



# PHPS Alumni Association Newsletter

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## A Message from the PHPSAA President

Happy New Year!!

The Executive Committee of the PHPS Alumni Association is looking forward to working with all of you to make 2006 a productive year for the Association. As a new board member, I was truly impressed with the work of the Executive Committee and the Association members over the last few years. Everyone has been truly committed to fostering the Alumni Association's presence and services to its members.

Just a few of the notable accomplishments include creating a comprehensive Alumni Directory that will serve as an important resource to Alumni and Prevention Specialists. The Association has also created an impressive website, thanks to our *volunteer* web master Hoang Dang ('98). Please visit the website, [www.phpsalumni.org](http://www.phpsalumni.org), to view announcements, past newsletters, Executive Committee meeting minutes, events and the alumni directory, which is coming soon. The Alumni Association also partnered with the PHPS Liaison Committee to design and implement the first-ever PHPS mentorship project. Please see the article on page 3 in this newsletter for more information about this project. The Alumni Association has also been able to sponsor several social events at conferences and during meetings of Prevention Specialists to cultivate the great network we have and bring our diverse group together to share experiences. Please join me in congratulating the work of the past Alumni Association Executive Committee and involved members!

Building on the accomplishments to date, the new Executive Committee wants to make the Alumni Association bigger and better...with your help! One of our goals for the next year is to increase the Association's membership. In the coming months, we will be initiating efforts to boost our membership. We will also be exploring the types of services the Association can provide to its members, including career development activities. The Association will continue to support the mentorship project with the goal of increasing involvement. We will keep you informed of our activities through regular communication and the website and want to encourage you to contact us as well.

The Executive Committee is looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year, and we encourage you to share your ideas for activities and become involved. We can't do it alone; we need your participation!

Sincerely,  
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## News and Updates

### New members of the PHPS Alumni Association Executive Committee

**President – Cindi (McPherson) Melanson, MPH, CHES** (PHPS '99) has been working as Health Scientist in the Office of the Chief Science Officer, Office of Public Health Research, CDC since August 2005. She is a member of the Research Agenda and Promotion Team, and her primary focus now is the development and promotion of the CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015. Prior to this position, she was a Public Health Advisor in the Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Cindi received her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA in Psychology and a Certificate in Community Health from Tufts University. Cindi was a member of the Public Health Prevention Service at CDC from 1999 to 2002. During this time she worked with the Public Health Practice Program Office and the Injury Center before going to her two-year field assignment at the North Carolina State Health Department, where she worked on numerous projects in the Cardiovascular Health Program.

**Treasurer – Garry Lowry, MPH** (PHPS '98) has been a Public Health Advisor with the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at CDC since August 2004. He is assigned to the Washington State Department of Health as a regional field staff. Garry provides technical assistance to 9 programs in 6 states in the northwestern U.S. Prior to his current position, he was the manager of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program in Washington State for three years. In 2001, Garry completed a three-year fellowship with the CDC Public Health Prevention Service. During his fellowship he had six-month assignments in the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods. He also had a two-year field assignment in the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Garry has experience in public health planning, coalition building, program management, and evaluation. Garry earned a Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Utah.

**Member-at-Large – Jeanne Alongi, MPH** (PHPS '97) is a consultant to the Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Program Directors. Her professional interests center on a public health approach to healthy aging and chronic disease prevention. Ms. Alongi served in the Public Health Prevention Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before becoming the director of the arthritis and osteoporosis programs in the California Department of Health Services. She is the recipient of the CDC Peer Award for the Public Health Prevention Service and the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Alongi earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Public Health from the George Washington University.

### PHPS Alumni website now online!

Everything you wanted to know about the PHPS Alumni Association is now available on the PHPS alumni website at [www.phpsalumni.org](http://www.phpsalumni.org)! The website provides updates on PHPSAA activities and is a great way to stay connected. Current information includes how to become a member, a copy of the PHPSAA By-laws, and an archive of past Executive Committee meeting minutes and PHPSAA newsletters. Other items to be added include job postings, an alumni directory, announcements and upcoming social events. Please let us know what you think of the website and if there are other items you would like to see posted on it. The website is a wonderful communication tool and we need your help in making it a useful place to receive and share information. Email your web ideas to [contact@phpsalumni.org](mailto:contact@phpsalumni.org) and don't forget to bookmark [www.phpsalumni.org](http://www.phpsalumni.org)!



