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# POWER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# DEAN'S MESSAGE

## Greetings Friends,

Once again, so much has happened in a year! Most significantly, we have at last turned the corner on COVID, and it has been a long difficult journey.

As we look back at what we've been through over the past few years, I give my heartfelt thanks to all our faculty, students, and staff who did so much to help our university and our state through the pandemic. We have come so far, and we have seen what we can accomplish when we work together, with expertise and compassion, to improve health for all our diverse Arizona communities.

This year we were able to come together in person again for many events, and I was very pleased to connect with students, alumni, supporters, faculty and staff. From our Scholarship Luncheon to our recent Homecoming celebration, from guest speakers to visiting researchers, all of these events affirmed our collective commitment to advancing public health. I'm grateful for our community, and for our steadfast determination to forge a more just and equitable world for all.

Yet even as the impact of COVID recedes, new public health challenges emerge, and we must look ahead to meet them. This year we have seen widespread mental health issues in our state and in our nation, repercussions from the pandemic alongside social and economic anxieties. In the year ahead we will turn our abilities to mental health services and programs that will support our communities and build wellness and resilience.

At the same time, climate change also presents many public health risks. This year climate-related disasters harmed many communities in the United States and around the world. From deadly heat to devastating floods to wildfires that destroy homes and ecosystems, climate change is a rapidly emerging threat to health. Sadly, we know that health risks from climate-driven crises will only increase in the future.

Mental health and climate change are major public health challenges that we face right now. Looking ahead we will dedicate ourselves to research, education, and service that will help solve those challenges.

I thank everyone in our MEZCOPH family for all their support this year. Together, we have achieved so much! I hope you will enjoy some of the stories we share in this annual report, and please go to the website to learn more about our research and programs, and what our faculty, students, and staff have accomplished.

In the year ahead, we will fight for health equity everywhere we work. We will show the world the power of public health!

I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy new year ahead! Bear Down!



Iman Hakim, MD, PhD, MPH  
Dean



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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.



The Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health has held continuous accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) since 2003 and is accredited through December 31, 2027.



## ON THE COVER

Graduating public health students from our Spring 2022 Convocation at Centennial Hall.

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# OUR PROGRAMS SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

**We want to live in a world where all communities have equal access to health services. We work persistently, using a community-based approach, to build quality public health programs, around the country and especially here in Arizona.**

## Training Center Receives \$4M to Provide Continuing Education for Public Health Professionals

The [Western Region Public Health Training Center](#), part of the college, was awarded \$4.1 million by the [U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) to provide online training and continuing education programs for public health professionals in the western United States and U.S. Pacific Islands.

The field of public health, and the skills necessary to respond to community health needs, are changing rapidly. In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted critical gaps in the public health workforce, including staff shortages, health and racial inequities, and the need for a more intentional focus on improving workforce diversity and developing multisector partnerships.

The new four-year award will enable the Western Region Public Health Training Center team to continue providing high quality training programs that will expand workforce numbers, build skills and quality services, and enable public health professionals to meet community needs and emerging threats at the local, state and national levels.

## Mobile Health Unit Delivers Services and Leads Health Career Camp for Rural Teens

In addition to delivering vaccines and basic health services to underserved and rural populations in Arizona, the Mobile Health Units (MHUs) also coordinated a camp for teens in rural Arizona to prepare them for healthcare careers.

The [Mobile Health Units](#) have now delivered [more than 70,000 COVID vaccine doses](#) to rural and underserved communities, alongside health services that



Our Western Region Public Health Training Center team, left to right: online designer Erich Healy, director Kelly Reynolds, PhD, and associate director Abby Stoica, MPH

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rarely reach those populations. These services bring tangible health benefits to the communities they serve and we thank all our partners who support the MHU program!

This summer, the [Youth Engagement for Success \(YES\) Camp](#) in June guided Arizona teens to learn about careers in healthcare and the educational opportunities available to prepare for careers in health sciences. The YES Camp took place in Aguila, Arizona, a town in rural Maricopa County. Taught by the team from the college's Mobile Health Unit (MHU) in Phoenix, the camp engaged teens to discover career paths in healthcare and health sciences through hands-on activities and presentations from practitioners working in the field.



YES Camp students with our Phoenix campus Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, Alma Ramirez (center).



