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# Celebration

## 2024 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

THE SIXTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR



Milken Institute School  
of Public Health

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# **2024 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

MAY 16, 2024 | 5:00 P.M. | CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER



*Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH  
Director, Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention*

### *Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH*

Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH, is the Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. She is one of the nation's top health leaders with experience leading large and complex organizations, and a proven track-record protecting Americans' health and safety.

Dr. Cohen is an internal medicine physician and led the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, where she was lauded for her outstanding leadership during the COVID crisis, focusing on equity, data accountability, and transparent communication. She also transformed the North Carolina Medicaid program, through the state's Medicaid expansion and her focus on "whole person health" with the launch of the country's first statewide coordination platform, NCCARE360.

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Cohen served as the Executive Vice President at Aledade and CEO of Aledade Care Solution, which helps independent primary care practices, health centers, and clinics deliver better care to their patients and thrive in value-based care.

Dr. Cohen previously served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and served as Acting Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. Dr. Cohen was involved in many aspects of the Affordable Care Act policy development and implementation, including the expansion of coverage, insurance protections, and new provider payment models.

In February 2019, Modern Healthcare named Dr. Cohen one of the Top 25 Women Leaders in Healthcare. In September of 2020, Dr. Cohen was awarded the Leadership in Public Health Practice Award from Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health for her outstanding leadership through the COVID pandemic and Dr. Cohen was named Tar Heel of the Year for 2020. She has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and currently serves as an adjunct professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Cohen received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University, her Doctor of Medicine from the Yale School of Medicine, and her Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She trained in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Cohen is married and has two daughters.

### *To the 2024 Graduates of the Milken Institute School of Public Health*



**Lynn R. Goldman**  
*Michael and Lori Milken*  
*Dean of Public Health*

Congratulations Graduates!

Your extraordinary dedication to your public health education has been a testament to your resilience and commitment, propelling you through this crucial phase of your academic journey. Your innovation, empathy, and achievements inspire all who support you through this experience. Today, we gather to celebrate you!

Your education at the Milken Institute School of Public Health has built a solid foundation for a lifetime of impact. We invite our alumni—past, present, and future—to join us in a continuous learning, engagement, and collaboration journey. With public health constantly evolving, we must enthusiastically pursue an ever-expanding knowledge base to continue creating positive health outcomes for everyone, everywhere.

Today, we are confronted by changing societal and global conditions affecting health – the climate crisis, health disparities, mental health and substance abuse disorders, aging and the rising prevalence of chronic and communicable diseases. In confronting these daunting challenges, we must remain true to our core values:

advancing health equity and social justice, respecting human rights, promoting sustainability and assuring that public health decisions are based on science and sound practices.

Communication is essential: we must speak clearly and share knowledge and information about best practices. And, communication is a two-way street: we must commit ourselves to listening to the communities that we serve and empowering them to take action to protect their health. Your efforts in addressing these issues are crucial in shaping the future of public health and creating a healthier, more equitable world.

I challenge you to tackle these issues with the same determination and innovative spirit you have demonstrated at GW. Your collective strength goes beyond merely responding; they are about leading transformative change. Such leadership may manifest itself in many ways – research, advocacy, public communications, program implementation and evaluation, community organizing, or policy development and analysis. Regardless of your individual path, your journey will require creative problem-solving and critical thinking, effective communication, a thirst for knowledge, emotional intelligence, civic engagement and the ability to develop strong partnerships.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, I commend you for choosing a career path that will profoundly impact health – locally, nationally or globally. The world urgently needs your expertise and courage. The connections you've made here will last a lifetime, and as part of the GW family, we are committed to your continued success and fostering a vibrant alumni community.

For those dedicated to confronting tomorrow's public health challenges, this institution offers boundless opportunities to effect change. Raise High, Revolutionaries! We cannot wait to see what you do next!

Wishing you all the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn R. Goldman".

Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH  
*Michael and Lori Milken Dean of Public Health*

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

**PROCESSIONAL** ..... Faculty of the Milken Institute School of Public Health  
Graduating Students of the Milken Institute School of Public Health

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... Becky Copper  
*Master of Public Health, 2024*

**WELCOME** ..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH  
*Michael and Lori Milken Dean of Public Health and  
Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health*

**PRESENTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS** ..... Zachery Love  
*Master of Public Health, 2024*

Undergraduate ..... J. Zoe Beckerman, JD, MPH

Masters ..... Jon Kim Andrus, MD

Doctoral ..... Karen McDonnell, PhD

**PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS** ..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

Milken Institute School of Public Health Dean's Award ..... Radha Vakkalagadda  
*Master of Public Health, 2024*

