

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THIS QUARTER

Our wonderful **Internship and Community Partnership Coordinator, Olivia Lee** has facilitated a number of new partnerships for the MPH program this quarter! Here are some of the new Community Partners this quarter:

Thriving While Pregnant & Beyond

Women's Fitness is committed to preventing Black maternal deaths and addressing health disparities among Black women in underserved communities, through education, advocacy and support.
<https://tobeboundless.com/about-boundless-womens-fitness-pilates/>

The Skinny Gene Project

This organization is a division of the J. Moss Foundation that addresses the environment-based issues, or social atmospheres, that affect a person's ability to prevent diabetes
<https://www.skinnygeneproject.org/>

Interfaith Shelter Network

This program coordinates with faith-based communities, nonprofits, and social service agencies in order to serve San Diego's unhoused and those at-risk of becoming homeless.
<https://www.interfaithshelter.org/about-us>

Feeding San Diego

This program provides more than 31 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and other underserved populations. They distribute meals in partnership with more than 350 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries throughout the region. <https://feedingsandiego.org/about-us/>

Breathe California, of the Bay Area

Works to support local efforts to promote lung health. This local non-profit offers a wide array of local services that address the most important lung health issues facing our communities today. <https://lungsrus.org/>

Project Rebound – CSUSM

This is a campus partner working with folks who have been previously incarcerated and are exploring higher education.
<https://www.csusm.edu/projectrebound/index.html>

These are just a few of the new opportunities and partnerships that have been developed this semester!

If you are interested in learning more about these or any partnerships and internships, be sure to check the Public Health Central Sharepoint or contact olee@csusm.edu.



GRADUATE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Graduate Organization of Public Health (GoPH) is excited to welcome the new leadership team for Spring 2026!



GoPH is looking for interested students to join and help expand the organization. Undergraduate and Graduate students are welcome to participate! If you are interested in becoming a part of the organization or have any questions about the please feel free to contact csusmgoph@gmail.com.

PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI NETWORK

The CSUSM Public Health Alumni Network (PHAN) was established in 2025 to foster a strong community of public health alumni while maintaining ties with CSUSM Public Health. Led by dedicated public health alumni, PHAN organizes a variety of events designed to cultivate professional relationships, enhance public health skills, and promote leaders in health equity locally and around the world.

Graduating soon? Join the PH Alumni Network TODAY!

<https://www.csusm.edu/alumni/membership/joinrenew.html>

Upcoming Events

GoPH Event
Thursday, March 26
5:00- 6:00pm On Zoom

Join our monthly event to get to know our team and learn about local public health efforts.

Student Organization Market Day
Tuesday, April 21

Come meet GoPH and learn more about our activities, connect with other students and discover opportunities to get involved with the community!

To learn more about these events and stay up to date about future events, be sure to follow the organizations instagram: [@csusmgoph](https://www.instagram.com/csusmgoph).

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING 2026 & SUMMER 2026

MARCH 16	First Day of Spring 2
MARCH 30-APRIL 20	Spring Break
MAY 8	Last Day of Spring 2
MAY 15-16	Commencement
JUNE 1	First Day of Summer 1
JULY 2	Last Day of Summer 1
JULY 6	First Day of Summer 2
AUGUST 8	Last Day of Summer 2

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

CSU HEALTH POLICY CONFERENCE

We are excited to have our undergraduate public health and MPH students be able to participate in this year's **Health Policy Conference** with the **CDPH**! The conference takes place **April 13th - April 15th** in **Sacramento**. Our students will be able to join with other CSU students to expand their interest in health policy and meet with public health officials. This year we were able to select 10 students to represent our department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NORTH COUNTY DAY OF SERVICE

Friday, March 27th | USU Ballroom

CSUSM hosts the annual North County Day of Service (CCDoS), along with Mira Costa College's (MCC) Service Learning and Volunteering Center and Palomar College's Service Learning Program. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and support your community not only on campus, but beyond.

For more information on service locations, keynote speakers, and agenda for this event, please visit <https://www.csusm.edu/slce/civicengagement/north-county-day-of-service/index.html>

CSUSM 23RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Thursday, April 16th, 2026 | 11:00 - 2:00pm Library Plaza

The CSUSM Annual International Fair is an annual celebration of cultural diversity hosted by our University, featuring international cuisine, music, dance, performances, and booths featuring cultural displays. This free community event allows visitors and members of our campus community to learn about and experience global cultures through curated activities and displays.

For more information, please visit the Office of Global Education's webpage dedicated to the fair: <https://www.csusm.edu/global/theinternationalfair.html>

EPIDEMIOLOGY RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Friday, April 24 | 9:00 am -3:00pm

County Operations Center, 5520 Overland Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92323

The **Epidemiology Research Exchange** takes place **Friday, April 24th**. This is a great opportunity to share your research and connect with other students and public health professionals! The keynote speaker Stefan Baral, MD, MPH, FRCP, CCFP is a Professor of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins and a leader in HIV and STI research.

More information can be found here: <https://publichealth.sdsu.edu/epiexchange>

To register for the San Diego Epidemiology Exchange, please go to <https://forms.gle/zwwX6shytnfzSXWV6> or use the QR code to the right



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 6TH-12TH, 2026



National Public Health Week (NPHW) is an annual event established by the **American Public Health Association (APHA)** and will be held **April 6th -April 12th, 2026**. NPHW was created to help celebrate, recognize and honor public health workers and their contributions to support healthier communities.

In recognition of this, the CSUSM Department of Public Health will be working towards hosting a few events to help students in areas such as career guidance and building connections!

Be sure to keep an eye on your email and the departments instagram @csusm.publichealth for more information regarding NPHW events.

More to come!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DR. MICHAEL HUYNH

Michael Huynh, PhD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Public Health within our department. He and his team conduct research to better understand mental health in Asian American communities. His research interests also extend into social determinants of health in broader racial and ethnic groups.



Dr. Huynh and his team have recently published some of their research to *Frontiers in Public Health* journal. The article "Financial concerns and psychological distress among Asian Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic: The moderating role of benefit finding and received pay" was published in February and is a collaboration of universities across the country. The article can be accessed here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/public-health/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2025.1706398/full>

Dr. Huynh has also had another paper accepted for publication this semester. This paper, "Developing an intergenerational model of structural racism exposure among women in Black Families in South Carolina, 1989-2020", has been accepted for publication in *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Huynh on these fantastic accomplishments! We look forward to the future research he and his team will create.