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**PHILANTHROPY PROJECTS**

MHSA faculty members **Mr. Dee Ellingwood** and **Mr. Tom Ruthemeyer** are teaming again for the 13<sup>th</sup> Philanthropy Projects during this spring semester 2020. This provides a semester-long experience to first year full-time MHSA students to understand the art of grant funding, to understand the challenges of making grant decisions, and to experience working with local organizations who depend on fund raising for much of their operations. This year, money will be made available to fund organizational requests presented by our first-year students, coached by our second-year students, and judged by MHSA alumni.

This year students are advocates for these organizations: **Building Blocks for Kids** (child health), **Erica J. Holloman Foundation** (medically underserved), **Glad House** (substance abuse), **Parkinson Support and Wellness** (dementia related), **Rosemary's Babies** (adolescent health), and **Women's Crisis Center** (injury prevention).

**MHSA SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

Our 32 first-year MHSA students experience internships during the summer between years 1 and 2; our junior BSHSA students also experience internships during the summer before their senior year. Due to the Covid-19 situation, we're learning that some internships are on hold or temporarily discontinued, so thanks to so many organizations for welcoming our students this summer despite the uncertainties surrounding the coronavirus precautions imposed this spring. Our students are learners first, but will be contributors in the internship experiences soon enough and can be extra pairs of hands in the organizations. Throughout the coronavirus situation healthcare has been deemed an essential service; the interviewing landscape is changing for our students but we know that it is a win/win for organizations to include our students: our students are not only learners but also are contributors. An extra pair of hands may be just the thing needed these days.

**UPSILON PHI DELTA (UPD) HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES FOR 2020**

Although Xavier University has decided to postpone its annual Commencement from mid-May to later in 2020 due to the Covid-19 situation, we still celebrate our outstanding students. Upsilon Phi Delta is the honor society that nationally recognizes excellence in health services administration studies. Xavier has an undergraduate chapter in BSHSA with **Dr. Eileen Alexander** as the faculty advisor and a graduate chapter in MHSA with **Dr. Eddie Hooker** as the faculty advisor.

Student inductees are required to meet these criteria:

1. Maintain a GPA of 3.50 or higher (BSHSA) or 3.70 or higher (MHSA)
2. Demonstrate service to the community or to the university
3. Show successful performance during the HESA 371 internship (BSHSA) or administrative residency (MHSA)

UPD stands for "Upsilon" (health), "Phi" (care), and "Delta" (to administer or to lead change).

[Congratulations to these 2020 inductees into the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society:](#)

**BSHSA:**

**Megan Douds '20B, Riece Drew '20B, Gilbert Durand '20B, Joe Gurevicius '20B, Maggie Howell '20B, Christie Kaminchak '20B, Michael Mercado '20B, Colleen Moore '20B, Griffin Richardson '20B, Jerica Robinson '20B, Claire Roche '20B, Ella Rohlfs '20B, Micaila Rosenberger '20B, Grace Thompson '20B**

**MHSA:**

**Ian Atkinson '20M, Reed Bentzinger '20M, Tyler Britton '20M, Nicholas Bryant '20M, Jasmine Cline-Bailey '20M, Grant Collins '20M, Cameron Grote '20M, Katie Heitz '20M, Cara Leyendecker '20M, Kaitlyn Mann '20M, Katie Patrick '20M, Kacey Richards '20M, Anam Sayani '20M, Ariel Schmid '20M, Dhaval Shah '20M, Monica Vora '20M**

**Men and Women for Others: Thinkers, Inspirers, and Leaders in Health Services Administration**

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