



COMMENCEMENT 2023



GILLINGS SCHOOL OF
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH



THE OLD WELL IS SURROUNDED
BY AZALEAS IN SPRING.

GILLINGS SCHOOL of GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA *at* CHAPEL HILL

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 13, 2023



**GILLINGS SCHOOL OF
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR JOURNEYS AHEAD!

NANCY MESSONNIER, MD

DEAN AND BRYSON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH



Dean Nancy Messonnier

Congratulations, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health 2023 graduates!

This is my first Commencement as dean of the Gillings School, and I am beyond excited to join in this celebration of all that you have learned and accomplished. From the day I joined the School

last September, I have been consistently amazed by the sheer quantity and variety of work taking place across our departments and programs.

You, of course, have been at the heart of that work.

Whether you studied policy or engineering; whether you focused on healthy behaviors or viruses; if you analyzed data or supported families — you were learning to be a public health leader of tomorrow.

Now, it's time to put your skills into action.

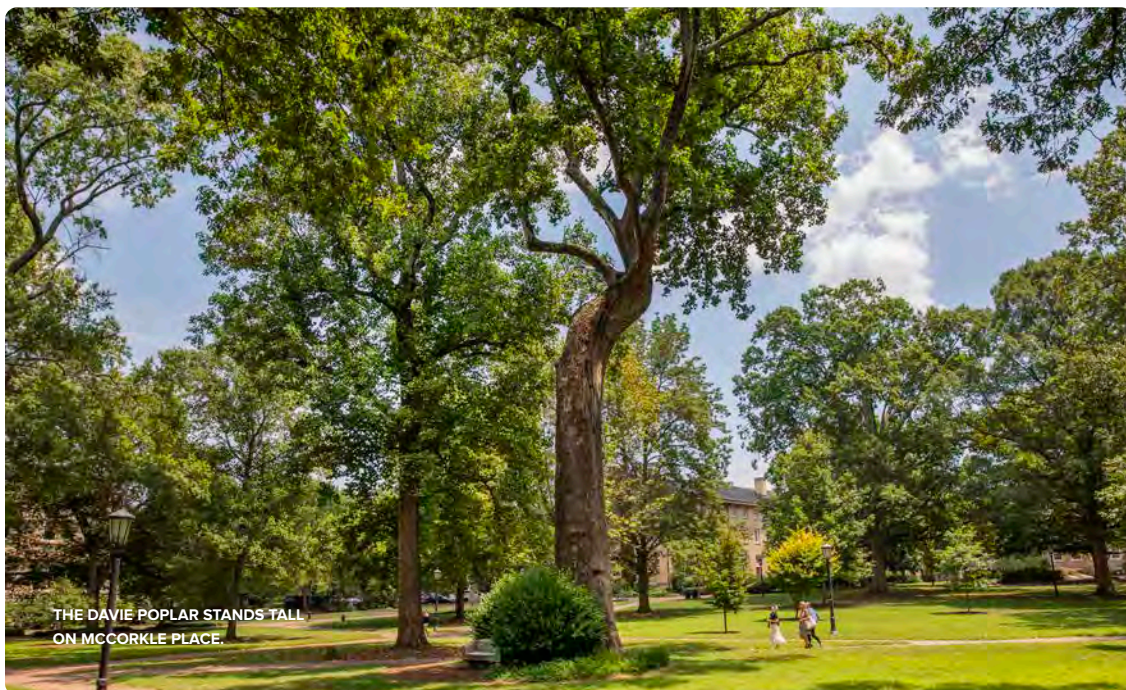
Like the 21,000+ UNC public health graduates who came before you, you arrived at this day with help from many people: your family and friends, faculty and staff across campus, and your fellow students. Remember to thank them, because what they represent is central to all public health achievements: We are stronger together.

As you move forward in your careers, I hope you will all be brave. Don't be afraid to say yes to challenges — they give you the chance to test yourself and make meaningful change. And don't be afraid to fail at something — failing is how we learn.

Remember that the Gillings School will be here, even as you move onward and outward. Please stay connected, rely on our resources, and come back and visit.

We are thankful that you chose us as part of your public health journey, and we are so proud of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Messonnier". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.



THE DAVIE POPLAR STANDS TALL
ON MCCORKLE PLACE.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. RAJ PANJABI

PHYSICIAN, PUBLIC SERVANT AND FOUNDER,
LAST MILE HEALTH



Dr. Raj Panjabi

Recognized by TIME as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World, Dr. Raj Panjabi is a physician, professor, epidemiologist, entrepreneur and public servant. He serves as special assistant to President Biden and senior director for global health security and biodefense at the

White House National Security Council. In this role, he supports the president and the national security adviser in coordinating federal policy to prevent, prepare for, and respond to epidemics and pandemics.

