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2017 Outstanding Service and Leadership Award Winners for Career Excellence in Health Education and Promotion

NCHEC is pleased to announce the results of the 2017 Outstanding Service and Leadership Award in recognition of one professional and two organizations displaying exemplary commitment to the advancement of our profession and the CHES® and MCHES® credentials. This award was first instituted in 2016 to highlight career achievements in the implementation of programs and policies that promote the role of certified Health Education Specialists within communities, populations, and/or organizational structure.

**Winner, Individual Category:
Mary V. Brown, PhD, MCHES®**



Dr. Brown was selected as the award winner in the individual category for her significant commitment as an advocate for the profession of Health Education and Promotion, and for being a valuable resource to students entering the field, a champion of communities, and a strong supporter of the CHES® and MCHES® certifications. As Chair of the Department of Public and Community Health at Utah Valley University, Dr. Brown continues to promote NCHEC credentialing through professional development, CHES® exam preparation classes and study sessions, and curriculum development that meets the Areas of Responsibility, Competencies, and Sub-competencies that provide the foundation for the CHES® and MCHES® certification exams. Dr. Brown received glowing endorsement by the President of the Utah Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (USOPHE) as well as the Utah County Health Department, and has served as a community volunteer with the

Utah Public Health Association, the Huntsman Cancer Institute, and within her own county.

**Winner, Employer/Organizational Category:
Populytics/BeneFIT Corporate Wellness**

Populytics/BeneFIT Corporate Wellness was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Service and Leadership award winner in the employer/organizational category. The company was recognized for its significant



commitment to the profession through the implementation of supportive organizational programs and policies, a core foundational focus on continuing professional development, and the continued advancement of its staff members who hold the CHES® or MCHES® certifications. BeneFIT's organizational mission is to provide high-value health promotion and strategic wellness solutions for sustainable employee health behaviors and healthy worksite cultures. During the hiring process, the organization indicates the following job application requirement: "CHES® or MCHES® required, or must obtain CHES® within one year." The company covers employee exam fees, as well as renewal/recertification fees and continuing education opportunities. Populytics' BeneFIT Corporate Wellness is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lehigh Valley Health Network, and

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Consider Leadership Opportunities with NCHEC

NCHEC Board of Commissioners Chair Report: written by Kerry Redican, MPH, PhD, CHES®

This spring, the NCHEC Board of Commissioners, Division Boards, Committees and staff members are working diligently to move forward with the goals and objectives of the 2015-2019 NCHEC Strategic Plan. At the forefront of this mission is the advancement of the CHES® and MCHES® credentials and the forward momentum of our credential holders within the industry of Health Education and Promotion.



Leadership is more than just the action of leading a group or organization: it is a state of mind. Individuals who step forward and present the skills and motivation to inspire others to follow a common goal are essential to the continued advancement of our profession. I truly believe there are leadership qualities in all of us. If you are in this profession, most assuredly you do have unique skills and the ability to communicate your thoughts and ideas to your peers and others. And we need you!

In one way or another, we all provide service to our profession – whether it be locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. Please consider running for election to a position on one of NCHEC's Division Boards: Division Board for Professional Preparation and Practice (two positions), Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists (two positions), Division Board for Professional Development (three positions), or the Board of Commissioners (one position). The 2019 Call

for Nominations is printed on page 4 of this news bulletin with more information on the open positions. Please take time to review the work of each of the Division Boards and the Board of Commissioners and consider self-nominating for this upcoming election.

We also have additional volunteer opportunities. In the near future, NCHEC is embarking on a new Health Education Specialists Practice Analysis (HESPA), which is conducted every five years to validate the Areas of Responsibility, Competencies, and Sub-competencies at both entry- and advanced-levels. Professional preparation programs also will use HESPA results in mapping their curricula to the areas and competencies defined by this analysis. Volunteer Health Education Specialists from a variety of work settings and experience levels will be needed for tasks including one-time survey completion, phone interviews, pilot testing, and service on a Practice Analysis Task Force. Please watch for updates and the call for volunteers on www.nchec.org and in future newsletters and bulletins.

