

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to take this opportunity to review the progress made during the '03-'04 year by Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA) board of directors. This year the board embarked on important new collaborations with the School's Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) and the California Public Health Association-North (CPHA-N).

The CPHP links the practice of public health in the community with the School's teaching and research programs. Under executive director Jeff Oxendine, the center organizes and administers student internships and continuing education courses. This year, our organizations cosponsored the popular Career Café, the fall Professional Development Workshop, and the spring lecture/student recognition event.

In our last alumni survey, more than a third of the respondents expressed a need for professional development. To meet this demand, the board has organized annual professional development workshops. After much discussion this year, the board approved a partnership with CPHA-N that will expand our alumni professional development opportunities. Starting in fall 2004, we will work with CPHA-N to offer public health continuing education workshops and courses. Our organizations have mutual representation at board meetings; we look forward to a meaningful collaboration in the coming year to identify the most efficient ways to provide alumni with professional development.

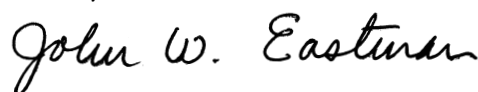
Did you know that 40 Public Health Alumni Association scholarships were awarded this year? Choosing the scholarship recipients from among our talented graduate students was one of our most challenging and rewarding activities. Students were scored on a number of criteria including a brief essay about their aspirations in the field of public health. Committee members evaluated more than 60 applications this year; it was often a difficult task to select the winners.

The campus continues to develop the @cal website, where you can search the alumni directory and sign up for our own SPH jobs e-mail list. This new e-mail job list has turned out to be an active site, with 160 alumni participating. You can post job listings or receive notices of the open positions in the field of public health. If you are not already enrolled in @cal, I would encourage you to do so, in order to take advantage of its career networking features. Visit <http://sphalum.berkeley.edu> to enroll.

The end of the academic year in June marks the transition to a new PHAA board of directors. We commend seven remarkable individuals who have served the alumni energetically for a number of years. They have earned our most heartfelt thanks: Vice President Carol Patterson (HPA '97), Secretary/Treasurer Corinna Tempelis (Behav '83), and directors Maria Bautista (HPA '94), Babette Bloch (HED '67), Myrto Petreas (EHS '79, Epi '85, EHS '90), Sarah Samuels (PHN '82), and Krikor Soghikian (Admin '58). There is no space here to enumerate the unique contributions of each one. They've accomplished a lot, and we'll miss them!

In closing I'd like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer season, and remind you that we always welcome your comments. (Contact the associate director, external relations, at 510-643-6382.)

Sincerely,



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