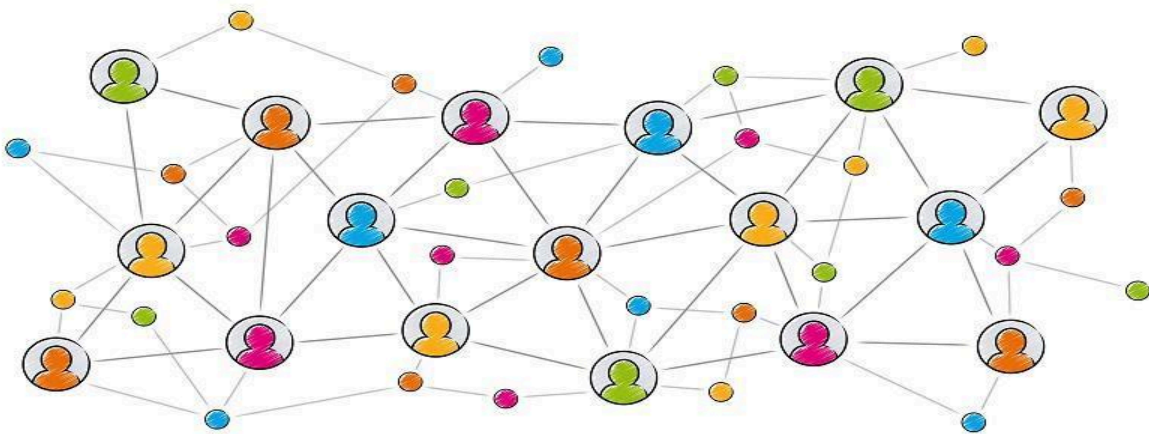


CGHS Connections

monthly newsletter for students and alumni



August 2024

Announcements

Important Dates to Note

- **Coffee and Conversation with the Deans:** Thursday, August 29, 2024; 11 am - 12 pm PT & MT; 1 pm - 2 pm CT; 2 pm - 3 pm ET (information below)
- **End of Fall Block 1:** September 22, 2024
- **Start of Fall Block 2:** September 30, 2024
- **CGHS Career Night:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 7 PM CT (information below)

CGHS Career Services

CGHS Resumes Career Services for AY 2024-2025

Starting in August, **CGHS Career Services** is excited to return for the 2024-2025 academic year! Our team is eager to continue to support the career journeys of CGHS students and alumni with the latest, market-relevant resources. We offer resume and CV reviews, cover letter advice, interview preparation, career search guidance, and a wealth of tools on our [Career Services website](#).

Last year brought many successes for Career Services, including our inaugural Career Night, the launch of a new website, the creation of LinkedIn groups, and a boost in the number of students and alumni we were able to support. We look forward to building on these achievements this year by continuing to provide guidance and tools that promote positive outcomes in the career journeys of our students and alumni.

We are also excited to host the 2nd **Career Night on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 pm CST**. This event will provide attendees with valuable networking opportunities, insights from industry professionals, and an exploration of diverse career paths. We encourage students, alumni, and faculty to participate and benefit from this enriching experience. Registration information will be coming soon!

We value the input of our community and invite students and alumni to share their career development needs through our [Career Services Contact Form](#). Additionally, we welcome feedback and suggestions for improving our services via the [Career Services Feedback Survey](#).

Whether you are advancing in your studies or forging your path as an alumnus, the Career Services team is here to support you. We look forward to your continued success and are always available to assist you. Best wishes for a prosperous year ahead!

Enrollment Services Updates & Information

Stay Secure with Your Personal Identifier Pass Code!

At ATSU, keeping your student records safe is our top priority. That's why we use a personal identifier pass code system. Whenever you request information about your records over the phone or in person, we'll ask for this pass code, especially if you don't have your ATSU ID badge handy. This extra layer of security ensures your personal information stays protected. Stay safe and secure with ATSU!

To set or update your personal identifier,

- Login to the Anthology Student Portal
- Click *My Profile*,
- Click *My Information*,
- Click the *Additional Information* tab, and
- Click the *Edit* button. Enter your personal identifier and click *Save*.

Funding Your Future: Key Financial Aid Resources at Your Fingertips

The Enrollment Services team is here to help you navigate the financial aid process and ensure you have the resources you need to fund your education. Here's a quick guide to the financial aid resources available to you:

[Financial Aid Advising](#)

Our dedicated financial aid advisors are ready to assist you with personalized support. You can schedule a meeting via Zoom, phone, or in person to discuss any questions you may have regarding Title IV aid. We're here to help you!

