Established in 2011 by Advisory Board Members who saw the impact that scholarships have on students’ lives and career development.

Members generously gave more than $58,000 to establish this endowment, creating a legacy that will last in perpetuity.
Pawan Acharya is a second-year student earning his Ph.D. in Epidemiology. His research interests include clinical epidemiology, ecological studies, health disparities, and local and global burden of disease. Previously, Pawan worked on health interventions to promote maternal and child health in rural Nepal. Pawan plans to join the academic sector as a faculty member after the completion of his doctorate degree.
AZIMI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2017 by Mehdi Azimi, Ph.D.
- Involved in the consultation practice of development, implementation and administration of public and environmental health and risk management through promotion and prevention for private companies, government agencies, health care facilities, hospitals and prison systems nationally and internationally.
Marcio Bezerra

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2020

Marcio Bezerra is a sixth-year doctoral candidate in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He has bachelor degrees in military science and physical education and master’s degrees in military sciences and public health. Marcio is studying exposures to welding fumes for his doctoral dissertation, and plans to become a professor after graduation. Marcio is honored to receive the Azimi Family Scholarship. He would like to thank the donors, his family and the Hudson College of Public Health faculty and staff for their support during his academic endeavors.
Established in 2018 by Dr. Shari Kinney, MPH, DrPH, in memory of her parents
Dr. Rod Bradley practiced family medicine for 40 years
Shirley Bradley was a registered nurse
Together they initiated public health programs in the community such school immunizations and influenza vaccinations.
Tate Atkinson
Master of Public Health, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Tate is a second year MPH student in the Department of Health Administration and Policy. He is currently studying the intersection of public health and public policy and interning in the Commissioner of Health’s Office. Tate is an active student leader within the Unity Clinic, a student-led, team-based care clinic on the OUHSC Campus. He likes to spend his free time reading, staying active and visiting his family.
• Established in 2004 to honor Edward N. Brandt, Jr., MD
• Professor Emeritus at OU Hudson College of Public Health and College of Medicine
• Executive Dean at OU College of Medicine
• Avid Sooner fan
• Served in leadership roles around the nation
• Appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Assistant Secretary of Health in the Department of Healthy and Human Services
• He was known as “Godfather of Women’s Health”
Ariana Bruner
Masters of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Ariana Bruner is a second year MHA student. She is an active member on campus where she serves as the 2020-2021 HCOPHSA president, SGA Diversity Co-Chair, Unity Club Community Outreach Co-Chair, and Crimson Club member. In her spare time, Ariana enjoys traveling, making fancy meals, and running her small jewelry business, The Independent Youth. Ariana hopes to continue her journey in healthcare with an administrative role that will allow her to work towards making healthcare more diverse, inclusive, and equitable.
Rachel Kelley
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2021

Rachel is an MPH student with a focus in Epidemiology. She is currently working for Dr. James George on the Oklahoma TTP Registry and with Dr. Deirdra Terrell on her K01 awarded grant to study the long-term effects of TTP, a rare blood disease, from the patient perspective. Rachel likes to stay involved at church and helps with their youth group, loves to read and listen to podcasts, and hopes to pursue medical school after completing her master’s degree.
DALE W. BRATZLER SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2016 by Dr. Dale W. Bratzler
- 1996 MPH alumnus of the OU Hudson College of Public Health
- Chairman of the Department of Health Administration and Policy
- Chief Quality Officer, OU Enterprise
- Recently appointed as OU’s Chief COVID Officer by OU President Joseph Harroz
- Created to support students pursuing a Master of Public Health degree meet their professional goals.
Shelbi Legg
Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Shelbi was born and raised in Mustang, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma City University as a Clara Luper scholar. She graduated in 2016 with a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology. She has worked full-time as a medical assistant since she began working towards her MHA in the fall of 2018. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in strategic planning or marketing. Shelbi is also looking forward to marrying OU MHA alumnus Joey Geresi in November 2021.
BURNS-SCHAIFF SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2016 by Dr. Robyn Burns-Schaiff and Dr. Tim Schaiff
- Met while earning their undergraduate degrees at University of Kansas
- Both earned doctoral degrees from University of Iowa
- Supports students interested in a practicum or research in the area of tobacco dependence cessation and/or tobacco prevention
Afsheen Hasan
Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2022