At the Gillings School's 2023 Commencement celebration on May 13, Panjabi will offer insights from these roles and from his experiences as a medical professor, the third United States Global Malaria Coordinator and CEO of the nonprofit Last Mile Health.

Panjabi's grandparents were religious minorities in Sindh province (present day Pakistan). Due to the British Partition in 1947, they fled to Mumbai and Indore in India. A generation later, his parents migrated from India to West Africa.

"I was born in Monrovia, Liberia, where I lived until I was nine years old," Panjabi shares. "When civil war broke out in 1989, my family abruptly evacuated to Sierra Leone on a military cargo plane. We were eventually resettled in North Carolina."

After nearly a decade in the U.S., he was offered a full scholarship to attend UNC-Chapel Hill.

Panjabi became a mentee of [the late] Dr. Alan Cross, who was a professor in both the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health. On Cross's recommendation, Panjabi traveled to rural Alaska the summer after his junior year and worked with community health aides who had been trained to provide primary health care to their neighbors.

"That summer set me on my life course," he says. "It's the reason I started med school in 2002 — I wanted to build organizations like the one I witnessed there. As a refugee, I was moved by the commitment of those health workers to serve their own communities. They inspired me to return to Liberia to do the same."

During medical school at UNC, he traveled to Liberia multiple times and founded Last Mile Health. At the time, the post-war country had only 50 doctors to serve more than 4 million people. Panjabi worked to recruit and train community health teams and outreach nurses to decentralize HIV treatment and narrow the rural health gap; he also launched the nonprofit's first clinic.

He flew back to Chapel Hill just days before his graduation in December 2007 and, in the following years, crossed the Atlantic regularly while completing his medical residency, teaching at Harvard Medical School, caring for patients at Mass General Brigham's health care system and helping to expand Last Mile Health to work in rural areas across several countries in Africa.

Over the ensuing years, Panjabi also served on several boards and advisory groups. His varied experiences have all contributed to the immense hope he finds in public health.

"I know graduates are already feeling the weight of the problems they will face in their careers," he says. "As an immigrant, I deeply believe that we are not defined — as people or as professionals — by the circumstances we face, but rather by how we respond to them. A public health education gives us the tools we need to respond effectively, and now a whole new graduating class is prepared to fight for the health of all."

**"We are not defined by the
circumstances we face, but rather
by how we respond to them.
Public health gives us the tools
we need to respond to the great
challenges of the 21st century."**

— DR. RAJ PANJABI

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Please stand for the processional of the official party,
faculty members and candidates for degrees.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The Official Party Members of the Faculty Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees Candidates for Master's Degrees Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
PRESIDING	Nancy Messonnier Dean, Gillings School of Global Public Health
WELCOME	Nancy Messonnier
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS	Asia Carter Co-President, Minority Student Caucus
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Alka Manoj Co-President, Student Government
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Raj Panjabi Physician, Public Servant and Founder of Last Mile Health
RECOGNITION OF DEGREES	Kristin Black Board Chair, Alumni Association Advisory Board Naya Villarreal Research, Innovation and Global Solutions William Vizuite Environmental Sciences and Engineering
CLOSING REMARKS	Nancy Messonnier
ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL	Please remain in place for the recessional of the official party, faculty members and our newest alumni.

After the recessional, we invite graduates and their guests to
a reception at the Gillings School. Find details inside the back cover.

THE OFFICIAL PARTY

CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Nancy Messonnier, MD
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Vice Dean

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in Public Health Candidate
Co-President, Student Government
Association

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Candidate
Co-President, Student Government
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Founder of Last Mile Health

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Global Solutions

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and Engineering

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Environmental Sciences and
Engineering

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Epidemiology

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Health Behavior

Morris Weinberger, PhD
Health Policy and Management

Carolyn Halpern, PhD
Maternal and Child Health

Melinda Beck, PhD
Nutrition (Interim Chair)

Anna Schenck, PhD
Public Health Leadership Program

HONOREES

*Harriet Hylton Barr Distinguished
Alumni Award*

Jason West, PhD
Environmental Sciences and Engineering

John E. Larsh Jr. Award for Mentorship

Michael Hudgens, PhD
Biostatistics

*Edward G. McGavran Award for
Excellence in Teaching*

Lindsey Smith Taillie, PhD
Nutrition

*Bernard G. Greenberg Alumni
Endowment Award for Teaching,
Research and Service*

Leah McCall Devlin, DDS
Health Policy and Management

Teaching Innovation Award

Naim Rashid, PhD
Biostatistics

Chantel Martin, PhD
Epidemiology

Musa Manga, PhD
Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Abigail Hatcher, PhD
Health Behavior

