



# Scholarship and Fellowship Impact Report

2024-25



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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# Noor Almahmoud

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“As a first-generation college student, pursuing higher education has been a challenging journey. It is only with the generosity of people like you that I can continue my education without worrying too much about how I will finance my education. I have always been inspired by making a change in this world and helping others. I decided to study public health because I would support clinicians driven by healing others. Health care administration is often overlooked. Without a proper foundational system, no provider would be able to practice health care. Health care administrators ensure that clinicians have the tools and resources necessary to create the most optimal health outcomes. I hope to one day be able to work in a large health organization to support health care providers and give back to others in the same way I am being given now. Thank you for your support!”

# Anna Bass

Columbus Hospitals Endowment Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“ I am a second year in the Master of Health Administration Program. I am originally from Dallas, Texas, but I wanted to learn more about health care administration from one of the top programs in the country, so I gladly accepted my admission to Ohio State. It would not be possible for me to attend graduate school out of state without the generosity of the donors who support the university, so I am sincerely grateful for the financial assistance and the opportunity to study what I am passionate about. I am in the process of applying for administrative fellowships, and I am hopeful that this will be my next role immediately following graduation. Thank you again!”

# Adelle Bechtel

Robert P. Mullen Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I’ve always had the strongest passion for helping others. I took that passion and became a Patient Care Associate in the emergency department at Riverside Methodist Hospital, where I cared for patients and learned that I wanted to combine my passions with my studies and skills by pursuing a career in health administration. I believe my background experience in health care and my engagement in this esteemed program will allow me to make a positive impact on the world of health care in the future.

Through the MHA program, I accepted a position as a student intern with the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center’s Office of Compliance and Integrity where I will be able to further my administrative experience while building a knowledge of health care policies and systems.

This scholarship will allow me to succeed as I move forward in this new chapter!”

# John Bennion

The Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“It is a humbling thought when I consider that I am entering my last year of study in the College of Public Health. What started off as an interest in undergrad led me to find a field of study that I have fallen in love with. Thank you so much for your support! When I started this journey, it was very important for my wife and me that I graduate debt free. This has led to a lot of sacrifices on our end. Your generous gift has eased those burdens and given us a boost towards achieving our goals and dreams. Please know that this gift has not been taken lightly and is deeply appreciated! Go Buckeyes!”

# Paige Burkhead

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship

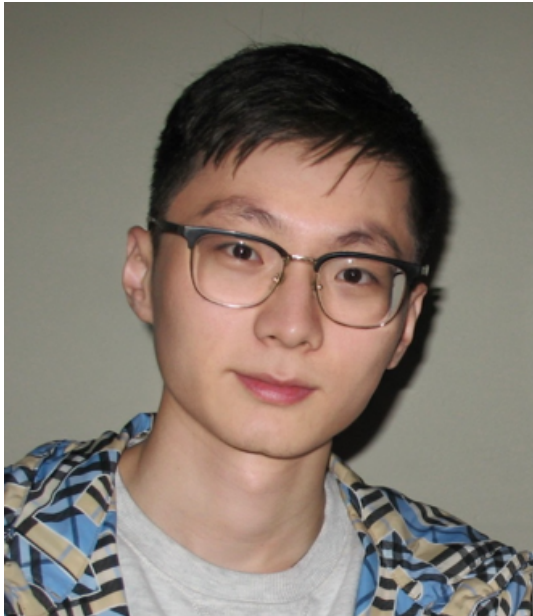


Master of Health Administration

“Thank you so much for this generous scholarship. I am so grateful to be the recipient of the MHA Class of '90 Scholarship. I am passionate about influencing positive changes in the health care field. I hope to contribute to the legacy you established, as I embark on this next 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. Again, thank you so much for all you have done to support future leaders!”