Afsheen, a doctoral candidate in Epidemiology, is honored to receive the Burns-Schaiff Scholarship. As a graduate research assistant, she serves as research coordinator on two tobacco-related pilot studies. Her independent research focuses on tobacco-related health disparities. For her dissertation, she aims to understand the patterns of tobacco use by sexual and gender minority (SGM) youths. She plans to conduct a qualitative study among SGM young adults to identify key-contextual factors and adverse childhood experiences influencing their tobacco use behavior. In her spare time, Afsheen loves spending time with her family.
Established in 2004 to honor the Calvey Family
Harry J. Calvey (deceased) worked in the oil and gas industry
Mary Jane Calvey runs an environmental consulting firm, Real World Management and serves on the Advisory Board
Kevin Calvey, JD, serves as an Oklahoma County Commissioner
Mike Calvey runs a successful venture firm
Cathy Calvey Chandler is a full-time mother and Occupational Therapist
Beth Calvey Bohanon, DDS, practices in OKC
CALVEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Olawale Dudubo
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023

Olawale is a third-year doctoral student in the Department of Health Promotion Sciences. His research interests include health disparities, oral health inequalities, community health workers and the use of common risk factor approach in health promotion. He works as a Graduate Research Assistant at Oklahoma Public Health Training Center, where Dr. Kerstin Reinschmidt serves as his supervisor and mentor. Olawale is also father of two beautiful girls and husband to a beautifully brilliant lady.
RONALD L. COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

1934 - 2008

• Established in 2009 in memory of Ronald L. Coleman, Ph.D.
• OU faculty member for 37 years
• 15 years as Chairman of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
• Authored and published book chapters, prestigious scholarly journals and national presentations
• Recognized by OU for his outstanding teaching and commitment to students
Eneojo Onuche
Master of Science, Industrial Hygiene/Environmental Health Sciences, 2021

Eneojo is a full-time student in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He has a background in chemistry and currently works as an Industrial Hygiene Associate. He chose to continue his education in the field of Industrial hygiene/environmental health sciences because of his passion for the profession. He is a Christian, a husband, and a father to a new baby girl. Outside of work and school, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, bike riding and playing tennis. His favorite quote is “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars”.

CONOCO-PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2011 by ConocoPhillips to support a student studying occupational and environmental health
- Primary goal of company is to operate a safe and efficient business that protects communities and environments
- Created to help advance public health education and target students whose career paths align with company’s goal
Rachel Miller is grateful to receive the ConocoPhillips OEH Endowed Scholarship. As a current NIOSH trainee, she is working towards her master of science degree in industrial hygiene and environmental health. Rachel has a master of science in environmental geology and was previously a petroleum geologist. Her interests include industrial hygiene in the oilfield and geological health hazards. She teaches environmental science at Rose State College and loves spending time with her husband Brady, and three children, Madeline, Mathew, and Benjamin.
CONOCO-PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Courtney Noelle Redmond
Doctor of Philosophy, Industrial Hygiene/Environmental Health Sciences, 2023

Courtney came to Oklahoma in 2010 from California to join the Air Force Reserves and served for 8 years. During that time, she received a bachelor’s degree in biology in 2018 and completed a master’s degree in industrial hygiene/environmental health sciences in May 2020. She then decided to further her education by pursuing a doctorate degree. Her research interests include analyzing current respirator functionality and developing a lightweight respirator that can protect against Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). She hopes to use her education to create safe working environments for individuals.
ROY D. DEAL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2001 to honor Dr. Roy B. Deal, Jr.
- Earned three degrees from OU (BA in ‘47, MA in ‘48, PhD in ‘53)
- Professor in Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- World traveler
- Retired in 1985 with a distinguished career and awards too numerous to mention

