
MHA NEWS

March 2016

A note from the Program Director . . .

It's already March! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break. The MHA program has geared up and began another semester. This spring semester, we have been represented on several national platforms:

- Eight students attended ACHE Congress in March
- Three students competed at the UAB Case Competition at the end of February
- Three students competed in the Cleveland Clinic Case Competition at the end of February.

In addition to what our students are doing, I am so pleased to announce our new webpage and Facebook page! Please visit our website at <http://coph.ouhsc.edu/departments/hap/default.aspx> to see the changes. The site has incorporated stakeholder feedback and is more user-friendly than our previous page. Additionally, we have created the **OU MHA Program** Facebook page. Please search for it and “like” or “follow” it. Our ACHE student group will be responsible for keeping it current.

All the best,

Christina Juris Bennett

Program updates:

- The program continues to gather stakeholder feedback about the proposed mission and vision to better meet CAHME criteria. At this point, faculty members, recent graduates, and current students have been consulted.
- Applications for enrollment continue to arrive. Current admission requirements include a GRE or GMAT score and an interview. Other requirements are found on the department webpage.

Please continue to identify potential applicants and encourage them to apply. We seek to grow the program to 15 students for the fall cohort.

- The CAHME accreditation site team will likely be visiting our program September 27-30, 2016. Please be aware that alumni, current students, faculty, executive advisory board members, and administrators will all be necessary for a successful visit. Stay tuned for invitations ~

- Students have begun applying for College of Public Health scholarships. So many of our students experience financial burdens, and these scholarships provide necessary aid. Available scholarships are posted at <http://coph.ouhsc.edu/current/scholarships.aspx>.

As a graduate of the MHA program, please consider whether you are in a position to fund a scholarship for incoming or current students. One of the questions I am asked most frequently by applying students is about financial aid. We believe we would be able to secure more competitive students if we had additional scholarships available.

Faculty updates:

- *Shari Kinney* and *Dale Bratzler* will present their poster titled “How can we work together if we don’t learn together?” at the annual meeting of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health in March.

- *Christina Juris Bennett*, *Shari Kinney*, and *Steven E. Mattachione* will present their poster titled “Achieving program alignment using PDSA rapid improvement cycles” at the annual meeting of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health in March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ACHE Congress in Chicago, Illinois: March 14-17, 2016 (The program will not be hosting an event due to state budget constraints, but students will be present and available for meeting.)
- Commencement will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Embassy Suites Hotel on the OUHSC campus.

Want to help?

To support student activities and ensure success of future OU MHA students, please consider donating to the Health Administration and Policy Department. Thank you.