Melanie Studer, PhD
Health Policy and Management

Aunchalee Palmquist, PhD, IBCLC
Maternal and Child Health

Anna Kahkoska, PhD
Nutrition

Emily Taylor, MPH
Academic Affairs

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Purva Trivedi
Master's Student of Health Equity, Social
Justice and Human Rights

Celeste Kurz Goodwin
Doctoral Student of Nutrition

NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

The following information, condensed from *An Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide*, published by the American Council on Education, identifies academic attire worn during today's ceremony.

The bachelor's gown, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, that hangs nearly to the ground; the back part of its oblong shape is cut square, and the arc in the front is cut away. Bachelors' and masters' gowns are untrimmed.

The doctor's gown may be worn open or closed, and has bell-shaped sleeves. Doctors' gowns are usually faced with black velvet, with three bars across the sleeves, although the color of the velvet may vary according to the field of study. Some doctoral candidates may wear a unique Carolina blue gown that features dark blue facings and crossbars outlined in white piping and bearing the University's shield supported by torches of learning.

Hoods, which differ in length for the three degrees, are lined with official colors of the university or college that conferred the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other.

Hoods also are edged and bound with velvet in the color appropriate to the field of study. The colors in the hoods and gowns of faculty represent the following fields in which degrees were earned:

Apricot: Nursing
Brown: Fine Arts
Citron: Social Work
Crimson: Journalism
Dark Blue: Philosophy
Golden Yellow: Science
Green: Medicine
Lemon Yellow: Library Science
Light Blue: Education
Lilac: Dentistry
Olive Green: Pharmacy
Orange: Engineering
Peacock Blue: Public Administration
Pink: Music
Purple: Law
Sage Green: Physical Education
Salmon Pink: Public Health
Scarlet: Theology
Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy
White: Arts, Letters, Humanities



LEFT TO RIGHT ARE FACULTY MEMBERS DR. ALEXANDRA LIGHTFOOT, NAYA VILLARREAL, DR. WILLIAM VIZUETE AND DR. DANA RICE.

KEY (FOR UNDERGRADUATES ONLY)

- † Graduating Phi Beta Kappa
- * Graduating with Distinction
(overall GPA of at least 3.500)
- ** Graduating with Highest Distinction (overall GPA
of at least 3.800)
- + Graduating with Honors (Senior Thesis)
- ++ Graduating with Highest Honors (Senior Thesis)

AUGUST 2022 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Javair Anderson
Ladaysia Jackson-Antrum
Spencer Tilley
Yating Zou **

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Victor Abiona
Vincent Abiona
Faris Almubaslat
Delaine Perez Alvarado
Amy Amuquandoh
Amanda Antono
Kathryn Atkins
Kwame Boachie
Sydney Butler
Sara Chadwick
Holli Cline
Bryan Dobbs
Anna Dodson
Rebecca Duerre
Krishna Dutt
Ali Eakes
Anna Feld
Bethlehem Gebre
Anna Gilleskie
Kelly Goo
Morgan Greenwood
Kelly Greeson
Mary Gwin
Alexandra Hamann
Rasha Khaffagi
Amanda Le
Andrew Lewis
Carolyn Lis
Khanh Luong
William Martin
Carson Merenbloom
Abigail Midlige
Arielle Moss
Richon Ohafia
Geoffrey Orme-Evans
Gideon Park
Sydney Perales
Christine Perocchi
Tucker Philbrook
Sophia Platcow
Jaclyn Portelli Tremont
Charline Roundhill
Sarah Russel

Christopher Rutter
Ashley Samuelson
Alyssa Scott
Jessica Sprinkles
Tamara Staehler
Matthew Underwood
McKensie Wall
Sabrina Wang
Lily Wilkinson

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Daniel Amparo
Hania Zanib
Maya Hoon
Corey Pabel-Short

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Anna Cochrane
Jacquelyne Gaddy
Arianne Morrison
Ebieri Okah

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Timothy Purvis

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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Lunide Sylne

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Venita Embry
Caroline Efird
Dane Emmerling
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Gabrielle Jenkins
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Chunyan Li
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Yue Pan
Audrey Renson
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Marina Sweeney
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Christine Walsh
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Laura Zhou
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Kanecia Zimmerman

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Gilson Honvoh
John Strapp



DOCTORAL STUDENT KARL JOHNSON SPEAKS WITH FACULTY MEMBER DR. MARK HOLMES AT A PUBLIC HEALTH BRIEFING FOR STATE LEGISLATORS.