1919 - 2012
Spencer Hall
Master of Public Health, Biostatistics, 2021

Spencer earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Oklahoma and is now pursuing a master’s degree in biostatistics. He started a research assistantship for the Stephenson Cancer Center in January 2020 and plans to continue working in the area of cancer or chronic disease epidemiology and survival data analysis after graduation. Spencer served on the Student Counseling Services student advisory board in the 2019-2020 school year and is now the secretary for the Hudson COPH Student Association. He loves listening to and making music and playing board games with his family.
DAVID J. FALCONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

• Established in 2001 to honor the memory of David J. Falcone, Ph.D.
• Regarded nationally and internationally for his expertise in gerontology and long-term care
• Associate editor for the *Journal of Health, Policy, Politics & Law*
• Recruited to OU in 1992 from Duke University
• Served as Chairman of the Department of Health Administration and Policy and as the Associate Director for Oklahoma Center on Aging
• Recognized as a role model who intellectually stimulated and inspired students, which earned him the OUHSC Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (1996)
Adam Hassoun
Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Adam’s passions includes finding innovative strategic and operational solutions to problems in healthcare in order to provide improved quality and access to care. He hopes to be part of the leadership that leads to the improvement of Oklahoma’s population. Eventually, he would love to start his own hospital in Syria and provide stability and care to a war-torn population.
ROSETTA FISHER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2005 to honor Rosetta Fisher at her retirement
- Staff member in the Hudson College of Public Health for 27 years
- Received the Employee of Month Award, International & African-American Student Association Award, the Hudson College of Public Health Alumni Association Service Award, and Regents’ Award for Superior Service
Araya Assfaw
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, Department of Health Promotion, 2023

Araya Dimtsu Assfaw is a third year doctoral student and Hudson Fellow in Public Health. He is honored to receive the Rosetta Fisher Student Scholarship. Originally from Ethiopia, Araya received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Northwestern College (Iowa) and earned his MPH degree from Oregon State University in 2016. Araya is passionate about promoting and improving the health of vulnerable populations. Araya’s research interest include improving quality of life to achieve better health outcomes for children and older adults.
Cassandra Camp
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, 2021

Cassandra Dawn Camp is a fourth year doctoral candidate in Health Promotion Sciences and was recently named as a Hudson Fellow in Public Health. Cassandra is a citizen of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from the Kaccv (panther/tiger) clan and the Mekusukey Band. Ms. Camp received her Master of Public Health in Health Promotion Sciences from the HCOPH in 2015. She now serves on the health advisory board for the Seminole Nation and the IHS Wewoka clinic. Her research interests include children’s environmental health, built environment, and geospatial analysis.
Established in 2001 by Mujahid Rizvi, MD, a 2000 MPH alumnus, to honor his mentor, Dr. James George
Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and the Department of Medicine
Research and practice focuses on describing the demographics, clinical course, and outcomes of patients with immune thrombocytopenia, drug-induced thrombocytopenia, and thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura.
Active member of American Society of Hematology
Silas Day
Master of Science, Epidemiology, 2020

Silas is a student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. He earned a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and English literature and culture studies at the University of Oklahoma in 2015. Silas currently works in the Clinical Trials Office at the Stephenson Cancer Center as a Clinical Research Coordinator where he works on clinical trials in hematology, stem cell transplantation, and cellular therapeutics.
EDMUND H. GLEASON SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 1998 to honor CMDR Edmund H. Gleason
- OU’s first public health degree (1949)
- Used GI bill to earn degree in public health and sanitation
- Enforced public health and state ordinances on food safety
- Oversaw the implementation of a state-of-the-art sanitary landfill
- Distinguished military career as a public health officer in U.S. Navy for more than 30 years

1915 - 1986
EDMUND H. GLEASON SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Terence Gipson
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, 2021

Terence Gipson is a fourth-year doctoral candidate in the Department of Health Promotion Sciences. Terence received his Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a Master of Public Health in Health Administration from Michigan State University. His work spans critical issues in health disparities research across the life span ranging from health inequity in pediatric service delivery to the effects of social inequality on dementia care access.
CLAUDIA GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2018 by friends, family and colleagues of the Griffith family
- 1994 MPH alumna
- Served as State Representative for House District 45
- Had a passion for improving our healthcare system and ensuring that more Oklahomans have access to quality medical care
- Passed away suddenly in July 2018
CLAUDIA GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Andrew Schaff
Master of Public Health, Biostatistics and Epidemiology, 2021

