to study public health because I care about helping people live healthier lives, especially those who don't always have easy access to care. After I graduate, I hope to pursue higher education, hopefully dental school, where I can use my knowledge of public health into the field. Your generosity is helping me get closer to that goal, and it's taken a big weight off my shoulders. I'm very grateful for this opportunity!”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Alexandra Smith

## First Community Village Endowed Scholarship



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I graduated from The Ohio State University in spring 2025 and chose to return to pursue my master's in health administration. My decision to study public health comes from seeing firsthand how health care has impacted my family in both positive and challenging ways. These experiences inspired me to make a difference in the lives of patients every day. I am especially drawn to working in pediatrics or rehabilitation, where I can support patients and families during critical moments in their care. Receiving this funding means so much to me and my family. It motivates me to work hard, strive for excellence and continue pursuing a career dedicated to improving health outcomes. I am deeply grateful to everyone involved in granting me this funding. I will always cherish this generosity and support.”

Master of Health Administration

# Maddie Stites

Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



I grew up in Newtown, CT and graduated with my bachelor's in animal science from The Ohio State University in 2024 before beginning the Master's of Veterinary Public Health (MPH-VPH) Program in the Fall 2024. I was inspired to study in this program while working in indigenous communities in Panama as part of a One Health focused organization that provided medical, veterinary and dental care. I aspire to be a veterinarian, and work extensively in the One Health sphere so that my knowledge can be used to improve not only animal health, but that of humans and the environment which they share.”

Master of Public Health,  
Veterinary Public Health

# Emma Switzer

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship Fund



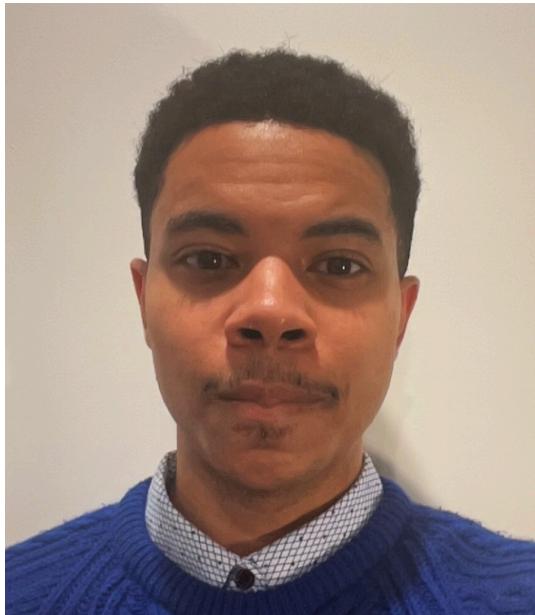
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This scholarship means so much to me — not only because it helps ease the financial side of pursuing my degree, but also because it represents support for the work I hope to do in the future. Public health has always been a passion of mine, and being recognized for that feels so encouraging. This opportunity motivates me to continue learning, growing and developing the skills I'll need to make a real difference in health care systems and communities. I'm thankful to everyone who made this scholarship possible and for the chance to pursue my goals.”

Master of Health Administration

# Jamal Taylor

The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship  
The College of Public Health General Scholarship



“ I was born in Dayton, Ohio, moved to Georgia when I was three and now I am back in Ohio. I went to Ohio State for my undergraduate studies with a major in biology. Around campus, I have been in volunteering opportunities such as a Together as Buckeyes ambassador during the COVID-19 pandemic, a part of an a cappella group on campus and in research opportunities. Through my research opportunities and my current job as a clinical research coordinator working on acute leukemia studies, I was interested in learning more about cancer epidemiology and learning about disparities within health care. I aspire to become a health professional and this will greatly support my goals for the future.”

Master of Public Health,  
Epidemiology

# Alex Tranovich

## Ruth Ella Moore First-Generation Student Scholarship



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I am both incredibly grateful and honored to have been selected for the Ruth Ella Moore, PhD Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. I am thankful to the friends, family, and colleagues who created the scholarship fund in her name. After reading a biography of Dr. Moore's life, I am both in awe and inspired by her life and her pioneering achievements and contributions to the fields of microbiology and public health.

