

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Strategic Plan

2020-2025

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UW SPH Future—Aspiration and Action

“The future depends on what you do today.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

“The progress of the world will call for the best that all of us have to give.”

—Mary McLeod Bethune

SPH Strategic Planning—Our Commitments

- > Focus on internal transformation of the School
- > Create an environment where all feel valued and respected
- > Open ourselves to new ways of thinking
- > Breakdown power structures and engage new voices
- > Root out racism
- > Model solutions and constructive ideas
- > Hold ourselves accountable

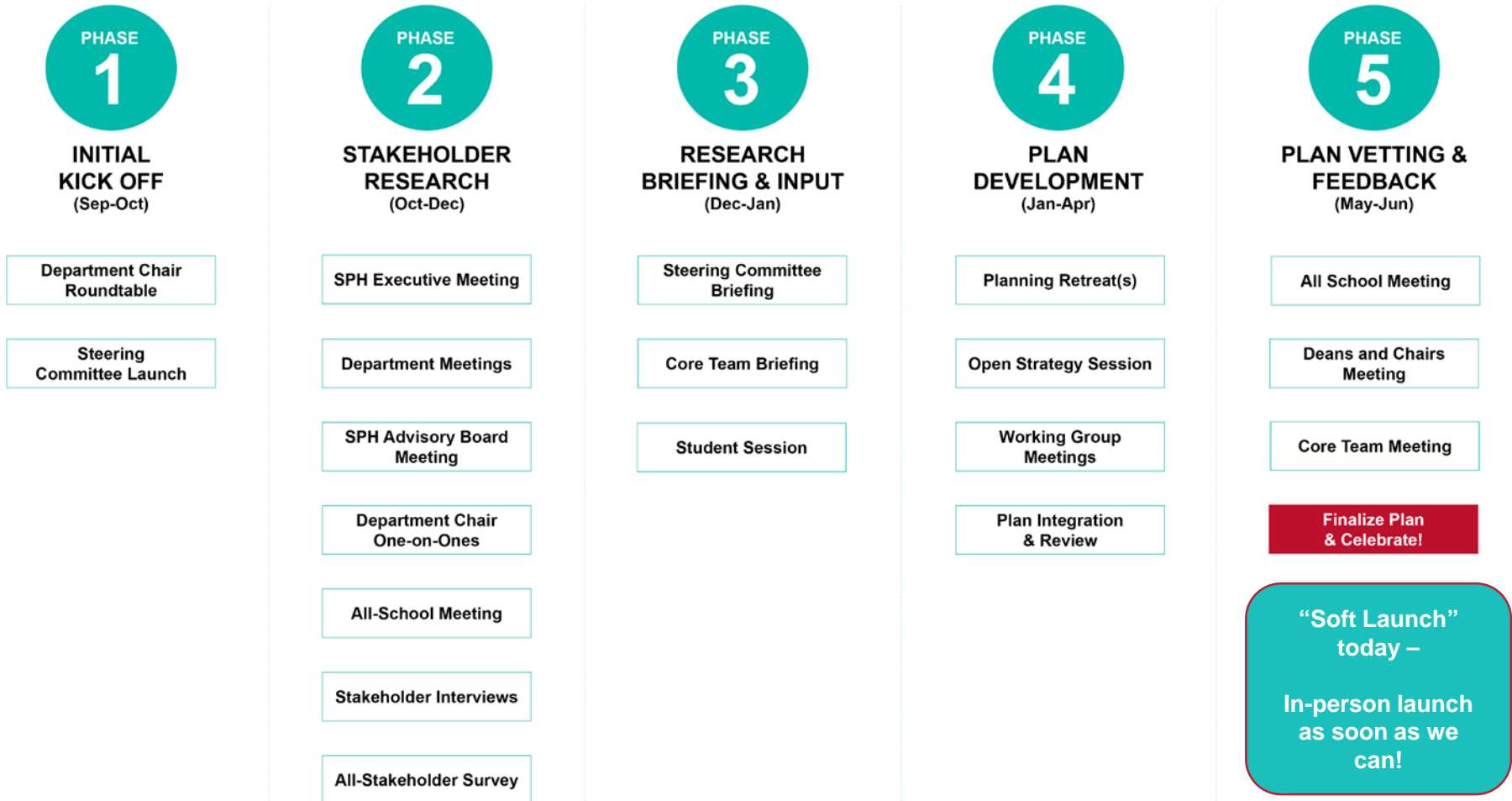


Actions We Are Doing Now

- > Tracking Dashboards for Strategic Plan and EDI Roadmap
- > Anti-Racist trainings
- > Research Council establishing priorities
- > Launching new Practice Council
- > Updating and revising criteria for faculty promotion
- > Moving to the new building and consolidating other collaborative spaces
- > Implementing new SPH Faculty Compensation Plan; growing a faculty development plan
- > Launching new MPH Common Core
- > Identifying ways to breakdown organizational siloes for cohesion and coordination as one School
- > Creating measurement and evaluation criteria for Strategic Plan that will include hearing from all stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, alumni, external partners)