Andrew Schaff is currently pursuing his MPH in Epidemiology while researching tobacco and vape retail practices as a GRA with Dr. Beebe. When not studying for exams and auditing gas stations Andrew enjoys spending his time playing board games with his fiancée, Caleigh. After graduating Andrew plans to find work as an infectious disease epidemiologist while his fiancée pursues her JD.
HENLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- Established in 2013 by E. Scott, Susie, Regan and Shannon Henley
- Supports students pursuing and MPH or MHA degree
- 1981 alumnus of the Hudson College of Public Health
- President of Henley Associates, Inc
- Adjunct Professor in Department of Health Administration and Policy
- Member of Hudson College of Public Health Advisory Board
HENLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Abril Aguirre
Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2022

Abril was raised in Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor’s degree in community health and public & nonprofit administration. She is ecstatic to continue her students at the Health Sciences Center and to purse a master’s degree in healthcare administration. During her time as a graduate students, Abril looks forward to working alongside OKC health professionals and giving back to her community. She enjoys cooking, watching good movies, and spending quality time with her five year old sister, Adelyn.
Established in 2013 by Dr. Leslie and Mr. Clifford Hudson
Leslie earned her MPH in 1986 and PhD in Epidemiology in 1990
Former adjunct professor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Member of the Hudson College of Public Health Advisory Board
Both have a long history of supporting OU
In 2018, the college was renamed in their honor
Scholarship assists students preparing for a community-based health practice
Ayesha Boureima Sambo
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2020

Ayesha holds a bachelor degree in biology from the University of Oklahoma, and is currently a master of public health student in epidemiology. She is honored to be the recipient of the Hudson Family Scholarship. She currently works as a graduate research assistant on cancer-related projects. Her international background fuels her aspirations to pursue a career aimed at increasing our understanding of health disparities, reducing the burden of chronic and non-communicable diseases in vulnerable communities and to ensure health for all. Ayesha is also bilingual in French, and whenever she can, enjoys traveling, and learning about different cultures and cuisines.
BRENT HURD SCHOLARSHIP

• Established in 2008 to honor the memory of Brent Hurd
• Earned his BA from University of Rochester
• Hosted a popular campus radio show
• Married his high school sweetheart, Denise Brien, in 1998
• Worked as research assistant at the Oklahoma State Department of Health
• Was in final year of master’s degree in health administration when his life was cut short.
Rachel Parke
Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Rachel Parke is a second-year MHA student. She is an active member of the college and was elected by her peers to serve as the 2020-2021 ACHE Student Association Secretary and HCOPHSA Social & Hospitality Chair. Rachel is passionate about health education and recently received her Professional Pilates Certification in order to be a proactive force for the improvement of health in the OKC surrounding communities. Rachel hopes to continue her journey in healthcare with an administrative role that will allow her to provide an enhanced patient and provider experience.
Established in 2016 by Dr. David and Mrs. Patsy Johnson
Supports students pursuing a degree in Occupational and Environmental Health
Both are long-time employees with a commitment to helping OU students succeed and meet their professional goals
Mrs. Johnson retired in 2016 after 25 years of service at the College of Allied Health, Department of Nutritional Sciences
Dr. Johnson served as Chairman of the Occupational and Environmental Health Department and Associate Dean in the Hudson College of Public Health
Retired in May 2020 after 29 years of service
Henry Amisah