Milken Institute School of Public Health Distinguished Scholar ..... Caylee Chan  
*Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, 2024*

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER** ..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

**STUDENT SPEAKER** ..... Imani Featherson  
*Master of Public Health, 2024*

**INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATION ADDRESS** ..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

**GRADUATION ADDRESS** ..... Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES** ..... Jane Hyatt Thorpe, JD  
*Senior Associate Dean, Academic, Student & Faculty Affairs*

Bachelor of Science ..... Elizabeth Gray, JD  
*Program Director for Bachelors in Public Health*

Master of Health Administration ..... J. Zoe Beckerman, JD, MPH  
*Vice Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management*

Master of Public Health ..... Jennifer Sacheck, PhD, MS  
*Chair, Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences*

Master of Science ..... Manya Magnus, PhD, MPH  
*Chair, Department of Epidemiology*

Doctor of Public Health ..... Gene Migliaccio, DrPH  
*Associate Dean for Applied Public Health*

Doctor of Philosophy ..... Lorien Abrams, ScD, MA  
*Associate Dean for PhD and MS Programs*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PROFESSIONAL OATH** ..... Oath Committee Members listed on page 23

**CLOSING REMARKS** ..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

Tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:30, you are invited to celebrate the graduates at an Open House at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, 950 New Hampshire Ave, NW.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

*The following lists include graduates from summer 2023, fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024. Degrees are conferred only upon those students who have completed all degree requirements by August 31, 2024.*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Charles Agba	Adam Dawer	Sydney Kang
Winston Aja-Onu	Andja Demiraj	Maura Hyun Kelly-Yuoh
Vanessa Akwada	Arushi Dhingra	Abigail Kennedy
Amani Ali	Hemanta Dhungel	Amanda Kikonyogo
Mirna Argueta Guevara	Esinam Dunyoh	Sean Kim
Charles Armour	Jianna Durand	Olivia Kinsley
Anissa Ashraf	Chidera Nkemdilim Ejeh	Zachary Kohli
Alexandra Aufiero	Michael Enciso	Lily Cai Kuivila
Gigi Baer	Rebecca Fallick	Yanca Larame
Henry Ball	Marliz Fam	Kate Larsen
Yousra Barekzay	Lareb Fatima	Upasana Larson
Lauren Barich	Elizabeth Foggia	Julia Lauk
Katherine Battin	Giulia Folli	Laura Lennon
Rachel Beatty	Nathan E. Fordham	Gabriela Lesiv
Daria Boswell	Maria Fugel	Cristina Lilley
Layla Brittain	Juan Gonzalez Mayoral	Morgan N. LoDolce
Michael Buchheit	Luca Greenspun	Stefan Lupu
Ashlyn Yatzary Cano	Esete Guta	Payton Lynch
Miguel Cardona	Sana Hafiz	Jillian Mackuse
Rinella Casseus	Maria Hayes Navas	Micaela Maclin
Caylee Chan	Ningji He	Lilian Martinez Orellana
Mariam Chaudry	Evelyn Hoyer	Waleed Asif Masood
Katherine Chen	Nadya Hullum	Sadhana Matheswaran
Ashley Cheng	Rose E. Humphries	Brooke Maxwell
Ishar Chhabra	Nasteho Ibrahim	Lily Mendelson
Lila Chiles	Daniella Ifebajo	Jordyn Milou
Hasina Chimeka-Tisdale	Giovanni Imme	Ela Moni
Chloe Ann Chmelar	Hana Jamal	Bailey Moore
Kaylin Cox	Samara Johnson	Amelia Morgan
Caitlin Cunningham	Remedios Elena Jorales	Jenna Wade Murrow
Melissa Davies-Cole	Katy Kane	Molly Nikkel

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

Joe Nwadiaro	Sumaya Samantar	Emma Thompson
Kaitlyn Panebianco	Lucia Sanchez-Gonzalez	Lindsay Thompson
Piya Patel	Evelynn Schoenthal	Melina Triantos
Grace Pedersen	Olivia Schwinn-Clanton	Maleehah Fatima Umerani
Emma Pescarmona	Kaili Scott	Isabella Vincent
Mason Pfautz	Ruby Sigmund	Katie Vinson
Victoria Pham	Hannah Silber	Tracy Vann Wade
Eliana Pierotti	Lilli Silverston	Katelyn Gayle Walker
Cara Isabelle Poblete	Sophia Slack	Natalia Wasilczyk
Richard Prieto	Abigail Slanski	Christopher Webb
Harrison Probst	Makida Solomon	Bethany Wheeler
Anna Quinn	Madelyn Stalter	Matthew Wiechmann
Claudia Rachid Batlle	Ethan Stelmakh	Alexa Williams
Alexandra Rainey	Blyss Swan	Dana Woodruff
Alena Ramirez	Patrick S. Tajanlangit	Michael Wright
Netra Ranganathan	Sean M. Tajanlangit	Mayse Yousif
Bukola Rinola	Danielle Taub	Hana Zalvan
Kristen Rodrigues	Lara Tepper	Julia Zhu
Haneefah Safo	Abha Thapar	