# Runze Cui

Dr. Gary G. Koch and Mrs. Carolyn J. Koch Fellowship



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Biostatistics

“I earned my bachelor of science degree in math at The Ohio State University. The COVID-19 pandemic made me feel like an applied science would be a way for me to make an impact. I changed my focus to biostatistics and attended the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health to pursue my master’s degree. Now it’s my honor to be back with my Buckeye family to continue pursuing a higher level of education. Thank you for your support!”



# Hibaq Deria

Ruth Ella Moore, PhD, Scholarship



Master of Public Health,  
Health Behavior and Health Promotion

“As a first-generation Somali-American student, I am excited to apply my knowledge and skills to give back to the diverse community in Columbus. My undergraduate studies in public health inspired me with their focus on prevention and holistic care. My goal is to work in program planning to address mortality disparities due to the opioid epidemic, and improve reproductive health care in Black communities. This scholarship will help me achieve my aspirations and make my family proud by serving our community.”

# Camila Digulis

The Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Fund



Master of Public Health,  
Environmental Health Sciences

“I am very grateful for the generous support I receive from this scholarship. As a recent graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health specializing in Environmental Health Sciences, I am now entering my second and final year of my Master of Public Health in the same field. My passion for public health was ignited by a desire to address environmental challenges and improve community health outcomes.

This scholarship is invaluable to me and my family, especially as a graduate student no longer receiving financial aid. This support helps to alleviate some financial burden, which allows me to better focus on my studies and professional development. I aspire to work in the public sector or industry, aiming to become a certified industrial hygienist, where I can make meaningful contributions to workplace and environmental safety.

Thank you for investing in my education and future!”

# Atta Diop

Ruth Ella Moore, PhD, Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“This scholarship means a lot to me coming from a lower income household and being the first in my family to have the privilege of attending college. I am very big on blazing my own trail and have worked diligently throughout college to ensure I set a standard for the generations after me. I am a pre-law student working to rectify our policy implementation system, going on to advocate for the implementation of effective interventions that make health care more accessible and affordable for marginalized communities. This award puts me one step closer and I am forever grateful.”

# Annabelle Dolney

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! I am currently working two part-time jobs, so this will help ease some stress of the costs of graduate school. I have always had a passion for public health. I am excited to continue my education by attending Ohio State’s Master of Health Administration Program. I strive for a career that allows the opportunity to improve the hospital for patients and providers. I am centering my career around improving processes for better clinical outcomes and patient experience.”

# Selam Habtemariam

Ruth Ella Moore, PhD, Scholarship  
The Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Fund

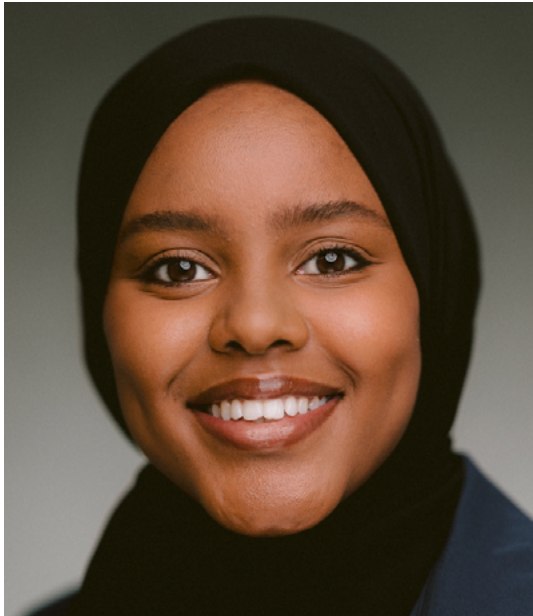


Master of Public Health, Health Behavior  
and Health Promotion

“I am Eritrean-American and a first-generation college and post-undergraduate student. Throughout my life, I have witnessed insurmountable barriers faced by my family and our broader community. These experiences have sparked my dedication toward (and fascination in) health advocacy, especially for Black refugee families of lower-income backgrounds. It means the world to me that I may serve a community that has built me up to be the woman I am today. This scholarship means so much to my family, including my mother and father, who dreamed of pursuing post-secondary education but were unable to due to the conditions facing our homeland. In pursuing my degree, I honor the dreams they sacrificed for me to chase mine. In the future, I aspire to earn a PhD in public health, champion research initiatives promoting maternal and child health for low-income families, and cultivate culturally tailored cancer screening initiatives for Black and immigrant women.”