Timeline



Stakeholder Research—What We Learned

> We heard you

- 26 meetings, 2 town halls, 2 surveys (*nearly 600 respondents*)

> Stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, alumni, partners) want to see:

- a sense of community
- identity of who we are, not just what we do
- an avoidance of strategic plan goals that are too narrow (*to see ourselves in the plan*)
- SPH aim to be bold and aspirational
- the commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion be reaffirmed



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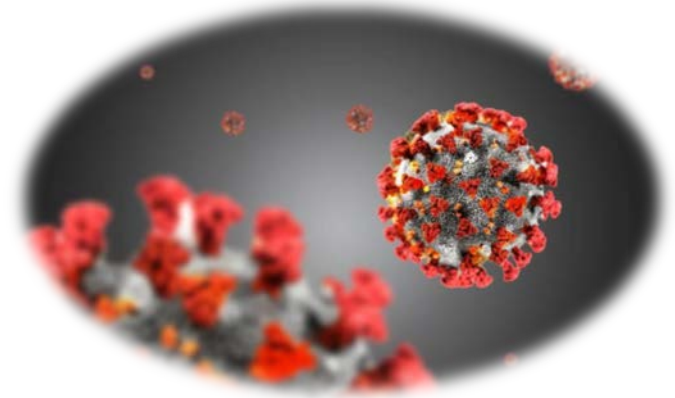
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Challenges



From
snowstorms,
to public
health
emergencies,
to Zoom
overload, and a
financial crisis



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this plan and
team kept
moving
forward

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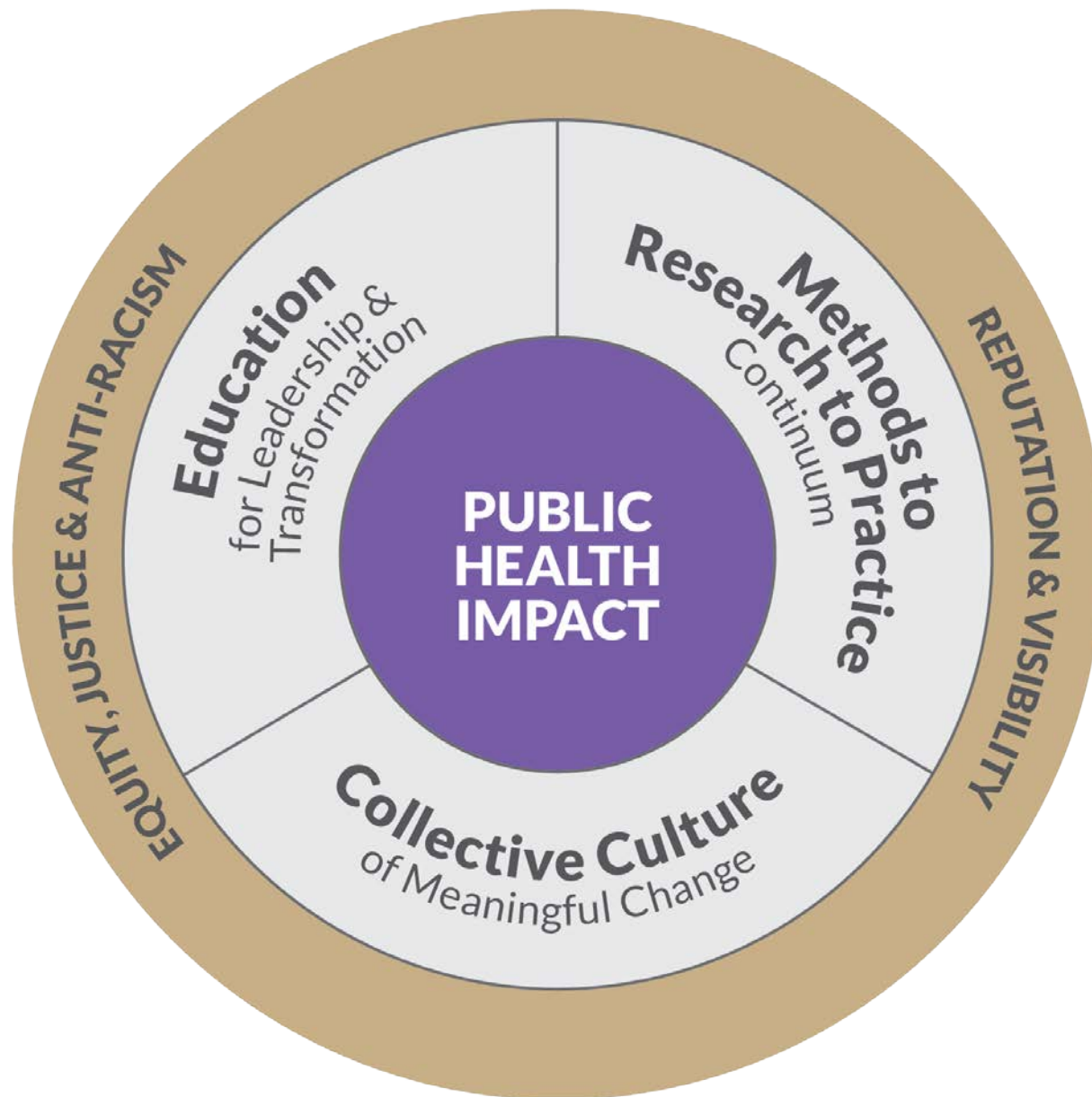
Strategic Planning North Star