There are many ways to serve your profession that are just around the corner. If you are considering a leadership position within NCHEC, know that we are a welcoming group that quickly feels a lot like a family. Your unique skills and experiences can help to guide the future of our organization.

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provides programming ranging from individualized health coaching, health fairs and screenings, to specialty services.

Winner, Organizational Category:

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)



SOPHE was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Service and Leadership Award winner in the organizational category. NCHEC was pleased to recognize SOPHE's significant commitment to Health Education and

Promotion through the implementation of programs and policies in support of Certified Health Education Specialists and the profession as a whole. In 2017 alone, SOPHE provided more

than 35 webinars with approximately 2,000 attendees, many in collaboration with national organizations. SOPHE's outstanding 2017 CHES® resolution advocates that all positions with primary health education responsibilities require CHES® or MCHES® certification and has supported advocacy initiatives in Washington D.C. and beyond. In addition, CEO Elaine Auld authored a paper for the *Health Education & Behavior* journal publication detailing the important role of CHES® professionals in health care reform. All of SOPHE's staff members have a professional development budget to support maintenance of their CHES®/MCHES® credential through continuing education opportunities.

The 2017 Outstanding Service and Leadership Award proved to be a great success, and has provided an opportunity to highlight the career and industry achievements made by these individuals and organizations to others in the profession of Health Education and Promotion. NCHEC will be announcing the opening of nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Service and Leadership Award later this year.

New Beginnings: the Transition to Computer-based Testing

Executive Director Report: written by Linda Lysoby, MS, MCHES®, CAE

It may be the busiest spring on record at NCHEC headquarters! Although the workload for staff and board members is strenuous, the results of such a flurry of activity are exciting to say the least. There are many new changes and initiatives on the horizon, including a new health education practice analysis study, and right around the corner, NCHEC's transition from a paper-based examination to a computer-based format for the CHES® and MCHES® certification exams. Registration for the first Computer-based Testing (CBT) examination is scheduled for October 2018, and will open May 1st on the nchec.org website.



expanded footprint in the U.S. and abroad, 24/7 scheduling and customer service, advanced security protocols, enhanced testing accommodations, faster score notification, and new rescheduling options. Please note that our exam content will not be changing, nor will the application or eligibility process. Only the scheduling and delivery of the examination through Prometric Test Centers will be shifting.

I am pleased to report that all NCHEC staff members have visited a Prometric Test Center to view what our candidates will experience come test day, and were met with gracious and knowledgeable staff, capable of fulfilling the Prometric promise to make the test experience as stress-free as possible.

It is sometimes said that change can be met with resistance. And although the thought of the new format, or of sitting for an exam in a testing center rather than a classroom, could be daunting for some, we are pleased that this important transition has been met with resounding enthusiasm by our potential candidates and by university faculty preparing students for this examination. I am also delighted that NCHEC boards and staff have embraced this transition, as it will provide our candidates with an enhanced testing experience from start to finish.

It is also important to bring to light the underlying and very important factor in the decision to transition to CBT. **This is the continued protection of the value of the CHES® and MCHES® credentials in this increasingly competitive market.** NCHEC's mission is to enhance the professional practice of Health Education and Promotion through credentialing, and through this year's new endeavors, we will continue to uphold the esteemed national and international standards that both the CHES® and the MCHES® designations represent to our field.