# Rabaca Haji Ibrahim

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am deeply grateful for this generous support. As a first-generation student, this scholarship is vital as financial strain is a barrier to education. I chose a career in health administration to drive meaningful change in health care delivery. My experiences have shown me the profound impact that effective management can have on patient outcomes and community health. Your support enables me to further my education and contribute to this vital field, shaping better health care systems. Thank you for investing in my journey and helping me make a difference in the lives of many.”

# Addy Hankins

Pure Water Access Project Scholarship  
Cancer Research Student Support Fund



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“When I learned I received these scholarships, I was overcome with joy and excitement. This support helps me to continue my education in public health at Ohio State, which is something that I am so passionate about. I initially became interested in studying public health during the COVID-19 pandemic when I saw just how important public health is and how it impacts everyone. After I graduate, I aspire to work for either a health department or organization and want to help create programs that address health disparities and inequities.

I recently began my internship with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and I have been having a great time learning more about how a health department operates. I have especially enjoyed getting to know the great staff at ODH and have loved learning more about all of the incredible projects they are working on. I hope to keep learning more and gaining more experience in the field of public health!”

# Tinu Ijewemen

Multicultural Public Health Hood Scholarship  
The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship



Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

“My passion for this field stems from my desire to address health disparities and improve lives. My interest in epidemiology, coupled with my ongoing research on racism and racial disparities in infant mortality, has solidified my commitment to public health. Public health is a broad field, and while I’m not 100% sure what specific path I’ll take, I love learning and am dedicated to making a difference in people’s lives by ensuring they have the opportunity to live healthily. Receiving this scholarship is crucial not only for my academic and professional growth but also for me and my family. School is not cheap and every penny I receive makes a huge difference. I am forever grateful! This scholarship is bringing me one step closer to making a tangible impact in the field of public health.”



# Sebastian Imitola

Columbus Hospitals Endowment Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“This financial support is paramount to my continued development as an emerging health care leader. Financing graduate school is a great mental strain. Your support takes some of the mental load off and provides support to continue pursuing my goals to the best of my ability. I am grateful for your support, and will honor your investment in the Ohio State MHA program through continued academic and professional success.”

# Roxanna Irani

William O. Cleverley Fellowship



Master of Health Administration

“I was born and raised in Houston, Texas where I was exposed to the excellence and service that exists in the Texas Medical Center. My passion for service and interest in public health grew as I became involved as a Girl Scout and at community centers near me. Throughout my undergraduate education at Texas A&M University, I searched for ways to combine this love of service, interest in the U.S. health care system, and my business and finance education. I had the opportunity to intern in various areas of the health care industry which solidified my goal to pursue a Masters of Health Administration. The Cleverley Fellowship has opened up so many doors for me when it comes to my graduate education and career goals. Without the scholarship, I would not have been able to come to Ohio State and join an inclusive, service-minded community. My family and I are so grateful for the support of my education.”

# Jordan Johnsamson

William O. Cleverley Fellowship



Master of Health Administration

“Throughout my life I have witnessed the barriers and challenges my parents faced as immigrants to provide me with a better life. Seeing their strength and resilience encouraged me to use the privilege my parents gave me to help others, which is what drew me to the health care field. I aspire to be a leader in the field making decisions that truly consider the diverse needs of the various populations. I believe receiving equitable care is a right and I aim to ensure that minority groups, just like my parents and myself, are not left out. As someone with a passion to improve the lives of the underserved patient population, I am truly grateful to receive this support to be able to pursue my dreams and I am fiercely determined to make them a reality. My family and I appreciate this great blessing and I will pass it forward.”