UW School of Public Health tackles the **greatest health challenges** in our region and around the world.

Our groundbreaking discoveries are fueled by **rigorous science and equity-driven solutions**.

Our students are leaders who emerge prepared to work in **partnership with communities** to improve the health of all people.





**Our culture supports
ongoing development
and growth.**



Collective Culture of Meaningful Change

Outcome 1

UW SPH has a culture that supports ongoing development and growth.

Lead

Meghan Herman, Jared Baeten

Strategies

- Develop School-wide best practices for staff development and onboarding
- Provide greater stability of faculty salary support
- Innovate a new comprehensive faculty development plan

Outcome 2

UW SPH has a student-centered culture.

Lead

Juanita Ricks

Strategies

- Roll-out consistent services across the School
- Increase student involvement in decision making
- Develop a student-centered pedagogy

Outcome 3

UW SPH has a culture of well-being and connection.

Lead

Uli Haller

Strategies

- Move into new space and consolidation of our work together
- Reconnect after COVID-19
- Faculty, staff, and students are thriving and connected, living public health in our School and in our community





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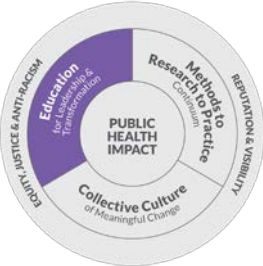
In year one, we plan to:

- > Implement the SPH Faculty Compensation Plan
- > Initiate School-wide discussions of best practices for staff development
- > Develop a faculty development framework
- > Catalog current student services team offerings and processes for working with students
- > Inventory informal student-centered programs
- > Prototype and model optimal student services and vet with student services teams
- > Define, as a community, how we work together in new ways that are collaborative, engaging, and follow EDI principles of respect and listening



**Our dynamic and supportive
learning environment
attracts the next generation
of diverse leaders who go on
to drive transformational
change in communities
throughout the world.**





Education for Leadership and Transformation

Outcome 1

UW SPH will offer consistent academic, professional, and personal support across all degree programs

Lead

Juanita Ricks

Strategies

- Better coordinate and operationalize services for students
- Students access and use services

Outcome 2

UW SPH will adopt best practices for student financial support; defined as students having the support they need to complete their degree program.

Lead

Carey Farquhar

Strategies

- Develop and implement best practices for student financial support

Outcome 3

UW SPH will deliver high-quality evidenced-based education across all degree programs.

Lead

India Ornelas

Strategies

- Peer evaluation best practices
- Development opportunities for teaching assistants
- Create instructor mentorship program





Education for Leadership and Transformation

In year one, we plan to:

- > Conduct an assessment of current services being offered to students across the School
- > Determine financial support currently being provided School-wide
- > Advance pedagogy within the faculty development program
- > Launch renovated peer-evaluation model
- > Launch new MPH Common Core, with particular dedication to educational excellence, including creating an inclusive environment





Continuous learning and rigorous science fuel our work. Collaborative research leads to cutting edge discoveries that we apply in ways that ensure healthier communities. Every outcome informs new waves of discovery.