I plan to use this support to complete my master of public health degree this year. Combining my MPH with my nursing degree, I intend to become a public health nurse focusing on infectious disease prevention, especially for historically marginalized communities. Using this scholarship support, and by combining science, advocacy and compassion in my future career, I aspire to follow in the spirit of Dr. Moore's legacy to improve community health and reduce health disparities through education and outreach.”

Master of Public Health,  
Program for Experienced Professionals

# Vaishnavi Vengala

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship



“Thank you sincerely for your generous support. I am a first-generation college student pursuing a bachelor of science in public health with a specialization in public health sociology and a Kuchipudi (Indian Classical Dance) major at The Ohio State University and Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (India). Growing up, I witnessed how systemic inequities affected the health of marginalized communities – especially immigrants, minorities and low-income families. These experiences, along with my volunteer work with the Sexual Assault Response Unit of Central Ohio and community organizations, led me to study public health to advance health equity for underserved populations. My goal is to become a physician who not only provides care but also drives structural change through advocacy and culturally informed service. This scholarship eases financial stress for my family and allows me to continue pursuing my goals with purpose and gratitude.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

# Esme Wright

## The Dr. Richard R. Lanese Memorial Scholarship



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As a Biology undergraduate student at Denison University, I always knew I wanted to pursue a career that focused on the intersection of human health and the environment. Completing a summer research internship with Ohio State the summer before my senior year solidified my interest in the field, and led me to choose Ohio State's College of Public Health for my MPH. Receiving this support affirms that others believe in my goals and potential in the public health field. I am grateful that I will be able to continue to stay focused on my studies while working towards a career dedicated to improving environmental public health outcomes.”

Master of Public Health,  
Environmental Health Sciences

# Silu Zhang

The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



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I studied nursing in Wuhan, where COVID-19 struck during my college years. This inspired me to pursue epidemiology and prevent future disease spread. I'm truly grateful for this support — it boosts my confidence to keep going.

I chose to pursue a Master of Public Health in epidemiology because I'm passionate about improving disease prevention and promoting health equity through research. My career goal is to work in a public health organization or research center, focusing on data analysis and infectious disease surveillance. This support means a great deal to me and my family — it not only eases our financial burden but also strengthens my motivation to contribute to public health and serve communities in need.”

Master of Public Health,  
Epidemiology

# Ava Zollinger

## Charles A. Turner Scholarship



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My name is Ava Zollinger, and I am a second-year MHA student here at The Ohio State University. I am truly thankful for your generosity in supporting my education. I graduated from Smith College in Massachusetts with a bachelor of arts in integrative biology and a minor in environmental science and policy. My path toward health care began during an internship in South Africa, where I worked in a tuberculosis and HIV recovery ward. This experience was eye-opening, not only in caring for patients, but also in recognizing the importance of supporting staff and strengthening hospital infrastructure. It inspired me to pursue a master of health administration, where I can take a step back to view the bigger picture and create lasting organizational change. This scholarship means so much to me and my family, as it allows me to continue pursuing my passion for health care leadership and equity. Thank you for supporting me in my journey — Go Buckeyes!”

Master of Health Administration

# Anna M. Zomaya

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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I am deeply grateful for your generous support through this fund. I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and earned my biology degree from Purdue University before pursuing my master of health administration at The Ohio State University. My passion for health care began with a desire to make care more compassionate and efficient, especially in pediatrics, where I hope to improve access and experiences for children and families. This support lessens the financial burden and allows me to focus fully on learning and growing in the field. Your generosity is helping me pursue a career dedicated to ensuring every child can thrive, and I am truly honored to be a recipient. Thank you for investing in students like me and in the future of health care.”

Master of Health Administration

# College of Public Health Emergency Funds



This academic year, **six students** came forward facing unexpected financial barriers that threatened their ability to pursue their education.

Thanks to donors like you, the college was able to offer **\$9, 651** in aid to keep these students where they most wanted to be — back in the classroom.

This new and vital resource for the college continues to aid our students in unexpected times of crisis and we are grateful to you for making it possible.

Because of support from alumni and donors like you, these students can follow their dreams and pave a more promising path toward their careers. Your generosity is shaping a brighter future for them, for those they will serve and for the future of public health.

# Thank You.



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