# Alayna Jones

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I recently graduated from Ohio State with my bachelor’s degree in public health. After taking Dr. Marika Paul’s course in U.S. and international health care, I became determined to change the injustices that are present in the U.S. health care system, especially amongst people of color and low-income individuals. With this, I hope to institute positive change from the inside out, serving as a health care administrator, something that Ohio State’s Master of Health Administration Program, and this scholarship, will provide. Receiving this support is not only a monetary benefit but provides support and encouragement from those before me who have been in my very shoes. I feel as though I have a support system who believes in me and my goals. I am extremely grateful!”

# Anitra Karthic

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous sponsorship through this scholarship. Your support has made a significant difference in my journey, allowing me to focus on my studies without the added stress of financial burdens. I’m originally from Columbus, Ohio, and completed my undergraduate degree in neuroscience and sociology at Case Western Reserve University. As I finish my third year of medical school and pursue my MHA this year, I’m excited to gain a broader understanding of our health care system and hopefully, one day, be able to improve clinical quality and optimize patient care and outcomes at an academic medical center.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for being a part of my journey. Your support is truly appreciated, and I am committed to making the most of this opportunity.”

# Emily Kearns

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I discovered my passion for public health during the pandemic and realized that there need to be changes in the U.S. health care system. I had the privilege of living overseas in Vicenza, Italy for six years and experienced COVID-19 at its peak. Seeing how different cultures provide universal health care inspired me to want to make a difference here. I know the MHA program will provide the necessary skills and experience I need for my future. The support from this scholarship means so much to me and is helping me achieve my future goals in health care. I hope to make a difference with a career in health, and I know this program will significantly increase my passion for helping others.”

# Sara Kleine

Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



Master of Public Health, Health Behavior and Health Promotion

“Thank you so much for supporting my public health journey! I have been passionate about sexual and reproductive health education since middle school and hope to pursue a career in the field.

I am currently serving as a facilitator of the Our Whole Lives lifespan sexuality education program for 7th-9th graders, and am also a research assistant for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s STD Surveillance Network, collecting enhanced data around recently diagnosed gonorrhea cases.

Receiving this scholarship reduces my student loans, which will help allow me to choose a first job that really aligns with my passions. I couldn’t be more grateful for your generosity!”

# Emma Klemanski

The Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 2023, where I studied health sciences and business administration. I was fortunate to have mentors along the way encourage me to pursue a masters in health administration. It has been a privilege to pursue that path and grow as an early careerist here at The Ohio State University. Ohio State has provided me numerous opportunities for my professional development, including my administrative residency with OhioHealth this past summer. Through this internship, I gained invaluable experience in hospital operations. Experiences such as this have confirmed my passion and calling to health care administration, specifically within the Columbus community. I am extremely grateful for the financial support of this scholarships as it helps make my education and pursuit of this calling a possibility. Thank you.”



# Arya Kumar

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“ I am doing my MHA at Ohio State and also did my undergrad at Ohio State in Public Health. I want to make a difference in health care and I am deeply grateful for this generous scholarship provided by our esteemed alumni. Your support not only eases the financial burden of my education but also inspires me to strive for excellence and give back to the community, just as you have done. Thank you for believing in my potential and helping me pursue my career aspirations!”

# Victoria Leonard

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“This financial assistance will help me pursue my future career goal of being a leader in a health care organization. For the past two years, I have worked as a medical scribe at the Cleveland Clinic. During this experience, I have been able to work with and learn from a variety of health care leaders. Working with these physician leaders has only propelled my interest in obtaining my MHA, so I can contribute to the differences they are making in the world of health care daily.”

# Carol Martin

The Dr. Richard R. Lanese Memorial Scholarship



Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

“Hailing from India with a background in dentistry, my fervent interest in disease prevention, particularly in the realms of cancer research and mental health, propelled me towards public health. This scholarship not only alleviates financial strain on my family but also serves as a catalyst for advancing my academic endeavors. With aspirations to specialize in health education and emerge as an advocate for public health initiatives, this assistance represents a pivotal stepping stone towards realizing my goals.