The benefits of CBT are numerous and include such features as a ten-day testing window covering two weekends, a significantly

2018 Conference Schedule

Mark your calendars for opportunities to earn continuing education contact hours.
For more information on these conferences, visit the organizations' Web site.

| Organization | Details | Dates | Location |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) | www.sophe.org | April 4-6 2018 | Columbus Ohio |
| American College Health Association (ACHA) | www.acha.org | May 29 - June 2 2018 | Washington DC |
| National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) | www.naccho.org | July 10-12 2018 | New Orleans Louisiana |
| American School Health Association (ASHA) | www.ashaweb.org | October 4-6 2018 | Indianapolis Indiana |
| American Public Health Association (APHA) | www.apha.org | November 10-14 2018 | San Diego California |

2019 CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Leadership Opportunities for CHES® and MCHES®

NCHEC is searching for individuals to fill volunteer positions on its Board of Commissioners and three Division Boards. All leadership positions adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Health Education Profession. The terms of these positions will begin on January 1, 2019. NCHEC seeks individuals from a variety of practice settings: schools, healthcare/hospitals, government, business/industry, academia, and community. Elections will be held in August of 2018. Consider nominating yourself or encouraging a peer to take this opportunity. The deadline to receive nominations is June 15, 2018.



designation of continuing education providers, recertification and the annual renewal of CHES®/MCHES®; recommends fees for recertification, annual renewal and provider designation; and assures that the processes are monitored and

periodically evaluated. Interest or experience in the development or delivery of continuing education programs for health educators is preferred.

Open Positions

Board of Commissioners (BOC): One At-Large Commissioner: 5-year term. The Board of Commissioners is comprised of 11-13 individuals who govern in compliance with the mission and the objectives of NCHEC. More specifically, the BOC defines the mission, participates in strategic planning, approves the annual budget and monitors financial statements, employs and evaluates the Executive Director, oversees and evaluates the credentialing program, establishes policies related to coordination and communication among the three division boards, and advocates for credentialing. Significant experience in health education, interest or familiarity with the functioning of non-profit boards, and knowledge and interest in health education credentialing is preferred.

Division Board for Professional Preparation and Practice (DBPPP): Two Directors: 5-year terms. The DBPPP is comprised of seven individuals responsible for promoting professional preparation. More specifically, the DBPPP works with colleges, universities and accrediting agencies to improve professional preparation programs and promote best practices in health education settings, and monitors and updates the certification application and eligibility review process. Interest or experience with the credentialing process and with professional preparation is preferred.

Division Board for Professional Development (DBPD): Three Directors: 5-year term. The DBPD is comprised of seven individuals responsible for oversight of the recertification and annual renewal procedures. More specifically, the DBPD recommends policies and procedures related to the

Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists (DBCHEs): Two Directors: (one 5-year term and one 4-year term) The DBCHEs is comprised of 11 individuals responsible for the credentialing examination. More specifically, the DBCHEs assures a periodic review and evaluation of certification and examination processes; recommends policies and procedures for administering the CHES® and MCHES® examinations; participates in item-writing workshops and ongoing online item-writing assignments, and ensures that NCHEC's testing meets acceptable standards. Interest or experience in item-writing and exam construction is preferred. The MCHES® credential is required to serve on this Board.

Requirements for all positions include:

- ✓ Maintaining CHES®/MCHES® certification (Note: DBCHEs Directors must be MCHES®)
- ✓ Participating in monthly conference calls
- ✓ Attending one face-to-face meeting (all expenses paid by NCHEC) per year –typically this meeting spans a weekend (Thursday night –Sunday noon). DBCHEs may require two face- to-face meetings per year.
- ✓ Reading agendas, minutes and other documents and information to stay informed
- ✓ Exercising independent judgment on decisions presented and maintaining confidentiality
- ✓ Advocating for credentialing
- ✓ Working on specific assignments/projects
- ✓ Supporting the work and mission of NCHEC, protecting confidentiality, and avoiding conflict of interest

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please contact Melissa Opp at: 888-624-3248 ext. 11 or mopp@nchech.org or visit the Web site at www.nchech.org. **Nomination deadline is June 15, 2018.**

Next Health Education Specialist Practice Analysis Underway

The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc., (NCHEC) and the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) are once again co-sponsoring the health education specialist practice analysis. This study, to be known as **Health Education Specialist Practice Analysis II (HESPA II)** is to reverify the entry- and advanced-level Responsibilities, Competencies and Sub-competencies that undergird the professional preparation and development of all health education specialists, as well as provide the basis for the health education profession's certification system.

