



DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

18TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022
3:00 PM

Public Health Academic Building (PHAB)
450 Clarkson Avenue, 2nd Floor
Classroom 2E and Virtual



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Class of 2022

PROGRAM

WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

DELTA OMEGA INDUCTION

CLOSING REMARKS

WELCOME GREETINGS

Kitaw Demissie, MD, PhD, Dean

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

Denise Bruno, MD, MPH
Community Health Sciences

Elizabeth Helzner, PhD, MS
Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Laura Geer, PhD, MHS Environmental &
Occupational Health Sciences

Thomas Mackie, PhD, MPH
Health Policy & Management

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

2022 EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

Kelsey Sklar

*Presented by Celia Quinn, MD, MPH
Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Disease Control at the New York City
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene*

THE LOWELL E. BELLIN, MD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Kayla Bedeau

Presented by Denise Bruno, MD, MPH

THE SAMUEL KAVALER, MD 1922 COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND FLORENCE KAVALER, MD 1959 COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AWARD FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Estela Cohetero

Presented by Marlene Camacho-Rivera, ScD, MPH

THE ROY MILNER SEIDEMAN, MD AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Benjamin Bass

Presented by Janet Rosenbaum, PhD

THE DR. ALLEN D. SPIEGEL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Briana Episcopia

Lydia Fu

Presented by Sergios Kolokotronis, PhD

THE JOHN J. WALSH, MD AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP IN AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

Francesca Macaluso

Presented by Elizabeth Helzner, PhD, MS

THE DR. MAHFOUZ H. ZAKI MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

Santos Rivera

Presented by Daniel Ehlke, PhD, MA

THE WILLIAM KUCHLER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIostatISTICS

Wenqi Qiu

Presented by Rose Calixte, PhD

DEAN'S MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Danvy Truong

Presented by Kitaw Demissie, MD, PhD

DELTA OMEGA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Pascal James Imperato, MD, MPH&TM

HONORARY MEMBER

Mr. Harvey Lawrence, Chief Executive Officer
Brownsville Multi-Service (BMS)
Family Health and Wellness Centers

Presented by Pascal James Imperato, MD, MPH&TM

FACULTY MEMBER

Marlene Camacho-Rivera, ScD, MS, MPH
Presented by Tracey Wilson, PhD

STUDENT MEMBERS

Presented by Denise Bruno, MD, MPH

Benjamin Bass

Ludmilla Ferruzzi

Rebecca Hill

Christina Kim

Lily Lee

Ashanti Loadholt

Phyu Mar

Isaiah Marshall-Thomas

Victoria Nguyen

Eric Persaud

Michelle Smith

Gabriela Zarankov

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