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2025

Henry is a new doctoral student, having enrolled in the Ph.D. program in occupational and environmental health this fall. His research interests are in worker exposures to combustible gases and volatile organic compounds. He moved here from Tennessee by way of Ghana, West Africa and he’s still on the fence about Garth Brooks. After his Ph.D. program, he plans to become an educator in the field of occupational and environmental health and help educate communities most in need.
Established in 1999 to honor the memory of Robert W. Ketner, PhD
- Earned his BA and PhD from OU
- Psychiatric social worker
- Faculty member in OU School of Social Work and Department of Health Promotion Sciences
- Inspired public health advocate
- Instrumental in keeping the college from being closed by the legislature in the early 1970s due to the severe budgetary crisis.
Madison Rhodes
Health Administration and Policy, Master of Health Administration, 2021

Madison is currently working towards her MHA/JD dual degree and hopes to graduate in December 2021. She received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Mississippi State University. Madison hopes to have a career as General Counsel for a health group in the future in order to further serve her community by making a conducive environment for accessible healthcare.
Established in 2010 to honor Elisa T. Lee, PhD
- George Lynn Cross Research Professor Emeritus
- Regents’ Professor Emeritus in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Dean of the Hudson College of Public Health from 1994 - 2002
- Founder & Director of the Center for American Indian Health Research
- Experienced researcher and author of more than 250 technical papers
- Devoted to research and training to improve health and reduce health disparities in the American Indian population
In addition to being a doctoral student, Lindsay works in the Oklahoma Birth Defects Registry, which has provided numerous opportunities to use the skills she has learned in her program. Recently, she has had the opportunity to collaborate with the CDC and members of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network to contribute and publish several manuscripts, including a Morbid and Mortality Weekly Report. She looks forward to a continued career focused on improving the lives of women and families of Oklahoma through improved birth defect surveillance and research.
Established in 1997 to honor Dan J. Macer
Retired as a Major in the U.S. Army in 1946
Awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Unit Badge
Held senior executive positions in the VA and U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the VA in Oklahoma City
Interim Dean of Hudson College of Public Health in 1980
President of Dan J. Macer, Inc.
Wei-Jen Chen
Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2021

Wei-Jen is a doctoral candidate in Epidemiology and Hudson Fellow in Public Health. He is honored to receive the Dan J. Macer scholarship. He holds a master's degree in public health from Taipei Medical University, Taiwan. Currently, he is working on his dissertation to understand the associations between environmental exposure mixtures, microbiome, and gestational diabetes. He is grateful for this scholarship support and believes it will assist him in achieving his future goals in public health.
DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP
2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Sameer Gopalani
Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2021

Sameer is a doctoral candidate in Epidemiology and Hudson Fellow in Public Health. He is honored to receive the Dan J. Macer Scholarship. He is working on his dissertation to understand factors associated with HPV vaccination among Native American adolescents and adults. His overarching goal is to conduct translational research with a consequential approach to reduce the burden of HPV-associated cancers.
Osa Omoregie
Biostatistics & Epidemiology, PhD in Epidemiology, 2024

Osa is a second-year doctoral student in Epidemiology. She has a background in child health and earned her master of public health degree from Boston University School of Public Health. Her research interests include maternal and child health; chronic diseases; and health disparities. She plans to improve the health of vulnerable populations. During her leisure period, she loves reading, gardening, and painting. She is grateful to her family for their support.
• Established in 2017 to celebrate the gifts received from OU’s Giving Day
• University’s first-ever, 24-hour campus-wide campaign to raise funds directly to support student scholarships
• Thank you to alumni, donors and friends who helped us meet our goal
Lacey Caywood has been a Tulsa resident since she was a child and plans to remain there post graduation. She currently works as a graduate research assistant with the OU-Tulsa Culinary Medicine Program. Previously, she worked at YWCA Tulsa as the Director of Health and Wellness. She also serves as the vice-president for League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa and has served on the board since 2018. She has a bachelor degree in health sciences from the University of Missouri. Her hobbies include knitting, board games, reading, and traveling.
Emily Isbill