HESPA II will be chaired by **Randy Cottrell, D.Ed., MCHES®** and vice chair **Adam P. Knowlden, MBA, PhD, CHES®**. Dr. Cottrell is currently a professor and program coordinator of the Public Health Studies Program at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. He is also recognized within the profession for his previous work as Co-chair of the National Accreditation Implementation Task force, co-author of numerous health education textbooks, numerous leadership positions within health education professional membership organizations, and he was recently elected as SOPHE's Trustee for Professional Preparation 2018-2020. Dr. Adam Knowlden is an Assistant Professor of Health Science at The University of Alabama, specializing in the development of behavioral prediction models and the evaluation of experimental interventions. He is an associate editor for the peer-reviewed journal, *Health Education & Behavior*. Along with the Chair and Vice Chair, project oversight will be provided by the Task Analysis Group members including respectively the chief staff executives of SOPHE and NCHEC, Elaine Auld, MPH, MCHES®, and Linda Lysoby, MS, MCHES®, CAE; and



Randy Cottrell



Adam P. Knowlden

James F. McKenzie, MEd, PhD, MPH, MCHES®, co-chair of the HESPA 2015 project; and Kathleen Allison, PhD, MPH, MCHES®, coordinator of NCHEC's Division Board for Certification of Health Education Specialists and SOPHE Trustee, 2018 Annual Meeting.

This study effort will take place over 12-15 months. NCHEC and SOPHE will provide staff support and coordinate meetings, in collaboration with the national contractor for this effort, Castle Worldwide, Inc. Located near Research Triangle, North Carolina, Castle is a full-service certification and licensure testing company with 30 years of experience in the science of psychometrics and practice analysis. It is anticipated that a profession-wide survey will be launched in early fall of this year.

The practice analysis serves as the basis for the certification examinations that NCHEC uses for Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) and Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES®) certification. Additionally, the practice analysis is used to guide curriculum used in health education professional preparation programs at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels as well as for professional development by continuing education providers. In accordance with best practices

in certification, the practice analysis study is conducted in approximately five-year intervals. The last Health Education Specialist Practice Analysis was published in 2015. A summary of health educator job analysis projects is available here: <https://www.nchech.org/health-educator-job-analysis-projects>. Please watch the NCHEC website for updates and further developments on the current project.

NCHEC WELCOMES NEW CHES® – FALL 2017

The following is an additional list of those who earned the district title of Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) in the October 2017 examination. Those who opted not to be published are excluded from the list.