DECEMBER 2022 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Joshua Causey
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Dylan James
Yunzhe Qian **
Christina Marie Samodal

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

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Raquel Bartz
Amina Bility
Leah Burns
Bre' Chambers
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Phong Dinh
Arielle Dunaway
Andrew Dyksterhouse
Karen Entrekin
Elizabeth Gottschalk
Casey Granack
Deloria Hendrickson
Tevin Jenkins
Marlowe Lindsay
Lamar Mack
Sana Matloub
Joshua McNebb
George Monjimbo
James Neal
Amy O'Connor
Isaiah Randall
Me Me Sai
Caroline Schurr
Christina Smith
Randi Towns
Lillie Utley
Tejaswini Vasamsetty
Nicole Ward
Jennifer Woody
Shuvon Young

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Olukayode Akinlaja
Miralinda Aoun
Lohitha Bandi
Bethany Brake

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Helen Bryant
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Tandeka Burks
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Bailey Caudle
Alexis Cope
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Emma Mairson
Nicole McDonald
Darrius McMillian
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Grace Morningstar
Adrianna Mulligan
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Brittany Njoku
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Lauren Parrish
Ishani Patel
Jessica Pettersson
Preeyanka Rao
Hannah Isabel Shai
Jaskeerat Sian
Liisa Smith
Jane Tandler
Reed Teel
Julia Weinrich
Sarah Wu
Kossana Young

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Caitlin Cassidy
Peyton Kuhlert

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Claire Jensen

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Zhenduo Yao

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Nathan Bean
Dazhe Chen
Jeliah Clark
Kristen Downs
Josée Dussault
LáShauntá Glover
Kathleen Knocke
Olufunmilayo Arogbokun Knutson
Meghan O'Leary
Nidia Rodriguez Ormaza
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Yumeng Ren
Joyce Rhoden
Wendi Rotunda
Christine Schalkoff
Sydney Thai
Yitian Zhang



GILLINGS UNDERGRADUATES AWAIT THEIR WALK INTO
CARMICHAEL ARENA FOR COMMENCEMENT.

MAY 2023 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Yasmin Rocio Adame-Zavala
Alexandra Brynn Adair **
Simmi Agarwal *
Kevin Edward Agner*
Parnika Agrawal ***
Coral Harris Aman **
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Noah Adam Ashenafi *
Damilola D. Ayinde *
Paige Elizabeth Azzarita
Mason Bailey *
Ellie Neff Balakrishnan *+
Eniyah L'shae Baptiste **
Allison Marie Baumgartner *
Maliha Islam Bhuiyan ++**
Heidi Ann Bleyer *
Neha Bollam **
Isabella Clarice Boyd *
Makell Stephen Brown ++**
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Michael Fowler *
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Halima Noor Hasan *
Mehmet Burak Hatip **
Madison Olivia Headen *
Kylie Blair Heilferty **
Sahil Dipen Hira *
Ashley Grace Hoover **



PARTICIPANTS FILL THE FRIDAY CENTER FOR THE 2023 MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE.