Master of Health Administration/Juris Doctor, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Emily is finishing her last year of the MHA program after completing her law degree this past spring. She has focused on health law during her education with internships at Mercy Hospital, HHS – Office of the Inspector General, and a medical malpractice defense firm. Her future career goals include working as general counsel for an Oklahoma hospital. Emily is from Mustang, OK and is a fifth-generation Oklahoman. Her personal interests include reading nonfiction, playing volleyball, and volunteering in the community with local organizations.
Amanda Llaneza is a doctoral student in Epidemiology. She focuses her research on rare chronic disorders and health disparities and works with Dr. Deirdra Terrell and Dr. Eliza Chakravarty. She has a passion for conducting research that serves community needs and improving health outcomes for minority populations. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family and tending to the garden she created in her apartment.
Established in 2016 by Dr. Aaron Boyd and Mrs. Tanja Krous Boyd to honor Tanja’s mother, Diane E. Riggert, RN, BSN, MPH
Supports a Registered Nurse pursuing a Mater of Public Health degree
Riggert is a 1990 alumna of the Hudson College of Public Health
Manager of Occupational Health Services at Seattle Children’s Hospital
Lindsay Mathai
Master of Public Health, Interdisciplinary Public Health, 2020

Lindsay holds a bachelor’s degree in nursing and has many years of experience working in intensive care, apheresis, and oncology. Engaging the various disciplines of public health, her goal is to provide high quality care and promote wellness among the populations she serves. Lindsay is deeply grateful for the assistance the Diane E. Riggert Scholarship will provide during her pursuit of a master’s degree. In her free time, she likes to travel, go on long walks or bike rides, and spend time with loved ones.
Established in 2020 by Kathleen A. Shaver
1994 alumna of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
Held various teaching posts and environmental health jobs all over the United States driving responsible supply chain manufacturing practices for the automotive, chemicals, toys and electronics manufacturing
Led several global initiatives dedicated to advancing voluntary codes of conduct and promoting ethical sourcing practices
Director of Supplier Responsibility for Apple, Inc
Toluwanimi holds a bachelor’s degree in physiology and a master’s degree in environmental health from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is currently a doctoral student and Graduate Research Assistant at the Environmental Health Analytical Core (EHAC) in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He is proud to receive the newly established Kathleen A. Shaver scholarship. Toluwanimi hopes to become a university professor in the future and his research interests are focused on the health impacts of nicotine and electronic cigarette use as well as aerosol science. He loves to read, travel and play soccer.
Established in 2020 to honor the memory of Dr. Julie Stoner
Chair of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Associate Dean of Research and Professor of Biostatistics
Presidential Professor and David Ross Boyd Professor
Beloved colleague, friend and mentor
Strengthened our partnerships with other OU Colleges, the Stephenson Cancer Center and Harold Hamm Diabetes Center
Passed away in June 2020 after battle with cancer
Lance Ford
Doctor of Philosophy, Biostatistics, 2021

Lance is a third-year PhD student in Biostatistics and Hudson Fellow in Public Health. Since being at OUHSC, Lance has collaborated on research projects in the college and across campus in areas such as neurology, rehabilitation sciences, geriatric medicine, and cancer prevention. He has co-authored multiple publications in World Neurosurgery, Critical Care, and Translational Stroke Research. When Lance isn’t working from home, he’s still at home, but trying new hobbies, going for walks, or catching up on a long list of reading and Coursera webinars.
J.C. WATTS FAMILY
HEALTH & WELLNESS SCHOLARSHIP

• Established in 2015 in memory of J.C. Watts, Sr.
• Recruits and supports students who are studying the health and wellness of diverse populations.
• J.C. Watts, Jr. is a nationally recognized athlete who played on the OU football team.
• Named Orange Bowl MVP in 1980 and 1981
• Inducted into Orange Bowl Hall of Fame in 1992
• First African American U.S. House of Representative elected from Oklahoma
• Political consultant and advocate for autonomy in low-income families
Shelby Crum
Master of Public Health, Health Promotion Sciences, 2021

Shelby is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation from rural Indiana. She moved to Oklahoma to pursue a career in tribal health after receiving her bachelor’s degree from Butler University in Science, Technology & Society. She currently works for both the Quapaw Nation as an agricultural project coordinator and as a graduate research assistant for the ONIE Project. Her future plans are to continue working with tribal communities to reduce health disparities by promoting healthy eating habits, education, physical activity through sports.
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