My research interests encompass mental health studies, cancer research and forensic odontology (the handling, examination and evaluation of dental evidence in a criminal justice context). I aim to explore the intricate connections between oral health, psychological well-being and cancer, while delving into the application of forensic dentistry in criminal investigations.”

# Cortney Martin

The Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“This support means the world to me and I’m thankful it led me to come to Ohio State to complete my MHA degree. I studied management and finance during my undergrad time and knew I wanted to specialize my business degree to be more health care-centric. This ultimately led me to pursue this degree. Right after interviewing with Ohio State, I knew I wanted to complete my degree here and would be most prepared going into the industry with a degree from Ohio State’s College of Public Health. After graduating next May, I plan on going into health care consulting to be exposed to many facets of health care at the start of my career. Once again, thank you!!”

# Mina Metyas

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I received a degree in health and rehabilitation sciences and am currently pursuing my master’s in health administration. I’ve always wanted to pursue a profession that involves helping people. This sparked my interest in health administration and health care management. My goal is to be the best I can be in a health administrative role and make a meaningful impact in others’ lives. Receiving this support helps me become one step closer to achieving my goals and helping others. Thank you for your support.”

# Kanna Miskin

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“Born and raised in Columbus, I have a deep connection to the community and culture that helped shape me into the person I am today. This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my MHA at Ohio State in order to learn the skills and strategies I need to be able to make a tangible difference in the way health care is delivered. I currently work as an administrative resident for Ohio State Physicians and can’t wait to continue making an impact on this community as I progress in my career.”

# Noon Mukhtar

Multicultural Public Health Hood Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“ I am going into my senior year at The Ohio State University. It has been a long journey, and I wasn't always on the path I am today. I switched to the College of Public Health during my freshman year, and ever since then I have grown more and more fond of public health. I am passionate about health equity for all, and this field has allowed me to explore and research this issue. I am a student researcher at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, and am also involved in the North and South Sudanese Association at Ohio State. I am so grateful to be able to study something I am truly passionate about and care for. I cannot thank you enough for this scholarship – it makes it easier for me to follow my passion!”

# Hannah Nawrocki

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“In May 2023, I received my B.S. in health rehabilitation sciences from The Ohio State University, where I majored in health information management and systems. Through this program, I was able to build a solid foundation in health care management and public health, and this led me to pursue my MHA here at Ohio State in order to gain a better understanding of our health care system and its complexities. I am determined to become an advocate for health equity and to make our health system work for everyone, and I knew studying at the College of Public Health would allow me to gain my education with a public health focus. I hope to have a long career in health care administration, and this generous scholarship allows me to study without as many financial restraints. Thank you so much!”



# Danica Nelson

The College of Public Health General Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health  
(BSPH), Public Health Sociology

“I was unsure about my career path in high school, but one thing was clear: I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives. A family friend introduced me to public health, a field I was initially unfamiliar with but quickly realized matched my passion for helping others. Public health interests me because it offers the opportunity to impact not just individual lives but entire communities on a grand scale.

Starting this autumn, I will begin my master’s in public health epidemiology while simultaneously completing my bachelor’s degree. I aim to use this education to pursue a career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where I can use data analysis to devise strategies that prevent diseases and protect populations. This scholarship is incredibly meaningful to me; it eases the financial burden on my family and brings me one step closer to achieving my goals.

I am still exploring my research interests, but I will be working at Nationwide Children’s Hospital this fall semester in injury prevention and policy. I’m excited about the valuable experiences and insights I’ll gain from this opportunity.”

