Technology enhances communication about the School

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES provide an easy, and now mainstream, means to share information about research, practice and education opportunities—and a great way to network with colleagues, classmates and others.

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health offers a variety of ways for students, alumni and friends to stay connected with the School and each other around the world. Check out these opportunities:

- Tap into relationships and stay informed. www.linkedin.com
- Post or search for jobs in public health. www.uncsph.experience.com
- Find alumni in our online community. www.alumniconnections.com/sph.unc.edu
- Follow the School on Twitter. www.twitter.com/uncpublichealth
- Check out the School’s YouTube channel. www.youtube.com/user/UNCpublichealth
- Picture what the School has been up to. www.flickr.com/photos/uncsph/collections
- Join our Facebook community. www.facebook.com

For links to more School connections (Dean’s blog, events calendar, RSS feeds, iTunes podcasts, myspace, Second Life, Wikipedia, Student Affairs blog), visit www.sph.unc.edu/more_connections.

Events and other news

Minority Health Conference addresses health inequality in the modern world

THE 31ST ANNUAL Minority Health Conference, “Building Community in the Age of Information: Fighting Health Inequality in the Modern World,” was held Feb. 26, 2010, at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill, N.C. The event was planned and hosted by the School’s Minority Student Caucus.

Columbia University’s Robert E. Fullilove, EdD, presented the 12th annual William T. Small Jr. Keynote Lecture. The conference is the largest and longest-running student-led health conference in the country, regularly attracting more than 500 students, faculty, researchers, public health and human services professionals, and community leaders from N.C. and surrounding states, with at least as many throughout the country viewing the keynote lecture by webcast or on DVD.

Online learning certificates now offered

THE SCHOOL now offers two new online learning programs for students not seeking degrees. The Public Health Leadership Program’s online certificate in global health confers academic certification in global health competencies, focusing on global health issues, ethics, epidemiology and
monitoring evaluation. Apply by June 1, 2010. Learn more at www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/globalhealth.

The Certificate in Maternal and Child Health Leadership (MCH Olé!) provides practitioners with core knowledge and skills to promote the health of women, children and families around the world. Apply by Oct. 1, 2010. Learn more at www.sph.unc.edu/mch_online.

New dissertation awards and merit-based scholarships offered

Two new programs to support students have been funded through Carolina Public Health Solutions, the group administering the $50 million gift to the School from Dennis and Joan Gillings.

As many as two dissertation awards will be granted to current doctoral candidates whose work has strong potential for public health impact. The $5,000 award(s) will be presented in spring 2010.

Any student applying to a UNC graduate degree program in public health also will be eligible to receive merit-based scholarship support. The School plans to make funding pools available each year. Academic departments and the Public Health Leadership Program will consider applications and make funding decisions.

Guest lecturers enrich School experience

Numerous distinguished guests have made presentations at the School over the past several months. Below are highlights of a few who have shared their experiences and expertise. To hear many of these lectures online, visit www.sph.unc.edu/webcasts.

Dean’s Lecture Series

CDC Director Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, spoke on Oct. 9, 2009, about the ways public health training “bridges the implementation gap.” More than 400 people packed the School’s atrium to hear Frieden discuss Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and public health priorities, including improvement of public health surveillance and epidemiology, support of state and local public health action, strengthening of global health work and having greater impact on public health policies.


Career fair provides networking opportunities

More than 275 students, alumni and others attended the School’s 2010 Career and Internship Fair on Feb. 4, 2010. Thirty-three companies and agencies sent representatives to meet some of the best trained public health students in the world.

This year, Abt Associates was a “Gold Sponsor” of the event. Abt associates apply their expertise in research, consulting, technical assistance, data collection, and medical and life sciences to a wide variety of problems in the public and private sectors. (See www.abtassociates.com.)

The School thanks Abt and other career fair sponsors, including ICF International, RTI International and the School Alumni Association. Read more about the event at www.sph.unc.edu/career_fair.

James Marks, MD, MPH, senior vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, spoke to faculty, staff and students on April 9, 2010. His talk was titled “Wayne Gretzky and the Future of Public Health Leadership.”

2010 Foard Lecture

Jeanne Lambrew, PhD, director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Health Reform, was expected at press time to deliver the 2010 Fred T. Foard Jr. Memorial Lecture on April 15 at The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill, N.C. Lambrew received master’s and doctoral degrees in health policy (in 1991 and 1993, respectively) from UNC.

Company representative Brad Hollern and master’s candidate Alrick Edwards talk to students about job opportunities at Abt Associates.