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| Elizabeth Wallish (April 2017) | Janae Bontrager | Rebecca Colella | Erin Frost | Serine Hovhannisyan |
| Jeremy Abacan | Maclain Borsich | Thomas Coles | John Frost | Candice Hubbard |
| Brooklyn Abbott | Tina Boushehri | Sydney Collette | Evelyn Fung | Chelsea Hudson |
| Naomi Abella | Lauren Boyd | Jamie Colvell | Jenna Gaarde | Isaiah Hurtado |
| Omobolanle Adams | Danielle Boyles | DeeSha Connor | Miari Gaddis | Jacquelyn Ikonomov |
| Esther Adigun | Candelaria Bracamonte | Melissa Cowder | David Gafner | Ind_First_Name |
| Christine Adinuba-Chidum | Christine Bradley | Erin Crisp | Terisha Gamboa | Ind_Last_Name |
| Shayda Afrassiab | Joshua Brawner | Kelcey Daniels | Chelsea Ganc | Jeanell Irish |
| Arienne Joy Alfonso | Amanda Bretzin | Dawn Darlington | Christy Garcia Santamaria | Deanna Isaac |
| Emily Alford | Kaira Brickhouse | Megan Dauenhauer | Katie Gardner | Victoria Ivan |
| Rachel Alfred | Alexis Bringhurst | Robyn De Guzman | Stephanie Gianacakos | Kathleen Jacobson |
| Charli Allen | Kirbee Brooks | Ashley Dedmon | Maureen Gleason | Tyler James |
| Nicole Almanza | Mary Brophy | Mariah Deinhart | Sarah-Grace Glennon | Michelle Jara |
| Hosam Alrqi | Kristen Brown | Hannah Denkler | Ashly Gonzalez | Thais Jardim |
| Kailani Ameele | Mikel Brown | Olivia DiBiasio | Amanda Good | Casey Jenkins |
| Brooke Angus | Quinyana Brown | Courtney Donnellan | Shelby Goodnight | Valeria Jessup |
| Brittany Antuna | Sumner Brown | Nicole Donofrio | Camesha Grant | Emilee Jewett |
| Martin Aquino | Chelsea Browne | Kelley Donovan | Andrew Greenhaw | Necole Jim |
| Anna Aragon | Natalie Brumfield | Nicole Dorie | Emily Greenstadt | Andrew Johnson |
| Sonya Arrington | Kaylyn Brunskole | Amanda Drop | Auxiliadora Grimes | Chelsea Johnson |
| Angelica Frances Arriola | Marian Bryant | Angela Drumm | Casey Grimes | Jamin Johnson |
| Kelechi Asidi | Jamie Burns | Eboni Drummond | Jenies Grullon | Jarrett Johnson |
| Breyah Atkinson | Alexa Bury | Elizabeth Dueweke | Rebecca Guerin | Josillia Johnson |
| Katelyn Atwell | Tara Butler | Sarah Duleh | Liz Guevara | Nicole Johnson |
| Courtney Avra | Elvia Caldera-Soria | Sara Dunton | Maghen Hadala | Jasmine Jones |
| Laura Aymond | Colleen Caldwell | Raven Eisenberger | Lauren Hall | John Jones |
| Oluwasola Ayosanmi | Damicela Calhoun | Johanna Elias | Kendra Hamilton | Myesha Jordan |
| Kaitlin Azersky | Carol Camper | Michal Elias-Bachrach | Marcus Hamilton | Alyssa Juguilon |
| Julius Baguio | Tina Caporaso | Quinlan Ellington-Meaney | Michelle Hammett | Ashley Kalman |
| Bailey Bair | Megan Carpenter | Ashley Ellsworth | Matthew Hancock | Loucine Kandakarjian |
| Abbie Baker | Amy Carr | Jillian Eltzroth | Robert Harper | Ramandeep Kaur |
| Cara Baker | Kathryn Casey | Tara Erfan | Patricia Harrell | Zachary Kazarian |
| Amanda Baraga | Gabrielle Castellanos | Angelica Espinal-Garcia | Amanda Hartman | Kaitlin Keating |
| Cynthia Bard | Lisa Castrichini | Megan Evans | Abigail Hatcher | Sheree Keitt |
| Melody Barry | Jackie Catron | Matthew-John Facey | Lisa Hauser | LaurieAnn Kellaway |
| Ashley Beavers | Nicole Caudill | Jessi Falvey | Lisa Hautly | Chandra Kelsey |
| Sabrina Beavers | Cassandra Chandler | Maurina Fanous | Keri Haymes | Shelby Khajarian |
| Elizabeth Beck | Yer Chang | Jennifer Farramola | Nicole Hearn | Ashley Khanhkham |
| Isis Beisel | Aysha Chaudary | Tia Feather | Kelsey Hemm | Maria Kil |
| Kathleen Bell | Nancy Che | Andrew Fernando | Jacob Henderson | Hyerin Kim |
| Meghan Berger | Raymond Chimezie | Rebecca Ferrell | Sarah Henning | Adrian King |
| Deanna Berlin | Dora Chow | Malorie Finley | Nicole Herbert | Eugenia King |
| Archana Bharadwaj | Ashley Clark | Krysta Fischer | Keegan Heye | Margaret Kinoshita |
| Sam Billimoria | Jacqueline Cleary | Gabrielle Fitzgerald | Danielle Hill | Joshua Kleam |
| Tracy Bishop | Mykenzie Clifton | Haley Flythe | Jimmie Hinson | Alyson Koch |
| Rachel Blair | Teresa Co | Tiffany Fraijo | Megan Hockman | Callie Koerner |
| Sarah Blanton | Nia Coaxum | Jordan Freeman | Brian Hoffmann | Nikki Konotopskiy |
| Megan Bohman | Mary Cole | Christina Friley | Leslee Horn | Nicole Kosmos |