# Roxana Paredes

Robert P. Mullen Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“For as long as I can remember, I have been driven by a desire to contribute to meaningful change in the health care field. Having family members who lived with life-threatening illnesses but lacked access to adequate services highlighted the harsh realities faced by many, especially those in underserved communities. Growing up in such an environment and witnessing the struggles families endure ignited a passion within me to make a difference. I am committed to becoming a health care administrator who leverages both experience and knowledge to advance resources in underserved areas, ensuring that equitable health care services are accessible to all. These aspirations are deeply important to me, and I recognize that achieving them would not be possible without the support I have received. I am profoundly grateful for your support, which brings me closer to realizing my dream of transforming health care access and equity. My family and I thank you so much for helping make this journey possible!”

# Mohini Parvate

Georganne M. Shockey Undergraduate Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Environmental Public Health

“As a rising senior studying public health and statistics, I am deeply intrigued by the vast breadth of public health and its profound impact on the world. I have been fascinated by the relationships I have discovered by researching our changing climate and its effects on public health. I am a part of Dr. Laura Pomeroy’s disease ecology lab and for the last three years I have studied the effect of weather patterns on mosquito-borne illnesses.

After my undergraduate degree, I hope to attend graduate school to get master’s degree in data science. My current data science internship has revealed the field’s wide scope and reinforced my belief that I can make a significant difference in this area. This scholarship is allowing me to fund my undergraduate degree and save money for my master’s program. My family and I are immensely grateful for this opportunity and the support this scholarship provides. Thank you!”

# Najhee Purdy

Ruth Ella Moore, PhD, Scholarship  
The College of Public Health General Scholarship



Master of Public Health, Health Behavior  
and Health Promotion

“At the University of Wisconsin-Madison I majored in biochemistry with a certificate in global health. After graduation, I came to The Ohio State University for medical school. During my interview process for medical school, it became clear to me that I wanted to gain training in public health. I aspire to be a family medicine physician focused on serving underserved populations. Also, I want to focus my career on being a strong advocate for underserved populations to increase access to care and eliminate racial disparities in housing. I knew that public health would allow me to reach my ultimate goal of becoming a health commissioner one day.

During my MPH, I have had time to complete research projects with Dr. Sakima Smith at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Our research focuses how new therapeutics used to treat a variety of cancers may be associated with cardiovascular toxicity and how microaggressions may be associated with the development of cardiovascular disease. As part of my applied practice experience, I had an internship in policy, research and evaluation with Columbus Public Health. I would like thank you for this generous scholarship.”

# Sage Smith

The Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship



Master of Public Health, Epidemiology

“My interest in healthy living started when I was dancing pre-professionally and was introduced to preventative medicine and the power it can have on people’s well-being. I knew that I wanted to further my studies in preventative medicine. This is how I found public health. I was immediately drawn to the wide scope of public health and how it makes an impact on every part of people’s lives. As I progressed through my undergraduate degree, I discovered my passion for statistics. I decided that a degree in epidemiology would perfectly encompass my interests in preventative health and statistics. After graduation, I aspire to work as an epidemiologist at a health department to find upstream solutions to the community’s public health concerns. This scholarship will allow me to experience my final year at the College of Public Health with less financial stress and will give me the space to pursue my interests post-graduation.”

# Emma Switzer

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am so incredibly grateful for this scholarship. I just completed my undergraduate degree in public health from Ohio State and I am currently pursuing my MHA. I am very passionate about health equity and ensuring high-quality care for all, and I’m hoping that my studies will give me the knowledge I need to pursue a career in hospital management. This financial support makes this dream possible for me, and I could not be more thankful!”

# Sarah Weglarz

Dr. Amy Acton Future Leaders of Public Health Scholarship  
Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“I was drawn to the field of public health originally because of its focus on serving under-resourced communities, and because of a personal experience. When I was 16, my younger sister suddenly died from an unknown virus. Though my sister’s death was unpreventable, I knew there were other children whose deaths could have been prevented, and whose families were still grieving for them. I thought that I would be able to prevent unnecessary death through a career in public health, but as I continued college, I realized that I wanted to work with patients directly as a physician. I am now planning on applying to medical school, and the scholarship funding I have received will help to reduce the financial burden of my education significantly.”

