



Delton Atkinson chats with friends at the 2011 Minority Health Conference.

The gift of leadership — Atkinson chosen as foundation board president

Delton Atkinson, MPH, a division director in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, has been elected president of the School's Public Health Foundation board. A board member since 2007, Atkinson is connected to the School in almost countless ways. He earned two Master of Public Health degrees at the School — one in biostatistics and one in health policy and administration (now health policy and management) — and serves as an adjunct faculty member in biostatistics. He has held leadership roles in the School's alumni association and on various committees, including one to increase diversity in the School community.

"I am delighted and honored to serve as president of the School of Public Health Foundation Board," Atkinson says. "The Foundation has a rich history of working with the dean to improve the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. I hope to continue prior presidents' excellent stewardship of Foundation resources and to aid the School's becoming more diverse and inclusive. Boosting and broadening our financial resources and base of support also will be a focus of my leadership. Achieving this goal is paramount, as people — faculty and staff members, students and alumni — are the heart and soul of the School."

Atkinson also has established The Atkinson Scholarship Fund, which makes funds available to any student at the School, with a preference for students who enhance the social, economic and cultural diversity of the student body.

— Linda Kastleman

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