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| Kathleen Koviak | Claire Mensack | Anastasia Osei Ansong | Kristen Sarokhanian | Lakeasha Thrasher |
| Christine Kraai | Jenelle Merzon | Delali Osei-Boateng | Matthew Scanlin | Andrea Tomada |
| Samantha Krejnik | Katelyn Messitt | D'Laine Palacio | Courtney Scheibner | Elizabeth Toomey |
| Beth Krejsa | Abigail Meyer | Maria Palmieri | Samantha Schlaikowski | Cindy Toussaint |
| Kristopher Kriebel | Emily Middleton | Tara Pardini | Amy Schneider | Trang Tran |
| Rebecca Krueger | Breyanna Mikel | Kysha Parker | Jill Schnurbusch | Delaney Tregoning |
| Jameskia Lacey | Timothy Mikes | Jessica Parrilla | Elizabeth Schob | Trey Trentham |
| Xiao Lai | Cristina Mikijanic | Madiha Patel | Jaclyn Schommer | John Trevino |
| Jalynn Lane | Jordan Miller | Purva Patel | Mitchell Schroeder | Allen Tschirhart |
| Audriana Laporte | Erin Milliken | Brittany Payne | Erin Scionti | Christina Tuell |
| Rosa Larios | Sara Miraglia | Alexandra Peeters | Brittany Sealey | Elvis Tuffour |
| Emily Leach | Alicia Mircovich | Dylan Pell | Rachel Shapiro | Caroline Tydings |
| Lesley Leake | Taylor Miron | Ilish Perez | Cassandra Shaw | Megan Ulrich |
| Valerie Leal | Alexandra Mitchell | Rachel Perovsek | Tammy Shelley | Marychristiana Uzochukwu |
| Jaxon Lee | Katherine Moey | Govindra Persaud | Auliya Shenk | Louise Valentine |
| Michelle Lee | Nathan Molnar | Charlene Persons | Courtney Shows | Carol Van Dusen |
| Dana Lefland | Gloria Moon | Benjamin Peters | Tamralyn Shreeve | Wendy Van Wagner |
| Nichola LeGood | Katrina Moor | Fallon Peterson | Jessica Shupp | Sayra Vega |
| Shelkecia Lessington | LaTasha Moore | Kasarah Phillips | Celine Silva | Melanie Vehslage |
| Monica Lewinski | Monica Moore | Josiah Piquette | Jessica Sinovoi | Shawn Verbeten |
| Teresa Lewis | Lisa Moran | Kaitlyn Pitzen | Nicole Slesinger | Alaisha Verdeflor |
| Courtney Liberatore | Taylor Morris | Sherard Polite | Sean Small | Keanna Lynn Villagomez |
| Lana Lilly | Hanna Mortimer | Heather Porter | Jacqueline Smallridge | Jace Villanueva-Galang |
| Madison Lind | Christine Morton | Sidney Powell | Elois Smith | Kiley Vinyard |
| Devante Lindsey | Nora Mosby | Thomas Prather | Jalexys Smith | Julie Vital |
| Anya Lindsey-Jenkins | Deborah Mouradjian | Janet Ramirez | Keyonda Smith | Wendy Voyer |
| Amber Little | Emily Mulcare | Adriana Ramos | Shannon Smith | Kira Wagner |
| Chrystal Little | Katherine Mulvaney | Amanda Ramthun | Zachary Smith-Williams | Erica Wallace |
| Gabrielle Lobban | Monica Mundy | Clara Rathke | Megan Snow | Kelley Walter |
| Stephanie Lombardo | Jacqueline Mungo | Kassidy Rawdon | Moriah Sombrio | Jacob Warner |
| Juliana Londono-Osorio | Bailey Murphy | Deborah Rayhab | Eden Sowards | Emily Whitsett |
| Jadira Lopez | Carolyn Nasto | Lindsey Rayman | Solera Spagnuolo | Megan Whittaker |
| Rachael Luck | Nimra Nayyar | Sophia Reagan | Stephanie Spall | Raychel Whyte |
| Kaylee Lyons | Christen Neal | Aubrey Recchia | Kelsey Sparks | Jessica Wiedenhoff |
| Ferrington Macon | Whitney Neal | Kaleigh Rhodes | Nicole Sparks | Breanna Williams |
| Shana Madden | Julia Neely | Amber Richardson | Cortney Springer | Cassidy Williams |
| Veronica Mahathre | Sean Neilson | Noah Riley | Nicole Staples | Cheryl Williams |
| Anne Maitland | Claire Nelson | Paige Rinehart | Victoria Statz | Ashley Wilson |
| Robyn Majors | Elizabeth Nguyen | Enzo Rivera | Shala Stearns | Christina Woodhouse |
| Evelynn Manago | Jennifer Nguyen | Krystin Rockot | Solvei Stenso-Velo | Seraiya Wright |
| Daniela Marquez | Minhdang Nguyen | Emily Rodriguez | Katie Stephenson | Kaitlyn Yandle |
| Alejandra Mata | Rebecca Nguyen | Janet Rodriguez | Stephanie Stevenson | Melody Yozzo |
| Kyle Matera | Rachael Nichols | Paloma Rodriguez | Rachel Stovall | Jaime Zach |
| Alexis Mattei | Charity Ntansah | Emily Roozen | Katarina Suda | Dakota Zamora |
| Ashley Mayo | Tonni Oberly | Yasmeen Ross | Natalie Sullivan | Cristhiam Zamora Ordonez |
| Madison McDade | Heidi Odegaard | Cheryl Roth | Priyanka Surio | Candice Zappa |
| Tara McGinty | Hiroe Okamoto | Dulce Ruelas | Katerina Sweeny | |
| Jazmine McKinney | Ikeolu Oladipo | Kayla Runingen | Teresa Sy | |
| Imani Mcmichael | Christal Oliver | Margaret Rutherford | Titania Techeira | |
| Rebecca McNurney | Blisse Olson | Alexis Sanders | Maria Thaman | |
| Kiara Melendez | Oluwatosin Omoniyi | Qunisha Sanders | Amaryllys Thompson | |
| Maribel Mena | Marissa Ortner | Pooja Saraf | Lydia-Ashleigh Thornton | |

