SPH has some of the best research programs – and researchers – in the world, according to a new global ranking of top universities. We’re ranked No. 5 in public, occupational and environmental health, No. 6 in health policy and services and No. 8 in toxicology.

Husky 100 tapped 10 students from SPH: Yasin Ahmed (PHM, pictured), Isatou Jallow (Global WACH), Eric King (HServ), August Longino (GH), Daniele Meñez (PHM), Lauren Mittelman (PHM), Della Norton (Nutr), Jenna Trauring (PHM), Kate Turk (Nutr) and alumna Brianne Huffstetler Rowan (MPH ’16 GH).

Michael Yost (DEOHS), chair of the department, won the American Industrial Hygiene Association’s 2017 Rachel Carson Award. He will receive the award during the association’s annual conference in June.

PhD student Gillian Tarr (Epi) received a predoctoral research grant (F31) from the NIH to investigate the relationship between Shiga toxin-producing E. coli phylogenetics and its distribution and virulence.

PhD student Jay Vornhagen (Pathobiology) received the 2017 Graduate Discovery Fellowship from the UW School of Medicine in January. He recently returned from a four-month stint at the CDC, where he evaluated current and new syphilis diagnostic tools.

On a recent Saturday morning, two dozen students from the School of Public Health repacked nearly 17,000 pounds of “rescued” food for hungry families in Washington state. The students were taking part in the SPH Spring Day of Service at Food Lifeline, a nonprofit food distribution center that donates nutritious food to low-income individuals. The organization collects millions of pounds of surplus food from farmers, manufacturers, grocery stores and restaurants, and then delivers healthy meals to 275 food banks, shelters and meal programs across western Washington. “It’s amazing that four hours of volunteer work provided nearly 14,000 meals to people in need,” says Jennifer Marroquin (PHM), president of the Student Public Health Association, which organized the service day.

Stephen Bezruchka and Mary Anne Mercer (both HServ, GH) have dedicated their careers to the study of the social determinants of health and to pursuing social justice. Now, a new professorship will help continue the couple’s legacy and expand knowledge of population health. Read this story and others in the winter edition.
Apr. 28, 9-10am
Breakfast with Global WACh and Elizabeth Bukusi

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

SPH Senior Class Gift
The first-ever SPH Senior Class Gift Council has launched a campaign to raise money for SPH student scholarships. “Now is the time to help secure positive experiences for current and future students,” wrote Daysha Gunther, Andy Taing and Paige Hulsey (all PHM) in a joint letter online.

Jobs
SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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Herbert Atienza is the new marketing and communications manager for the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice. He is armed with an MPH in health education and more than 10 years of experience as a journalist and storyteller.

Erica MacArthur (Epi) gave birth to a baby girl on Monday, March 27, at 2:44 am. Molly Renee weighed in at 9 lbs. 13 oz. Both mom and baby are doing great.

Sara Mackenzie (OD, PHM, HServ) and her horse Hugo won first place among training-level competitors at the Aspen Farms Derby last month. Watch the two in action.

Sen Zhao (Biostat) recently completed his PhD and joined Google Research to explore machine learning. Though not directly tied to public health, he says, “I hope my contribution could still benefit the lives of millions of people.”

Alumnae Tara Ness and Brianne Huffstetler Rowan (both MPH ’16 GH) published an article about the need for targeted lead poisoning screening in children, based on a policy brief they co-wrote in ENVH 511. The article, published in the Harvard Public Health Review, “is a great example of how a real-world class assignment, like a policy brief, can be inspiring for students,” says Bill Daniell (DEOHS).

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