Methods to Research to Practice Continuum

Outcome 1

UW SPH will celebrate important work across the continuum from fundamental methodologies to the development and implementation of evidence-based strategies for understanding and changing complex health systems.

Lead

Jared Baeten, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar

Strategies

- School-wide conversation about defining success and impact across the continuum

Outcome 2

UW SPH will continue to conduct cutting-edge work in methods and research, with priorities implemented according to a roadmap created by the SPH Research Council.

Lead

Lisa Manhart

Strategies

- Research Council develops priority research plan
- Work coordinates with SPH EDI roadmap

Outcome 3

At UW SPH, deep collaborations among faculty, staff, students, and key stakeholders result in successful models of academic practice.

Lead

Janet Baseman

Strategies

- Create new Practice Council
- Expand practice collaborations across SPH



Methods to Research to Practice Continuum

In year one, we plan to:

- > Have faculty from all departments in conversations about defining success in the continuum of methods to research to practice
- > Revise the SPH Faculty Handbook, including promotion criteria, to define excellence in scholarship that spans methods to academic practice
- > Develop the UW SPH research priority plan
- > Launch the SPH Practice Council
- > Identify the state of SPH practice work and education, including resources, constraints, and opportunities



**We are an academic
institution that promotes
good health for all
and breaks down
structures of racism.**





Equity, Justice, and Anti-Racism

Outcome 1

The EDI Roadmap is implemented and our progress is shared with key stakeholders, increasing our visibility and reputation as a School that prioritizes equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Lead

Victoria Gardner

Strategies

- Implement, track, and be accountable for the SPH EDI Roadmap

Outcome 2

With guidance from community members, principles of anti-racism are adapted in our public health work.

Lead

Victoria Gardner

Strategies

- Define for SPH what it means to be anti-racist
- Create best practices for: Undoing Institutional Racism, Intergroup Dialogue, and Restorative Justice Training

Outcome 3

Structures and policies are in place at the School and improved to facilitate the recruitment and retention of underrepresented faculty and staff, especially those who identify as black and/or indigenous.

Lead

Victoria Gardner, Jared Baeten, Meghan Herman

Strategies

- Recruit and retain faculty and staff who are BIPOC
- Provide resources, opportunities, and funding for faculty and staff who are BIPOC





Equity, Justice, and Anti-Racism

In year one, we plan to:

- > Define data, methods, and outcomes to develop a dashboard to accountably track EDI Roadmap implementation
- > Develop and administer universal trainings on anti-racism; create measurement and evaluation plan to determine effectiveness of trainings
- > Develop common, School-wide understanding of the key role of anti-racism in public health, academia, and leadership, in partnership with anti-racism leaders
- > Hire director for The Anti-Racist Center on Health, and provide resources to the Center
- > Recruit and retain faculty and staff who identify as BIPOC
- > Utilize EDI hiring best practices
- > Provide networking opportunities, professional development, and funding for faculty and staff who identify as BIPOC





We are recognized and highly regarded for our transformative impact throughout the region and the world.



Reputation and Visibility

Outcome 1

The reputation and visibility of UW SPH increases through use of a unified narrative across School communications which promotes the School's strengths, expertise, and unique programs.

Lead

Jeff Hodson

Strategies

- Develop a unified narrative of the School
- Establish guidelines, standards, and best practices for all types of communications

Outcome 2

Coordination and alignment of UW SPH and department and program marketing and communication activities are maximized, delivering more effective messages of real-world impact to all our audiences.

Lead

Jeff Hodson

Strategies

- Develop shared marketing and visibility resources
- Maximize marketing and communication activities across the SPH

Outcome 3

Public audiences and alumni are meaningfully engaged in the UW SPH community and giving back financially.