NCHEC WELCOMES NEW MCHES® – FALL 2017

The following is an additional list of those who earned the district title of Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES®) in the October 2017 examination. Those who opted not to be published are excluded from the list.

Brandi Alford
Hamida Askaryar
Lauren Baines
Brett Baisch
Brandi Benton
Nicole Burow
Sawiyyah Chanay
Joshua Dalton

David Diep
Miriam Fematt
Leah Fidler
Yuba Gautam
Ronald Gibbs
Erica Glaze
Valen Grandelski
Lindsey Greeson

Melissa Haithcox-Dennis
Marla Hall
Jared Khan
Sarah Langdon
Amanda Leeson
Maya Lordo
Katherine Melton
Tamira Moon

Joyce (Jen) Nickelson
Stefani Nixon
Heather O'Gorman
Melissa Palmer
Colleen Payton
Dawn Pittenger
Joseph Pobee
Joy Rodgers

Katherine Salesky
Darcie Schultz
Kelly Teemant
Tyron Vereen
Lakecia Vincent
Candace White
Sarah Wilkinson
Yajie Zhu

GABRIELLE FITZGERALD: CHES® Highscorer October 2017

Gabrielle Fitzgerald graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in August of 2017. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health/Community Health Education with a minor in Spanish Language. She completed her preceptorship at the Spokane



Regional Health District in Spokane, Washington, during the summer of 2017. Her work consisted of program planning and policy development in the areas of employee wellness and active lifestyles. She also served as a member of the Prevent Suicide Spokane Coalition.