## Center for Rural Health Reaches Far-flung Communities

Continuing grant awards enabled the [Arizona Center for Rural Health](#) (AzCRH), part of the Zuckerman College of Public Health, to expand its programs and services for rural communities all around the state. The AzCRH's network of providers, community health workers, and clinics has been developed by years of building relationships, and they're able to reach diverse rural communities as COVID and other emerging health threats impact individuals and families.

## Arizona Area Health Education Centers Gain Funds, Expand Programs

The Arizona Area Health Education Centers (AzaHECs) were [awarded \\$7.2M in new funding](#) to boost healthcare workforce development in rural and underserved communities.

Arizona has one of the most acute shortages of health professionals in the country, particularly in rural communities. Located around the state, the AzaHEC centers develop education programs to train health professionals, emphasizing primary and preventive care in order to increase access to healthcare in Arizona's rural and underserved communities.

Under the leadership of Leila Barraza, JD, MPH, the AzHECs have expanded services. This year Arizona [opened a new American Indian Health AHEC Regional Center](#), one of the first AHECs focused on tribal health in the country. American Indians have some of the highest rates of health disparities, poverty and poor health outcomes when compared with other ethnic and minority communities in the U.S., according to the Indian Health Service. The new Center is dedicated to developing health profession education initiatives and expanding access to health care for tribal communities in Arizona to address health inequities. 🍌



# OUR RESEARCHERS FIND ANSWERS

**E**ven as we turn the corner on COVID, our faculty and students continue to do the research that will help keep our communities safe, inform health policy, and improve health for all of us.

## AZ HEROES Research Study Awarded \$22M to Continue COVID-19 Immunity and Vaccine Evaluation

Guided by Dr. Jeff Burgess, the college's AZ HEROES research study of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness and immunity among frontline workers, families and children received a [\\$22 million award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) to continue for a third year of research. The study not only shows our public health research expertise, it also provides real-world training and experience for many of our public health students,



experience that will help them in their careers. Also, as a source of vital knowledge about COVID, the AZ HEROES study has already produced dozens of published papers and illuminating data that has helped to shape CDC guidelines and vaccine recommendations.

## New Center Leads Collaborative Research to Improve Firefighter Health

The new [Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research](#) will allow researchers to expand their work with firefighters and fire departments to study the occupational health risks that firefighters face on the job. The research will inform decisions, practices, and policies to keep firefighters safer and healthier.

The center builds on years of firefighter health research conducted by faculty in the college, always in close collaboration with fire departments. Some of that research has already had a positive impact on firefighter health, including [helping to inform the decision from the International Agency for Research on Cancer](#) to classify occupational exposure for firefighters as carcinogenic, changing the previous classification of possibly carcinogenic. Professor Jeff Burgess, MD, MS, MPH, leads the center's research team.



## Public Health Researchers Investigate Virus Transmission in Households

Dr. Kate Ellingson, associate research professor in the college, and Dr. Karen Lutrick, assistant professor in the UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson Department of Family and Community Medicine, lead the regional site for a national CDC funded research study, the [Arizona Household Virus Study](#), to better understand how COVID-19 and influenza spread within households. Part of the CDC's Respiratory Virus Transmission Network, the study is designed to identify risk factors for influenza and COVID-19 infection among both vaccinated and unvaccinated participants in the same home.

## EPA-funded Study Will Measure Soil and Dust Ingestion Levels in US Children

How much dust do children swallow? Public health researchers from the college will try to answer that question in Arizona as part of the [Dust Ingestion Children Study](#), or DIRT, a national project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). [Dr. Paloma Beamer leads the Arizona site for the DIRT study](#), which looks at inadvertent soil and dust ingestion levels in children across a range of environments both inside and outside the home. The goal is to establish new data benchmarks for the EPA's Exposure Factors Handbook, parameters that inform child health guidelines and regulations related to consumer products such as toys, pesticide registration and clean-up requirements for hazardous waste sites.





# One Health Initiative

## One Health Symposia Spark Research Collaborations Across the University

In close collaboration with the college, the University of Arizona Health Sciences (UAHS) hosted two One Health symposia this past year, one in the spring, and one in the fall. The events brought together researchers from across the university, establishing a network of investigative expertise for collaborative One Health research.

The One Health approach understands that human health is deeply interconnected with environmental health and animal health. The health of all living things is woven together as one. One Health research uses an interdisciplinary and often community-based approach to solve complex health problems that emerge from environmental contamination, animal-to-human disease transmission, the impacts of climate change, and many other pressing issues.