## News and Updates – *continued...*

### Mentorship project

The nature of the PHPS program creates some unique situations – moving to a field assignment and new location, balancing field assignment responsibilities and CDC requirements, and awareness that after the three years transitioning to a new job is an absolute, not just a possibility. PHPS alumni are uniquely suited to act as resources to current fellows because of their experiences negotiating the challenges and changes inherent in being a PHPS fellow.

The Mentoring Project was developed to provide a link between current and past PHPS fellows. PHPS alumni are paired with fellows in the second year of the program. The program provides fellows and alumni with the opportunity to interact in a one-to-one relationship that emphasizes personal support and professional development. Mentors can further develop mentorship and public health leadership skills, as well as use their own PHPS and post-PHPS experiences to benefit current fellows. Mentees gain a valuable resource on careers, the PHPS program and transitioning to a new city and job. As one mentee stated "I found that the relationship is a two way street as far as discussing employment opportunities, resources, direction of each others' careers, adjustment to a new location, overall decision support and dealing with workplace dynamics."

Mentors and mentees are both actively involved in the matching process. Interested fellows and alumni fill out a short application about their work experience, interests and preferences in their mentor or mentee (i.e., geographic location, interests, degrees, etc.). Mentors receive copies of all mentee applications (with names removed) and are asked to rank the applications that best match their interests and experience. Mentees review the mentor applications and list those they feel are the best match for them. The Mentoring Committee (made up of current fellows and alumni) matches the applicants based on their preferences. The frequency and means of communication are left up to the mentees and mentors.

During the 2004-2005 year, nine mentor-mentee pairs were established. At the mid-year evaluation, all of the alumni and fellows considered their match satisfactory. Mentees found that their mentors were particularly helpful with addressing concerns and questions regarding the PHPS Program, field assignment issues and providing personal support. Mentors also benefited from the relationship. As one mentor stated, in addition to providing mentoring, she used her interactions with her mentee to improve her listening skills, train herself not to rush to solutions, and learn techniques for empowering the mentee to discover his/her own solutions.

Due to the delayed start of the 2005-2006 PHPS year, recruitment for this year's mentors will take place in February of 2006. If you would like to participate in the Mentoring Project, please contact Lisa Roth-Edwards ('99) at [lisarothedwards@comcast.net](mailto:lisarothedwards@comcast.net) or Dianna Frick ('03) at [dfrick@mt.gov](mailto:dfrick@mt.gov).

### Are you looking for PHPS alumni?

In July 2005, PHPSAA was asked to partner with the PHPS Liaison Committee to compile a comprehensive PHPS Alumni Directory. Working together for several months, representatives from both groups contacted PHPS alumni around the globe (literally!) to obtain their current contact information. This first-ever, comprehensive PHPS Alumni Directory includes information on graduates from the program from 1999 through 2002. As subsequent classes graduate from the program, alumni will be contacted to add their information to the directory.



## News and Updates – *continued...*

This directory is not only a resource for locating and connecting with old friends and colleagues, but a useful tool in networking, making new friends, and building the strongest network of public health professionals worldwide. A modified version of the directory is now posted on the PHPSAA website (<http://www.phpsalumni.org/>). Check it out. If your information is missing, incorrect or has changed, please send an email update via the website to [contact@phpsalumni.org](mailto:contact@phpsalumni.org).

### Alumni news

**Sue D'Isabel** and her husband welcomed Gavin Wallace Verral, born on September 10, 2005.

**Librada Estrada** and her husband welcomed Xochi Kimiko Tamanaha, born on March 1, 2005. She is now nine months old and makes them laugh every day. Librada is still at NACCHO working on Project Public Health Ready. The project continues to grow.

On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:08pm, **Rachel Arnold** and her husband Eric welcomed their new baby boy, Jacen David Arnold. He weighed in at 7lbs 6oz and was 19.75 inches long. He's perfect (of course!), and they are all doing really well. Rachel will be graduating from Willamette University College of Law in May 2006 and will be starting a job as a law clerk with Judge Virginia Linder on the Oregon Court of Appeals in August 2006. Her new email address is [rachel.arnold@verizon.net](mailto:rachel.arnold@verizon.net).