[Financial Aid "Good to Go" Checklist](#)

Stay on track with our Financial Aid "Good to Go" Checklist. This handy tool ensures you've completed all necessary steps to secure your financial aid disbursement. You can find this handy guide in your student portal by searching for "FA Good to Go Checklist."

[Disbursement Schedule](#)

Knowing when you'll receive your financial aid funds is crucial for planning your budget. Our disbursement schedule provides the dates and details of when your financial aid will be disbursed, so you can manage your finances with confidence.

[Cost of Attendance Worksheet](#)

Understanding the full cost of your education is essential for effective financial planning. Our Cost of Attendance Worksheet helps you plan your expenses, including tuition, fees, housing, and more. Use this tool to visualize a realistic budget and make informed financial decisions.

[Loan Simulator](#)

The Loan Simulator on studentaid.gov is a powerful tool that helps you explore repayment options, estimate monthly payments, and find the best plan for your financial situation. Input your loan details and receive personalized repayment plans tailored to your needs. Use this tool to prepare for graduation!

For more information or to access these resources, visit the [Enrollment Services webpage](#) on the ATSU website. We're here to help you succeed!

Virtual Coffee & Conversation with the CGHS Deans



CGHS Students – We would like to invite you to share a virtual cup of coffee and conversation with the CGHS Deans. This informal conversation is an opportunity to meet the academic administration team of the College of Graduate Health Studies and share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns about graduate education, your career path, etc.

Dr. Marisa Hastie (Dean), Dr. Terry Wise (Associate Dean of Online Operations), and Dr. Jolynn Gardner (Associate Dean of Academics, Assessment and Curricular Innovation) will share their own journeys in industry and academia and will also answer your questions! Questions may be submitted ahead of time via this [Google form](#).

Date: Thursday, August 29th, 2024

Time: 11am-12pm PT & MT, 1-2pm CT, 2-3pm ET

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://atsu.zoom.us/j/93437978996?pwd=kUa2fer0FJwaAT5jxGMwIjQJLDIEWa.1>

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*If you can't join us for this event, please watch for an upcoming announcement of the next
Coffee & Conversation in November 2024!*

CGHS at a Conference Near You!

Stop by and say hello to our team at the following upcoming conferences:

- August 24 - 26: National Association of Community Health Centers - Community Health Institute, Atlanta, GA
- September 18 - 20: National League for Nursing, San Antonio, TX
- September 22 - 25: National Network for Oral Health Access, Baltimore, MD
- October 1: University of Missouri Health Science Fair, Columbia, MO
- October 15 - 18: National Consortium for Health Science Education, Phoenix, AZ
- October 17 - 18: New England Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, Springfield, MA
- October 24 - 25: Mid-Continent Dental Congress, St. Louis, MO
- November 13 - 15: Missouri Hospital Association, Kansas City, MO

If you see a conference coming to your area and would like to volunteer to represent CGHS-ATSU, please send a note to Jodi Gamm, Admissions Manager: jodigamm@atsu.edu.

Student, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff News

Exciting New Grant: Improving Hypertension Control at El Rio Health

We're thrilled to announce that **Dr. Daniel J. Smith, Associate Professor**, from the **Department of Public Health**, has been awarded a grant as the primary investigator for an innovative community health project that aligns with ATSU's strategic focus on improving community health research outcomes. We're excited to see the results of this important work and its potential to make a real difference in community health.

Project Highlights:

- Title: "A Retrospective Data Analysis of Pre and Post Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Device Prescriptions and Other Blood Pressure Control Strategies at El Rio Health"
- Funding: ATSU Community Health Workgroup Quality Improvement & Research Pilot Project Grant
- Amount: \$9,000

- Potential Impact: This research has the potential to inform best practices for hypertension control in community health centers across the country, ultimately improving cardiovascular health outcomes for underserved populations.

Collaborators:

- ATSU: Dr. Marie Jackson, **Dr. Daniel J. Smith**, Wendy Hardina, MPH practicum student TBD
- El Rio Health of Tucson, Arizona: Dr. Lisa Soltani, Dr. Erin Dougherty, Grace Parker, MPH

Project Overview:

This study aims to explore the effectiveness of home blood pressure monitors and other strategies in controlling hypertension among patients at El Rio Health, a community health center. The research builds on El Rio's successful initiative that increased blood pressure control rates from 45% to an impressive 75% over three years. The team will analyze three years of data to determine which strategies were most effective in improving blood pressure control. There will also be qualitative interviews for a comprehensive understanding of the effectiveness of interventions.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your team, Dr. Smith!