This year, the State of Arizona directed funds to launch the One Health Initiative at UAHS. Under the leadership of our own Dr. Frank von Hippel, the One Health Initiative



Dr. Frank von Hippel and Dr. Dan Derksen with Dr. Michael Dake attend the first One Health Symposium



Dr. Linda Birnbaum gave the keynote address at the One Health Symposium this fall.

will spearhead collaborative research and collaborative One Health grant proposals by engaging researchers from across the university and outside agencies to work together.

At the second [One Health Symposium in September 2022](#), Dr. Linda S. Birnbaum, scientist emeritus and former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program, gave the keynote address and shared her perspectives on the One Health approach to pollution. 🗨️



### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR ONE HEALTH RESEARCH

Learn more about how the college leads in One Health Research at [publichealth.arizona.edu/research-area/one-health-research](https://publichealth.arizona.edu/research-area/one-health-research)



# OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS EMPOWER STUDENTS

Our Global Health Institute accomplished so much this year! From new international partnerships to global research opportunities for students, we are collaborating to train the global health leaders of tomorrow.

## Students Contribute to International Research as Global Health Scholars

More than ever before, public health is a global health challenge. The GHI Scholars program prepares students for an increasingly interconnected world as they gain cultural competence, global awareness, and hands-on training through experiential learning programs. These opportunities teach our students to analyze and solve problems through different perspectives and adapt to new social and cultural contexts.

This past summer, our cohort of [GHI Scholars worked on collaborative research](#) in many different countries, from Guatemala to India, and experienced global health programs in action. We thank all our donors who supported our GHI Scholars, and we will be providing more international student opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students in the year ahead.



Sandra Rodriguez Quintana, MPH student, worked on a research program in Guatemala.



Professor Jon Adams with Roxanna Apaez (left) and Dr. Gabriela Valdez (right).

## Visit from University of Technology Sydney in Australia Builds Partnership with UArizona College of Public Health

[Professor Jon Adams from University of Technology Sydney, Australia](#), a leader in integrative medicine and public health research, visited the Zuckerman College of Public Health and met with several faculty members to establish collaborative educational and research relationships and build the international partnership between the two universities.

## Partnership with University of Limerick in Ireland Aims to Tackle Public Health Challenges

The college has partnered with the [University of Limerick School of Medicine in Ireland](#) to enhance public health education, research and practice.



Megan Bounds, a second-year graduate student in the Zuckerman College of Public Health, participated in a summer research program at the University of Limerick.

## Medical Students from Mexico Visited UArizona to Learn About Public Health Programs

In August, eight medical students from the Universidad del Valle de México (UVM) visited the Zuckerman College of Public Health for a two-week ‘Global Collaboration, Culture, and Community Health Program’ that introduced them to public health programs, research, and community outreach.

Medical students from Mexico came to campus to learn about public health programs.



Students in the Young Global Leaders program meet with staff from our Mobile Health Unit.

## Young Global Leaders Program Enables High School Students to Explore Public Health Practice and Careers

This summer, high school students in the Young Global Leaders Program explored mental health from a public health perspective, toured college facilities and programs, and met with COPH faculty, staff, students, and alumni to explore career opportunities in public health. 📍

## THREE FACULTY WIN INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS!



### Jeff Burgess MD, MPH, MS

Jeff Burgess, MD, MPH, MS, received his third Fulbright Scholar Award to support his ongoing research on firefighter health and cancer risks, this time among wildland firefighters in Australia.



### Purnima Madhivanan MD, PhD, MPH

Purnima Madhivanan, MD, PhD, MPH, received a Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award to support her work with women cancer survivors in India.



### Mohan Taniru PhD

Mohan Taniru, PhD, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant to study how health care reaches Indigenous people in Canada’s Thunder Bay region on Lake Superior.

# OUR FUTURE FOCUS: MENTAL HEALTH & CLIMATE CHANGE

In the year ahead, the college will focus on building programs and expertise to respond to two emerging crises in public health: mental health and climate change. We must meet these twin challenges to keep our diverse communities healthy and thriving so that together we can build a better future.

## Taking the Initiative to Meet Mental Health Needs

Mental health provides a foundation for our overall health and wellbeing. Right now, our country is facing a mental health crisis, amplified by the COVID pandemic, with increasing rates of loneliness, depression, and anxiety. If we hope to improve health outcomes for our diverse communities in Arizona and beyond, we need effective mental health programs and services.