Gabrielle is currently working as a health educator at myHealth for Teens and Young Adults in Hopkins, Minnesota. She applies evidence-based curriculum through appropriate strategies and methods to support young people in making healthy and well-informed decisions. Gabrielle looks forward to growing as a Certified Health Education Specialist as well as continuing to empower young people to be their happiest and healthiest selves.

“I took the CHES® exam to establish myself as a professional. I knew that CHES® credentialing would demonstrate my skills, knowledge, and abilities as a Health Education Specialist. Being credentialed through NCHEC also provides me with the opportunity to connect with other health educators who are both passionate and proactive in professional development.”

JEN NICKELSON: MCHES® Highscorer October 2017

Jen Nickelson is an Associate Professor of Health Science at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She earned her BS and MS from The Florida State University in Food and Nutrition and has been a Registered Dietitian since 1995. Jen worked in acute and long-term care settings where she observed the influence of poor nutrition on chronic disease. Wanting to take a preventative approach to disease management, in 2008 she earned a PhD in Public Health from the University of South Florida. Drawing on this foundation, she applies community-based participatory research approaches to identify and address communities' expressed needs. Jen leads the Health Lab, a partnership of community members and UA students, formed to address the needs of an underserved community in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The Health Lab is currently focusing on diabetes management, health literacy, and environmental health issues while providing students with applied community health experience. Her research interests also include examining the role of the physical and social environment on health, particularly the influence of parental feeding practices on the development of children's eating behaviors and childhood obesity.



Jen has had the honor of serving as the Eta Sigma Gamma – Delta Xi Chapter — faculty sponsor since 2010. Her students have achieved the national ESG Service Award for five consecutive years and the Recognition Award for three consecutive years. Jen was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter Sponsor of the Year in 2016. She is also the 2017 recipient of the Excellence Award for Outstanding Faculty/Staff-Initiated Engagement Effort from The University of Alabama's Council for Community-Based Partnerships. This award recognizes Jen's passion for and commitment to community-engaged scholarship.

“After teaching Health Education and Promotion courses for nine years and serving as ESG faculty sponsor for seven years, I thought it was past time for me to become credentialed as a Health Education Specialist. Being certified demonstrates my commitment to the profession and lends credibility to my appeals to students to sit for the CHES® exam. I am honored to join the ranks of other CHES®- and MCHES®-certified professionals.”



New on the Horizon: Health Education and Promotion On-line Program Directory

In 2017, NCHEC identified a need within the Health Education and Promotion Profession to have a centralized source recognizing information of institutions of higher education that offer undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in Health Education. A web-based Health Education and Promotion directory would enable faculty, prospective students, researchers, employers, and others to access information about professional preparation programs around the country.

Plans are currently underway to construct the new directory with an estimated launch in the summer of 2018. Stayed tuned for more information! Faculty Program Chairs interested in participating in the early adoption phase can email nchec@nchec.org for more information.

First Computer-based CHES®/MCHES® exam registration will open May 1st, 2018

Register early to secure your seat and receive the early-bird discount! NCHEC's testing vendor Prometric will host the exam at state-of-the-art centers across the nation. To find a location near you, search by city or zip code at www.prometric.com/nchec.

Remember that the CHES® and MCHES® exam content will not change. The exam will just be taken electronically instead of a paper and pencil format. For more information on CBT, visit nchec.org/CBT.



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