

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

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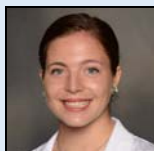
The 2017-2018 year has been a banner year for the MD/MPH Program and Public Health and Medical Education! From receiving scholarships for research opportunities in cardiovascular and genetic diseases, being selected for awards for environmental health research and tropical medicine, dedicating effort to primary healthcare in the community to being chosen for Fulbright Global Health fellowships and NIH –funded pre-doctoral research training in translational research, our students have been actively integrating public health scholarship with their medical training.

This year, we initiated the inaugural **MD/MPH Distinguished Alumni Lecture program** which gave us the opportunity to invite one of our program alumni who is utilizing her combined degree training to tackle one of our most pressing healthcare challenges in the US and beyond. In April, MD/MPH Class of 1998 alumna and Director of the CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Dr. Debra Houry, presented the 2018 MD/MPH Distinguished Alumni lecture on *Addressing the Opioid Epidemic*, the response to which she is leading at the CDC. Attendees included students, faculty and staff across Tulane University and nearby universities who are on the front lines of this epidemic and are seeking insights into CDC programs to foster success. Dr. Houry also took the time to network with our MD/MPH students in a small group session prior to her lecture, when she shared how her public health and medical training provided the foundation to achieving her long-term career goals.

The **MD/MPH Class of 2018** is continuing medical training, having matched in well-respected residency programs at Tulane and across the US, representing 14 states and 14 specialties, including primary care, psychiatry and surgical subspecialties. In addition, 15 graduates collectively received 25 awards for their achievements in public health and medicine. Congratulations Class of 2018!

The successes of our MD/MPH Program, Public Health and Medical Education efforts, and our students are only possible thanks to the hard work, dedication, and support of our faculty, staff and alumni, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude. Please visit our website at <https://sph.tulane.edu/mdmph/home> to view student testimonials and find out more information about our programs and related opportunities.

### Meet the 2018-2019 Student Group Executive Committee



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### MD/MPH Program Alumni Spotlight



**Debra Houry, MD, MPH**

Dr. Houry is the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the CDC. In this role, she leads innovative research and science-based programs to prevent injuries and violence and to reduce their consequences. Dr. Houry is a 1998 MD/MPH graduate of the Tulane School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her MD/MPH Program Distinguished Alumni lecture, “Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Providers on the Frontlines of Medicine and Public Health,” delivered on April 20, 2018, reflected her experiences leveraging her combined degree training at Tulane in her career and helping lead the CDC’s response to the opioid crisis.

## MD/MPH CLASS OF 2018 RESULTS

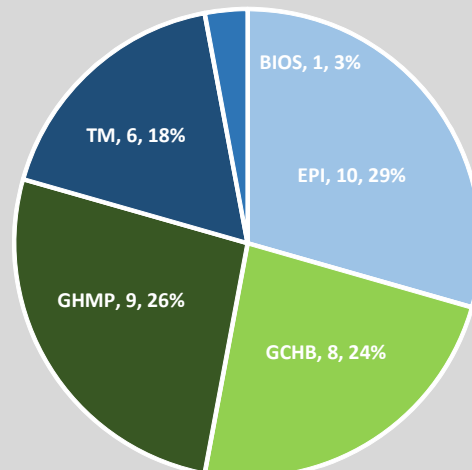
*Another great Match showing by Tulane's MD/MPH students! The Class of 2018 had 34 students completing the MD/MPH Program.*

| First Name  | Last Name | Specialty           | Institution         | State |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Brigid      | Adviento  | Medicine            | Univ Iowa           | IA    |
| Maya        | Appley    | Medicine            | UC San Francisco    | CA    |
| Zachary     | Bergman   | Ophthalmology       | Univ Maryland       | MD    |
| John        | Bloch     | Medicine            | Emory Univ          | GA    |
| Christopher | Carr      | Neurosurgery        | Tulane Univ         | LA    |
| Benjamin    | Chen      | Medicine            | Univ Iowa           | IA    |
| Devin       | Conway    | Orthopaedic Surgery | Yale Univ           | CT    |
| Richard     | Davis     | Pathology           | Duke Univ           | NC    |
| Eric        | Debbold   | Psychiatry          | UC San Diego        | CA    |
| Thomas      | Flowers   | Otolaryngology      | Tulane Univ         | LA    |
| Kristine    | Gu        | Medicine/PH         | Kaiser Permanente   | CA    |
| Geoffrey    | Guenther  | Pediatrics/PH       | Children's National | DC    |
| Renata      | Harkcom   | Family Medicine     | Univ Tennessee      | TN    |
| Alexandra   | Haugh     | Medicine            | Vanderbilt Univ     | TN    |
| Sarah       | Helland   | Psychiatry          | Montefiore Med      | NY    |
| Samantha    | Huo       | Emergency Medicine  | Temple Univ         | PA    |
| Kelly       | Jensen    | Medicine            | Oregon H&S Univ     | OR    |
| Zachary     | Koretz    | Ophthalmology       | Univ Pittsburgh     | PA    |
| Sienna      | Kurland   | Medicine            | NYU                 | NY    |
| Ajibike     | Lapite    | Pediatrics          | Children's PA       | PA    |
| Zachary     | Lenane    | Psychiatry          | San Mateo Behav     | CA    |
| Robert      | Libby     | Urology             | Univ of Tennessee   | TN    |
| Gregory     | Minutillo | Orthopaedic Surgery | Drexel Univ         | PA    |
| Christina   | O'Neal    | Pediatrics          | UC Davis            | CA    |
| Brady       | Page      | Medicine/PH         | Massachusetts Gen   | MA    |
| William     | Preston   | Medicine            | Montefiore Med      | NY    |
| Christina   | Pulvino   | Emergency Medicine  | Univ Cincinnati     | OH    |
| Anne        | Rhudy     | General Surgery     | LSU                 | LA    |
| George      | Sayde     | Medicine/Psychiatry | Tulane Univ         | LA    |
| Christopher | Schmitt   | Pediatrics          | Children's Hosp LA  | CA    |
| Hannah      | Spungen   | Emergency Medicine  | UCLA                | CA    |
| David       | Swift     | General Surgery     | Emory Univ          | GA    |
| Andrew      | Voyadjis  | Neurology           | Tulane Univ         | LA    |
| Ariel       | White     | Pediatrics          | UC San Francisco    | CA    |