**Maureen Sinclair** has extended her current assignment as Deputy Director of the CDC Central Asia Regional Office in Almaty, Kazakhstan for an additional year. She is planning to be there until May 2007. She also got engaged on Christmas Eve to Brad Bartee, whom she met in Kazakhstan. He works for the U.S. Embassy. They are planning an October wedding in California.

**Bernadette Ford Lattimore** and her husband Alex announce the birth of their daughter, Nia Alexandra Lattimore, born on December 13, 2005. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. They are doing great and enjoying the best gift one could receive during the holiday season.

**Rebecca Drewette-Card** just took a new position as a Health Planner with the Maine Physical Activity and Nutrition Program. She has been serving in this capacity as the state Physical Activity Coordinator since early December.

**Cindi Melanson** took a new position in August 2005 as Health Scientist in the Office of Public Health Research at CDC. She is a member of the Research Agenda and Promotion Team, and her primary focus now is the development and promotion of the *CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015*.

**Julie Wolthuis** and her husband Dan welcomed Andrew Daniel Wolthuis, born on September 28, 2005. Julie has decided not to return to work following maternity leave so she can focus on her new role as a mom. Her current job will be posted soon if anyone is looking for a new job in Georgia.

**Candice Jalonen Swartwood** (PHPS '98) and her husband David gave birth to a baby boy, Jackson Sayer, on August 19, 2005. To his parents' surprise and delight, he arrived three weeks early! Jackson was born 7 pounds and 2 ounces, 19.5 inches long.



## PHPSAA Activities

### PHPSAA hosts social during APHA Annual Meeting

On December 11, 2005 the alumni association hosted a social at the APHA annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Over 20 alumni and current Prevention Specialists attended the mixer which was held at the Fado Restaurant. The social gave members the opportunity to catch up with old friends and connect with new ones. PHPS Interim Director, John Lisco attended, as well as several potential PHPS applicants.

## PHPS Program Updates

### 2005 class orientation and social

Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director (center) and Mr. William Gimson, Chief Operating Officer, CDC (back center) joined the Class of 2005 Prevention Specialists, alumni and PHPS staff on October 26, 2005 for a social held during orientation. The PHPS Alumni Association sponsored the social, held at Chili's on Lavista Road in Atlanta. Dr. Gerberding spent time talking to everyone in attendance, inquiring about where each Specialist was placed throughout CDC. Dr. Gerberding's visit was a great opportunity to highlight the diverse skills of Prevention Specialists and their value to the Agency and the field.

Cindi Melanson ('99), the new PHPSAA President, welcomed the 2005 class to PHPS and CDC during their orientation. She talked about the Alumni Association and let them know that there is a whole network of PHPS alumni willing to provide guidance and support as they go through the program.





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### **Join PHPSAA today!**

We need **YOU!** We are always looking for new members to join the PHPSAA. Membership in PHPSAA provides an opportunity to create and support a network of public health professionals throughout the nation and the world. If you are already a member – thank you for your continued support!! We ask you to touch base with your PHPS colleagues and encourage them to join forces with us so that we can make the Association better than ever!

**Where do I sign up?** Joining the alumni association just got easier – membership forms are available on the PHPSAA website at [www.phpsalumni.org/membership](http://www.phpsalumni.org/membership). Membership dues are \$25 annually. There is also an option to become a lifetime member by contributing a one-time due of \$350. Membership dues are used to support the PHPSAA newsletter, mailings, Alumni-sponsored social events, and other PHPS Alumni Association activities. Members will also receive the PHPS Alumni Directory. This directory will enable the Association to keep track of where alumni are and what they are doing. Members are also eligible to vote in annual Executive Committee elections. If you have questions about the PHPSAA or membership, feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

**Why should I join?** Joining PHPSAA is one way you can stay connected to what other alumni are doing and to keep current on activities happening within the PHPS program and at CDC. The Alumni Directory can help facilitate your networking efforts with PHPS colleagues. Joining PHPSAA is also a way to give back to the program by providing support and encouragement to current Prevention Specialists. This can be done by participating in the Mentorship program or by participating in other Alumni Association-sponsored activities. The PHPS Alumni Association is your organization – with your help, we can create networking and educational opportunities that benefit alumni and Prevention Specialists alike. *JOIN US TODAY!*