Although the extent of the crisis may be new, mental health is not a new concern for public health, and the college has already worked on successful programs to address specific mental health needs. We [work with firefighters to provide mental health support](#), we [work with children to address ADHD symptoms](#), and we [responded to guide teens, and the parents-of-teens](#), who experienced stress and isolation during the COVID pandemic.

In the year ahead, we pledge our determination and expertise to address mental health for all communities. To reach our goals, we are in the process of establishing the MEZCOPH Mental Health Fund that will raise money for an endowed chair with expertise in behavioral and mental health services.



## Confronting the Health Risks of Climate Change

Climate change is the single biggest threat facing humanity. Droughts, floods, and severe storms have already displaced millions of people, and at the same time many face increased food insecurity.

As these climate-driven crises unfold, it is the most vulnerable communities that suffer the most. With this knowledge, we must prioritize health equity in our climate change response and build resilience for those most in need.

Several of our faculty have already been working to address the health impacts of climate change. We're [helping underserved communities survive dangerous heat](#), we're contributing to the [annual Lancet Countdown report](#) that tracks the health impacts of climate change, and we're organizing [national and international climate change workshops](#) to collaborate and share programs and data that will help all our communities navigate climate-driven health threats.

In the year ahead, the college will bring a new focus on climate-driven health risks and the underserved communities most affected by climate change. To reach our goals, we are in the process of establishing the MEZCOPH Climate Change and Health Fund that will raise money for an endowed chair with expertise in climate-driven health threats to vulnerable populations. 🌍

Our MEZCOPH Alumni in the DC area connected at this unique event.



# OUR ALUMNI CHANGE THE WORLD

**O**ur MEZCOPH alumni are doing the work that builds a healthier, more equitable world. In Arizona, around the country, and across the globe, they work with communities, shape policy, and deliver services that make a real difference in people’s lives. We are working to keep them connected – to each other, to our students, to our faculty, and to our MEZCOPH family. Thank you alumni for all that you do!

## Alumni Come Together in Washington DC for Unique Pandemic Performance

Several of our alumni came together in Washington DC to connect with each other, Dean Iman Hakim, Amber Richmond the Alumni Engagement Manager for the college, and other UArizona leadership. They enjoyed a theatrical performance, What We Learned While Alone: Global Voices Speak to the Pandemic, based on a poetry project conducted during the pandemic by Kent State University and the University of Arizona Poetry Center.

The unique performance combined spoken word, music, movement, and digital dialogue in an innovative interactive experience, culminating in a poem created with performers and the audience that celebrated what we have learned from our loss, what we praise, and what we hope for the future. We were so pleased to connect with our alumni in the DC area and look forward to the next opportunity!

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



**Amber  
Richmond  
MA '18**

We welcome Amber Richmond, our new Manager of Alumni Engagement & Events. This year she continues to grow our alumni engagement through events, partnerships, and opportunities. Check out our alumni homepage and connect with Amber at [publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni](http://publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni). Contact Amber Richmond with any questions at [amrichmond@arizona.edu](mailto:amrichmond@arizona.edu)

### Alumni Resources

#### MEZCOPH JOB BOARD

Subscribe to our job posting listserv to hear about positions in public health and related organizations that have been sent to us by our alumni and others from the MEZCOPH community.



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#### CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

Join our UA Zuckerman College of Public Health Alumni Group on LinkedIn and Facebook to see updates from alumni and the college:



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### Congratulations to Our 2022 Alumni and Leadership Award Winners!

For the second year in a row now, we were able to gather in person to celebrate our achievements and our alumni and leadership award winners!

Our award winners came from different nations and different roles, and they inspired us with the work they do and the paths that they traveled to get there. We thank you all for being there, for supporting the college, and for the vital work you do to bring health equity to all communities!



**ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**Julianna Reece**  
 MD, MBA, MPH '96



**SIDNEY S. WOODS ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**  
**Marjorie Sue Vaughan**  
 PhD '80, MSN, RN



**HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD**  
**Robert W. Vaughan**  
 MD



**DELTA OMEGA ALUMNAE AWARD**  
**Ana Maria López**  
 MD, MPH '98



Alumna of the Year, Julianna Reece MD, MBA, MPH '96 with President Robert C. Robbins.



**GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
**Angelo Ercia**  
 PhD, MPH '09



**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
**Mae N. Rouhani**  
 BS '13, MPH '15, RYT

# Delta Omega Honorary Society, Alpha Nu Chapter Makes An Impact

The Delta Omega Honorary Society, Alpha Nu chapter has been part of the college for more than 25 years. With more than 240 members living in 33 states and 10 countries, the Honorary Society recognizes graduating students and alumni who have outstanding achievement in the public health field. It connects students, faculty, and alumni as a professional network to develop future public health leaders. New members are inducted each year.