# Samantha Wigfall

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship



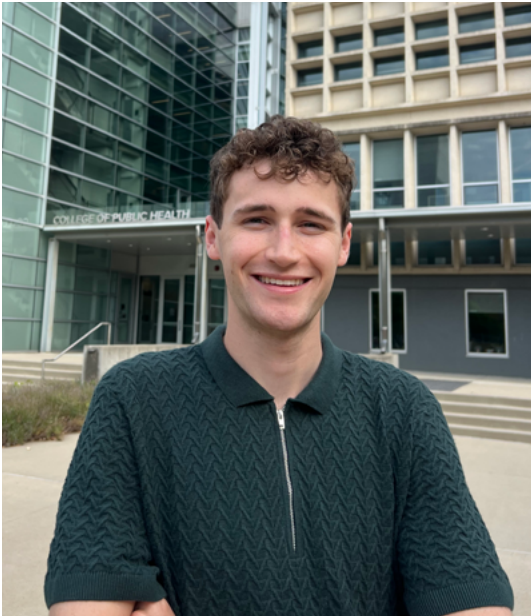
Bachelor of Science in Public Health,  
Public Health Sociology

“ I am a rising fifth-year public health sociology student at The Ohio State University. I’m involved in multiple research studies on campus as a research assistant who focuses on health disparities in disadvantaged groups. I plan to continue to build my research career by going on for a master’s degree and doctoral degree in social epidemiology and social medicine. I hope to address health in pursuit of social justice within the global health sphere, particularly among those who have historically or are currently experiencing oppression. I am incredibly thankful to be receiving this scholarship as this takes care of some of my tuition costs. Thank you so much for your generosity!”



# Ethan Zaller

Bernard J. Lachner Graduate Fellowship  
Columbus Hospitals Endowment Fund



Master of Health Administration

“I greatly appreciate the generosity that has led to my Graduate Research Assistant position being funded. I am pursuing my MHA, a degree that I originally started with the hope that I could use management skills to pursue better health care and public health outcomes at the community level. I chose to come to Ohio State for my master’s degree largely due to all the great things I had heard about the alumni community involvement within the College of Public Health, and getting my GRA funded through alumni support is a testament to that! I look forward to continuing on my path in the College of Public Health to hopefully make my goals of community impact become a reality!”

# Ava Zollinger

Charles A. Turner Scholarship  
The Hanson Family Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am a first-year master of health administration student. I graduated from Smith College in 2024 with a bachelor of arts in integrative biology and a minor in environmental science and policy. My passion for public health began during an internship at the DP Marais Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa, where I experienced a severe lack of resources and infrastructure. By earning an MHA, I will work to bring effective policies to underserved countries, making an impact on global health care accessibility and quality.

I am deeply thankful to for these scholarships. My great-grandfather, Robert Zollinger, spent his medical career at Ohio State, and the love for this university has been passed down through each generation. I'm incredibly grateful to be a part of Ohio State and will cherish this recognition throughout my career. Thank you again, and go Buckeyes!”

# Anna Zomaya

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“ I attended Purdue University, where I studied biology and graduated in 2022. I initially planned on becoming a health care provider, but my post-graduation experience led me to realize that my interests better aligned with health care administration. While keeping an open mind about my future, I thoroughly enjoyed my time in pediatrics and am inclined to pursue a career in that field. My background has highlighted the importance of efficient management in improving health care outcomes, the obstacles patients face in navigating systems and the value of collaborative care. These experiences deepened my appreciation for health care and reaffirmed my goal to positively impact patients and providers. This support means so much to my family and me, allowing me to focus on my studies and future goals. It’s not just an investment in my education, but also in my ability to contribute meaningfully to the field of health care.”

# Thank You

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Your support is paving the way for these students to achieve their dreams and explore their potential. Your generosity is building a brighter future for our students, our field and our community.



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