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Katherine Gray Moss **
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Kano Amagai
Jessica Tiffany Amberg
Caroline Grace Annas
Jordan April
Taylor Leigh Capretz Arbuckle
Julci Lek Areza
David Philip Artin
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Zainab Azam
Kyle Daniel Azzara
Margaret Rose Bailey
Jeenn Alain Barreiro-Rosado
Jillian Olivia Barthelémy
Valencia Marva Bascho-George
Rachel Sumner Beardsley
Annie Lakey Becker
Jacquelyn Mary Bedingham
Gina I. Beer
Jiaxun Bei
Kala Curran Bernard
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Cheyanne Sarah Bierly
Cheryl West Blevins
Lauren Ashley Blum
Sabey Lefler Boswell
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 Kacey Elizabeth Corjulo
 Callia Anastasia Cox
 Ashley Anne Cram
 Katherine Anne Crawford
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 Logan Stuart Crisp
 Flora Keonaonaokapuapike Hanako Cross
 Andrea Millary Cuevas
 Jack Edgar Dalton
 Leah Kristen Daniel
 Hannah Jean Darr
 Jessica Loreen Davidson
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 Karlye Jessica Denner
 Caitlin Marie Dennison
 Pooja Deshpande
 Jackson Hill Devadas
 Brianna Nicholette Dewitty
 Dawn Michelle DiMare Thiery
 Hanna Dingel
 Ryan Edward Doerzbacher
 Sauma Upile Mtila Doka
 Alexander Paul Dolwick
 Chloe Donohoe
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 Emma L. Doran
 Sarah Margaret Dressel
 Ellen Anne Druebbisch
 Molly Claire Dyer
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 Averyl Julian Edwards
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 Anuva Fellner
 Lauren Elizabeth Ferner
 Doruntina Fida
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 Brendan Chisholm Finn
 Gabrielle Elizabeth Fogg
 Maegann Elizabeth Foster
 Bryan Marie Francis
 John Dyson Fravel
 Jenna Christine Frey
 Kelli Gaus
 Jazzmin Ariana Gentry
 Shomik Chowdhury Ghosh
 Teerra Denise Gillespie
 Michelle Gillig
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 Ruofan Gongye
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 Karina Kenagy Gonzalez
 Madeleine Claire Green
 Sara Lynn Green
 Ana Teresa Gutierrez Ramirez
 Jennifer C. Gutierrez-Wu
 Emily Jean Haas
 Sarah E. Hackman
 Semhal Alem Hadgu
 Natalie Hairston
 Mia Ashmore Haller
 Brittany Danielle Hamilton
 Rana Youssry Hammouda
 Clara Elizabeth Hare-Grogg
 Alec Hartman
 Caroline Hays
 Clare Elizabeth Henderson
 Kaitlin Hiciano
 Frantasia Tatanyá Hill
 Brittany Ann Hinnant
 Clark Daniel Hitchcock
 Destiny Louise Ho
 Jasmine Nicole Hodges
 Samantha Cheyenne Hoelzer
 Marilyn Lucille Hohl
 Abigail Holt
 Abigale Hughes
 Aaron James Hull
 Danielle Callie Hume
 Orobosa Idehen
 Darius CeBron Ingram
 Ana Jafarinia
 Ying Jin
 Sarah Straka Jiudice
 Jasmine Nicole Johnson
 Lois Christine Johnson
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 Enioluwaduroti Abigail Johnson
 Alayah Cyan Johnson-Jennings
 Shaun Ray Jones
 Ryan Carter Jones
 Erin Jones
 Seowoo Jung
 Maanasa Kanimilli
 Julia Rose Katz
 Margaret Kelly
 Min Kyung Kim
 Mitchell O'Hara Kimber
 Elizabeth Kimmel
 Logan Marie Klein
 Abigail Knoble
 Saayli Kokitkar
 Carolyn Brogna Kowalski
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 Meredith H. Kraus
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 Ling Wai Iris Kwok
 Christina G. Labows
 Josefina Paz Labra Escudero
 Quaana Lake
 Emma Frances Landau
 Emily Anna Lane
 Robyn MacKenzie Lane
 Laarni Escantilla Lapat
 Suzanna Rose Larkin
 Kai Nishime Larson
 Katherine Alesa Latour
 Kristopher Brandon-Paul LaTour
 Yasmeen Lee
 Daniel M. Lercher
 Corey Elizabeth Levinson
 Marcea Lewis
 Gisella Tellys Lie
 Rebekah Lim
 Madeline Jean Link
 Maria Catherine Lohmann
 Christopher Lopez
 Katherine Elizabeth Lucas
 Caylin Arianna Luebeck
 Veda Luthra
 Carmella Veronica Macasaet
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FRIENDS ENJOY THE SUNSHINE IN GILLINGS' OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.

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EIGHT ACADEMIC UNITS

Biostatistics
Environmental Sciences and Engineering
Epidemiology
Health Behavior
Health Policy and Management
Maternal and Child Health
Nutrition
Public Health Leadership Program

240 full-time faculty members (fall 2022)

2,461 students (fall 2022)

58% — residents of North Carolina

11% — international students

46% — identify as a race/ethnicity other than white
(among non-international students)



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GRADUATES PAY A VISIT TO ROSENAU HALL.



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Look for photographs of this year's Commencement ceremony at
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THANK YOU!



THE ROSENAU HALL CUPOLA RISES INTO A CAROLINA BLUE SKY.

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A GRAD-TO-BE PROUDLY DISPLAYS HER STOLE.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Immediately following the ceremony, please enjoy light refreshments at our Commencement reception, which will take place at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. The School is a 0.7-mile walk from Carmichael Arena.

If you prefer not to walk to the Gillings School, shuttle buses are available. The buses will run between the South Street curb outside Carmichael Arena to the front entrance of Michael Hooker Research Center at Gillings. Buses also will be available until 6 p.m. for guests who would like a ride back to their parking deck after the reception.

The wait time for shuttle service may reach 5–20 minutes. We appreciate your patience!

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PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING, AND
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