Lead

Megan Ingram

Strategies

- Engage key audiences for the 50th celebration year
- Plan for unified alumni relations
- Further enhance fundraising efforts that benefit students





Reputation and Visibility

In year one, we plan to:

- > Establish a baseline understanding of the School among external audiences
- > Unify the School narrative with a “branded house,” reflecting key SPH messages and identifying departmental identities
- > Conduct an audit of current marketing and communication activities
- > Celebrate the SPH 50th Anniversary
- > Grow alumni relations activities





Common Themes and Intersections

- > Justice, Anti-Racism, Equity
- > Mentorship and Professional Development
- > Respect across the Research-Practice Continuum
- > Build an Exceptional and Cohesive School
- > Tell our Collective Story
- > Track Progress to Outcomes
- > Work in Partnerships
- > Listen to input, make adjustments along the way
- > Measurement and Evaluation





Our work through this Strategic Plan ties together in an overarching

Impact Initiative

focused on partnerships—across our School and UW, and with communities locally, regionally, and globally. We will use the first year of the Strategic Plan to refine Impact Initiative outcomes.



Impact Initiative—Potential Outcomes

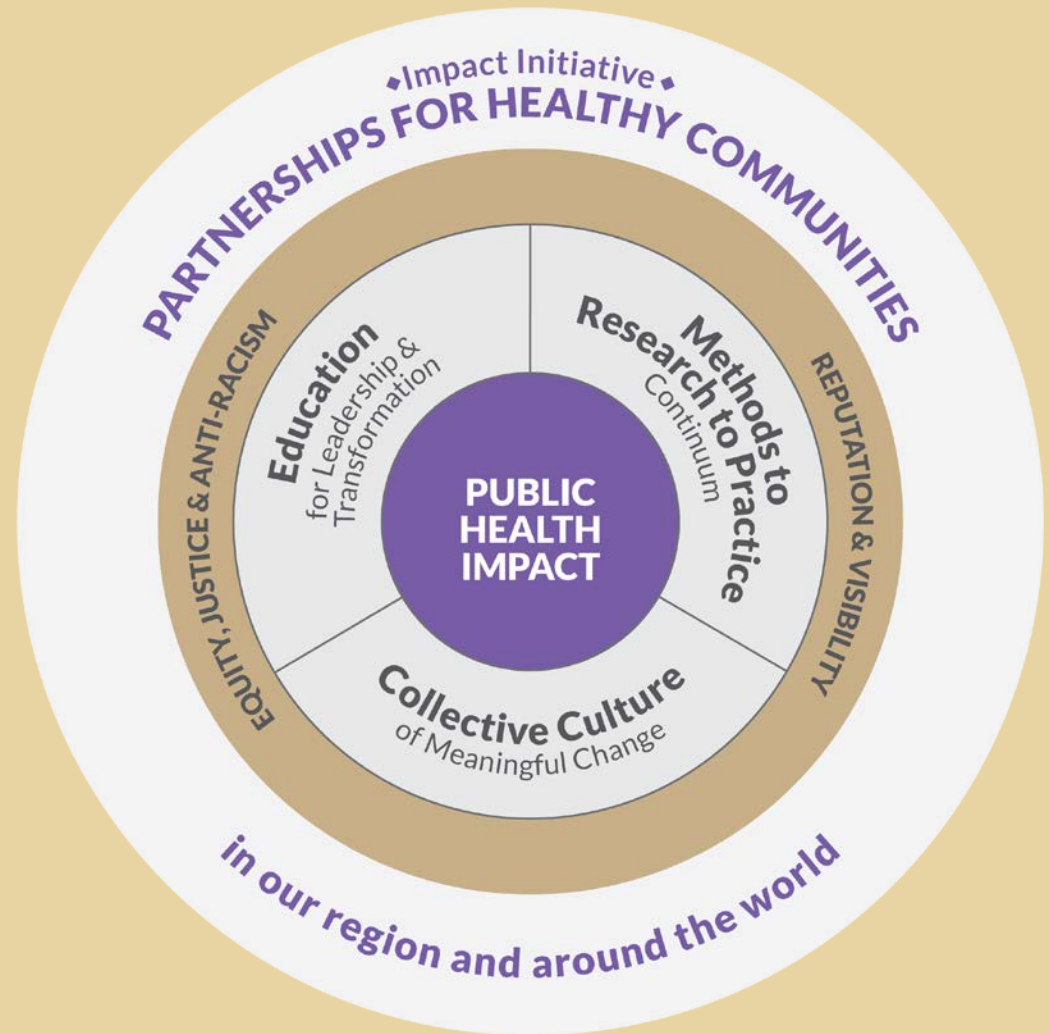
UW SPH—

- > is recognized as a leader in community-partnered research to inform practice and policy for improving population health locally, domestically, and globally.
- > graduates are leaders who are positioned and well prepared to tackle today's complex health issues.
- > is increasingly recognized as a top SPH across stakeholders.

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THANK YOU

Q&A