### Match Results by Specialty:

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|--------------------|----|
| Emergency Medicine | 3  |
| Family Medicine    | 1  |
| Internal Medicine  | 11 |
| Neurology          | 1  |
| Ophthalmology      | 2  |
| Otolaryngology     | 1  |
| Pathology          | 1  |
| Pediatrics         | 5  |
| Psychiatry         | 3  |
| Surgery            | 5  |
| Urology            | 1  |

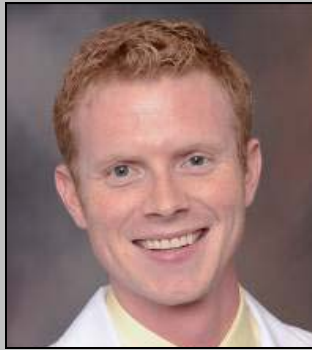
### 2018 MD/MPH Graduates by SPHTM Department:



Congratulations to all of our 2018 MD/MPH award recipients!

- **Brady Page (MD/MPH&TM 2018 Graduate)** received the John J. Walsh, MD Award for the Outstanding Student in the MD/MPH Program, the Sidney K. Simon Memorial Prize for excellence in Tropical Medicine, and the American Federation for Medical Research Student Award.
- **David Swift (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** received the MD/MPH Student Award for Excellence and the E. Edward McCool, Jr. Surgery Award.
- **Sienna Kurland (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** received the school-level Excellence in Public Health Award given by the United States Public Health Service and the Behrhorst International Health Award in the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences for academic excellence and dedication to primary healthcare in lesser-developed countries.
- **Ajibike Lapite (MD/MPH&TM 2018 Graduate)** received the D'Allessandro Award for an outstanding student in the MPH&TM Clinical Program in Tropical Medicine and the Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society Hebert Rothschild Award for outstanding interest and ability in pediatrics.
- **Zachary Koretz (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** received the Tulane School of Medicine Dean's Award, the C. Thorpe Ray Internal Medicine Award, and a Tulane University 34 Award.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Brady Page**  
MD/MPH&TM Class of 2018 Graduate

Brady Page has demonstrated his extraordinary promise in the field of public health and tropical medicine through his work in the prestigious American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Benjamin Kean Fellowship in Papua New Guinea, his Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship in Brazil, and his epidemiology coursework at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. In addition, he has been a very reliable and proactive member of the ASTMH Student-Trainee Leadership Group for almost 4 years. Brady received multiple graduation awards; the John J. Walsh, MD Award for the Outstanding Student in the MD/MPH Program and the Sidney K. Simon Memorial Prize for excellence in Tropical Medicine.

### 2018 MD/MPH SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

**Alex Razavi (MD/MPH Class of 2020)** received the Morgadanes research scholarship for his project, "Association between gut microbial genera and echocardiographic measurements in the Bogalusa heart study population."

**Christopher Carr (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** completed his Morgadanes scholarship for his project, "Population-based screening for cerebral aneurysms."

**Eric Debbold (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** completed his Hayward scholarship for his project, "An Interdisciplinary Clinic for the Treatment and Study of Autism and Other Neuro-behavioral Disorders of Childhood."

**Brigid Adviento (MD/MPH 2018 Graduate)** completed her Hayward scholarship for her project, "Lynch Syndrome Screening in Primary Care."

**Samuel Ficenec (MD/MPH Class of 2020)** received a Fogarty Fellowship in Sierra Leone for his project, "Long-Term Neurologic Sequelae of Lassa Fever."

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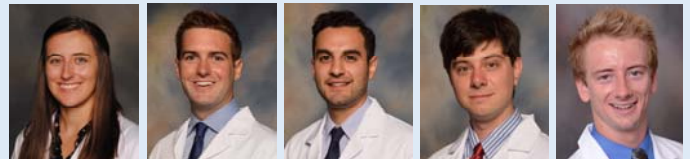
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### 2018-2019 CCTS SCHOLARS

Congratulations to **Frances Gill, Austin Jones, Alexander Razavi, John Tim Prior and Harrison Penrose** for being selected as 2018-2019 Tulane CCTS TL1 Scholars! Tulane partners with the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) TL1 training program, a NIH-funded fellowship program (5TL1TR001418) that prepares investigators to pursue careers in health services and clinical research focused on patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER) methods for evaluating the benefits and harms of different treatment strategies and interventions for health conditions on patient outcomes in real world settings.



### 2018 EICHOLD AWARD

**Carlo Basilio - MD/MPH Class of 2019**



Carlo Basilio was awarded the Eichold MD/MPH Scholarship from the Community Foundation of South Alabama for excellence in the MD/MPH Combined-Degree Program. Through his academic work in medicine and environmental health sciences, Carlo is actively working towards a career focused on improving health systems and healthcare delivery during times of natural and man-made disasters. Specifically, Carlo has worked in Suriname on an initiative dedicated to engaging mobile, technology-enabled community health workers concerning pesticide exposure and birth outcomes in rural communities. In addition, Carlo also received the Ambassador Anania Award for commitment to global environmental health research from the Global Environmental Health Sciences Department.