Spring 2022 graduates who are now Delta Omega members.



Dean Iman Hakim introduces the panelists for the Phoenix event this fall.

## Alumni And Students Come Together For Delta Omega Panel Discussion In Phoenix

This year our Delta Omega chapter made a big impact thanks to their Executive Board:

- » President, Sean Clendaniel MPH '04, MBA '21
- » Vice President, Kirstin Lathrop '12, MPH '17, CAPM
- » Director of Member Management, John McElligott MPH '05, CPH
- » Secretary, Michelle Gamber MPH '07, DrPH '12

They started the year with a Delta Omega Honorary Society Speaker Series Kickoff Event in Phoenix, Arizona. Alumni, students and leadership came together in Phoenix to socialize, sympathize, and learn about some of the current challenges in maternal and child health in a discussion with two of our outstanding alumni – Anna Carolina Ortiz, MPH '17, and Zaida Dedolph Piccoro, MPH '17. We were very pleased that chapter president Sean Clendaniel and board member John McElligott were able to join the event in person. Thanks Sean and John! 🍷

## SPOTLIGHT

### DELTA OMEGA HONORARY SOCIETY ALUMNAE AWARD

*With the support from the Executive Board for the Alpha Nu chapter here at the College of Public Health, we created the award this year to recognize a member who has brought honor to MEZCOPH and their profession in the public health field through professional achievement or humanitarian service.*

### Ana Maria López MD, MPH '98



Dr. López is Professor and Interim-Chair, Medical Oncology and Professor, Integrative Medicine (ABOIM) & Nutritional Sciences, Sidney Kimmel Medical College and Director, Integrative Oncology and Associate Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She earned her MPH in Health Policy and Administration from MEZCOPH in 1998 and has gone on to be a champion for women's health, Hispanic health, and health equity as a teacher, doctor, and healthcare leader. We celebrate all Dr. López has accomplished and honor her for all the lives she has touched through her work!




To learn more about Delta Omega and the nomination process go to [publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni/delta-omega](https://publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni/delta-omega).



# WILDCATS FOR LIFE

Our alumni hold positions in county and state health departments, federal agencies, universities, healthcare providers, and community non-profit organizations around the country and the world, working to promote health and wellness for all people.



 Tucson, Arizona

**Herminia**


**“Minnie” Frias MPH**

**2008 MPH, Public Health Policy and Management**

*Tribal Councilwoman, Pascua Yaqui Tribe*

*My public health education expanded my abilities and gave me new tools to advocate for native health programs and policies. I would not have been able to achieve so much for tribal communities without the skills I learned from my MPH.*



 San Francisco, California

**Mark Smolinski MD, MPH**

**1994 MPH, Public Health and**

**General Prevention Medicine Residency Program**


*President, Ending Pandemics*

*I am a member of the first graduating class for the Master of Public Health degree program. While on an elective for the Arizona Health Department, I was part of a team that investigated a dangerous outbreak in the Four Corners region of the United States. The culprit was Hantavirus and the experience set the stage for my career.*

**5,000+**

*alumni live, work, and make a difference on:*



Snellville, Georgia 

**Abraham Deng Ater DrPH, MPH**

**2010 MPH, Public Health Policy and Management**

*Global Health Data Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

*I saw so much suffering on my long journey, and my education at the college gave me knowledge and skills that enabled me to help others so that they will suffer less, so I can help communities in my home country of South Sudan to live healthier and better lives.*







Bali, Indonesia

### Komang Triyani Kartinawati MD, MPH

**2017 MPH, Public Health Practice**

Lecturer – Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Warmadewa University

My experience in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona has prepared me for my career as a Lecturer. I learned how to translate public health theories into public health efforts and strategies to solve health issues. This helps me to teach my students to have better analytical and critical thinking.



**50**

states\*

**47**

countries

**6**

continents

\*including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico



Pétion-Ville, Haiti

### Jean Wysler Domerçan MD, MPH

**2007 MPH, Family and Child Health**

Executive Director, Institut pour la Santé, la Population et le Développement

I spent 18 months at the College of Public Health and I can tell you it was a great experience for me as an international student, as a Fullbright Scholar, and as a public health student. The leadership qualities I learned pushed me to create Institut pour la Sante, la Population et le Developpement in Haiti.