Accolades to **Health Administration Associate Professor Lihua Dishman, DBA, MBA, FACHE** on being awarded the 2023-2024 **Service Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives!** *Congratulations, Dr. Dishman, and thank you for your amazing service!!*

Dr. Dishman, a member of the DEI Committee of the Academy of Management's Healthcare Management Division, co-facilitated a session at the recent 2024 Academy of Management Annual Conference:

Dishman, L., & Patidar, N. (2024, August 9). *Should DEI DIE?: Critiques and responses to DEI initiative-low external pressure, high internal motivation*. Facilitated a Professional Development Workshop's breakout session at the Academy of Management's 2024 Annual Conference in Chicago on August 9 through August 13.

<https://aom2024.eventscribe.net>

Thanks for sharing this important work, Dr. Dishman!

Dr. Breanna Adkins, Ed.D. and her **Health Professions Education** faculty mentor **Dr. Josh Bernstein, Associate Professor**, recently published her doctoral research project study in the Journal of Occupational Therapy Education:

Adkins, B. & Bernstein, J. (2024). Perceived Effectiveness of Student Assessment Methods in Occupational Therapy Education. *Journal of Occupational Therapy Education*, 8(3). Retrieved from <https://encompass.eku.edu/jote/vol8/iss3/3>

Thank you for the informative study, Drs. Adkins and Bernstein and kudos on the publication!

Dr. Rihonna Smith, DHA (2024 Health Administration Dissertation of the Year Award Winner and adjunct faculty member) and her faculty committee members (**Dr. Lihua Dishman - chair; Dr. John Fick, and Dr. Katie Thomas**) have collaborated to publish a qualitative study based on Dr. Smith's dissertation in the 2024 Special Issue of the *Patient Experience Journal*:

Smith, R. J., Dishman, L. Fick, J. W., & Thomas, K. M. (2024). Investigating the perceived impact of surgeons' burnout on surgical physician associates' wellness in United States ambulatory surgery centers. *Patient Experience Journal*, 11(2), 44-55.

<https://doi.org/10.35680/2372-0247.1974>

Compliments on this insightful study, Drs. Smith, Dishman, Fick, and Thomas!

Other News, Events, and Opportunities

Rural Health Fellows Leadership Program

Application Deadline: September 12, 2024

NRHA's Rural Health Fellows Leadership Program is a yearlong, intensive training program that develops leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

<https://www.ruralhealth.us/programs/center-for-rural-health-innovation-and-system-redesign/rural-health-fellows-leadership-program>

American Public Health Association - Unpaid Internships

Next Application Deadline: October 06, 2024

Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for unpaid APHA internships that offer practical work experience. Candidates should be working toward a bachelor, graduate, or postgraduate degree, and all majors are welcome. All internships are unpaid and located in Washington, D.C.

APHA internship general information (please read before applying)

<https://www.apha.org/Professional-Development/APHA-Internships-and-Fellowships/Internship-General-Information>

Connecticut Children's Injury Prevention Center - Hayley Petit Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship

Next Application Deadline: October 07, 2024

The Hayley Petit Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship awards young women enrolled in a college or university with a stipend from the Petit Family Foundation to study injury and violence prevention with Connecticut Children's experts.

<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/community-child-health/community-child-health-program/s/injury-prevention-center/injury-prevention-center-education-training/injury-prevention-center-hayley-petit-injury-and-violence-prevention-fellowship/>

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities - The HACU National Internship Program (HNIP)

Next Application Deadline: October 28, 2024

Offering paid internships in federal agencies to students from all majors and backgrounds!

<https://www.hacu.net/hacu/Apply.asp>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Health Policy Fellows

Applications open: August 1, 2024

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

Fellows have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with key players in federal health policy and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy.

Since 1973, this non-partisan fellowship has offered direct, hands-on policy experience with the most influential congressional and executive offices in the nation's capital to exceptional mid-career health professionals, behavioral/social scientists, and others with an interest in health and health care.

More than 300 fellows from across the nation have gained an insider's perspective of the political process, develop unmatched leadership skills, and build a professional network that lasts a lifetime. The National Academy of Medicine conducts and administers the fellowship, with funding support from RWJF.

Upcoming Information Sessions

Tuesday, August 13 (3:00-4:00 pm EDT)

[Register Here](#)

For more information, start here: <https://healthpolicyfellows.org/>

The American Climate Corps

The effects of Climate Change are a top public health priority. Many of the positions offered through the American Climate Corps are directly related to public health. You will earn a salary in these term-limited positions, help mitigate the effects of climate change, and develop valuable skills in real-life practice.

More details about what the American Climate Corps is, positions available, and how to join:

<https://www.acc.gov/>

Do you have news to share with the CGHS community? If so, please email Jolynn Gardner at jolynngardner@atsu.edu.