Baltimore, Maryland

### Traci Kodeck MPH

**1999 MPH, Health Education/Promotion**

Chief Executive Officer, HealthCare Access Maryland

I spent two years as a Community Development Volunteer with the Peace Corps in the West Indies. Working with families living in poverty and socially disadvantaged in a small village reinforced my passion for improving systems and impacting the maternal and child health population which led me to the MPH program at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.



To show the impact that the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health has had on the world, we gathered testimonial videos from our alumni who live and work around the United States and in other countries. Watch these testimonials now at [publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni/our-alumni-change-world](http://publichealth.arizona.edu/alumni/our-alumni-change-world).



# YOUR GIVING EMPOWERS THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

Our supporters make a big difference in the success of our students and the reach of our programs. From scholarships for students in need, to health services that reach underserved communities, they change lives. We are so grateful to our MEZCOPH family for all they do to promote health equity in Arizona and beyond!

## Success of the Zuckerman Challenge Delivers Support Into the Future

This year we finished the Zuckerman Challenge to raise more than \$4 million that funds new scholarships, expands programs, and provides new opportunities for Indigenous students. In the year ahead, we'll focus on the two current challenges of mental health services and climate change preparedness to meet the future with determination and know-how.

## Scholarship Luncheon 2022 Brings Together Donors and Students

We were delighted to see so many of our supporters and scholarship students at our annual MEZCOPH Scholarship Luncheon in April! We hosted the event outdoors, so everyone was able to reconnect in-person, and our donors who fund scholarships were able to meet the students they support.

At the luncheon we heard inspirational stories from current scholarship students Isabel Stone, Sam Sneed, and Renee Goldtooth-Halwood. We also heard from our

accomplished alumna Dr. Mariana Casal Singletary who talked about the opportunities enabled by the scholarship she received as a student, and shared her insights about how her public health education influenced her career.

Finally, we heard from Jan Kostanty, a successful business consultant and Board Member on our MEZCOPH Community Advisory Board, about the unique rewards of service learning in our degree programs, and the transformative work that our Mobile Health Units are doing.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Scholarship Luncheon to celebrate our students and community!



Guest speaker Dr. Mariana Casal Singletary



Community Advisory Board members Robert Guerrero and JoAnna Westcott with Donna Knight, Director of Development and Kim Bourn, Executive Director of Community Engagement.

## Joanna Westcott Takes on Leadership of Community Advisory Board

We are very pleased to report that JoAnna Westcott, a long-time member of our Community Advisory Board, has taken on the leadership role as Board Chair. JoAnna has been a passionate supporter of the college and now she brings her leadership to the CAB and we are very grateful!

## Our Family Of Supporters Nurtures New Leaders

We have several new donors who made their first gift to the College and several others established a new named scholarship and new endowments:

### J&J Vosila Scholarship

Awardees must be full-time graduate students majoring in Biostatistics.

### Anthony and Joan Vuturo Scholarship

Supports graduate students with financial need and demonstrate a commitment to public health service and leadership.

### Evan and Louise Kligman One Health Scholars Award

Supports students in the Global Health Institute Scholars Program who demonstrate research engagement and commitment to planetary health, public service, and leadership.

### Mullis Native American Scholarship

Awardees are undergraduate and graduate recipients who demonstrate merit, financial need, and a commitment to public health service and leadership. Primary preference will be given to students who are Native American and who have demonstrated commitment to service in their communities of Arizona and a social awareness of Native American Culture.

### U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona Distinguished Scholarship

Students pursuing research and/or a career in public health preparedness to include pandemics and must demonstrate financial need. Preference given to first generation college students, veterans and/or military students who have financial need and a commitment to underserved communities.



Left to right: Dr. Gulshan Sethi, Neelam Sethi, Dr. Richard Carmona, Dean Iman Hakim.

## OUR SEASON OF GIVING

Our traditional season of giving reminds us to give thanks for our friends and family, and also encourages us to do good for others. The catalytic power of generosity is at the heart of the society we build together, unlocking dignity, opportunity and equity around the globe. Our community believes that generosity leads to greater civic participation and other socially positive behaviors. Join us and give!



### Funding for Rapid Health Response *Dean's Fund for Excellence*

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### Funding for Scholarships *General Scholarship Fund*

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## OUR STUDENTS



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47% Online



**128**

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