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## MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Bilqees Abdul	Kristen Brady	Neetu Dahiya
Doumbia Aminata	Andrea Brain	Maria Daza Mestre
Amanda Amirault Capuano	Alanna Brown	Devin Devlin
Benjamin Armstrong	SeQuoia Brown	Aissatou Diallo
Absaar Ateeq	Rebecca Bryant	Megan Diaz
Mobolanle Ayodeji	Laura Butler	Leah Dighe
Narvan Babaei	Royze Cachero	Yamini Dwarakanath
Tina Bandekar	Enlin Carow	Charles Evans
Kristina Belinte	Rogelio Castillo	Lawrence Evans
Daniel Beltran	Vancci Celestin	Mona Fakhri
Jolie Berke	Phung Chen	Sarah Feldman
Philip Blatt	Alexandra Coviello	Nathaniel Frazier
Daniel Bocanegra	Craig Crenshaw, Jr.	Sarah Freedman

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## MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION *(continued)*

Macy Gimbel	Nina Markanda	Erika Reiger
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Nicole Graveran	Monica Montero	Lincoln Scheiding
Tricia Gray	Anjali Mulloor	Ashley Sekul
Sahar Halabi	Shivaram Muruga	Mona Shah
Frances Hancock	Megan Ormsby	Anish Shah
Cassandra Harris	Luis Ortiz Sanchez	Rhea Shahani
Riham Hashim	Avni Parekh	Manasi Singh
Hope Hatfield	Shiv Patel	Anusha Sivendra
Rachel Hays	Vandan Patel	LaJeanne Smith
Paige Hollingsworth	Mehul Patel	Leslie Southworth
John Hurst	Shohil Patel	Sanjana Srivastava
Mohamed Ibrahim	Natasha Payamps	Michael Stalteri
Ramika James	Khoa Pham	Abigail Suarez
Sontaey Jones	Charles Pippen	Sahana Sundaram
Anna Justice	Jesse Portus	Grant Telhiard
Amrutha Kadali	Alisha Prakash	Vanessa Tellez
Phoebe Ke	Ashna Priyal	Anthony Terranova
Sarah Khan	Brooke Purre	Lucia Trujillo
Jaclyn Kotula	Haley Quinn	Emily Wall
Stephanie Lewis	Sarah Rappazzo	Meredith Wolfe
Sabrina Liang	Nada Rashwan	Samuel Yatesx

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## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Khadijah Abdullah	Faith Adeola	Anam Ahmed
Ifrah A. Abdullahi	Anna Adler	Akua Asantewaa Aidoo
Iman I. Abdulmalek	Mya Adrianzen	Selinam Akaba
Mark Abrams	Anila Afzal	Amna Akmal
Eric Acevedo	Isabelle Joyce Agapito	Ameenat Alao
Rachel Acheampong	Moises Agosto	Claudia Albert
Lauren Achey	Manisha Agrawala	Tamara Aldridge
Onyeka Acholonu	Layla Ahmadi	Victoria J. Alexander

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

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Najma Ali	Efua A. Arthur	Bridget Berns
Aatessa Alimahmoodi	Aditi Mira Arunmozhi	Sabrina Bharia
Nia Allen	Zoofa Ashraf	Alyssa Bialek
Kimberly Allen	Mark Astfanous	Tiara Bidjou
Melissa Allison	Sharon Atyang	Sophia May Bien
Jaslyn Almonte	Emily McArdle Avery	Aurora Bissiri
Lauren Almy	Samuel Avila	Victoria Bitzer-Wales
Yossef Alnasser	Maria Avila Ricardo	Melany Blanco
Lydia Alphonse	Olubukola Awofeso	Leslie Blash
Blair Altman	Enam Awuku	Hannah Boback
Melissa Bess Altschiller	Sophia Azmi	Katerina Bolliger
Alyana Marie Alvarez	Rachael Bailey	Addie Boone
Kelsey Alvarez	Devika Bajaj	Carla Bosch
Anastasia Alvarez Johnson	Mira Bakine	Michaela Boudreaux
Sarah Alvi	Jenny Balasa	Isabella Bowman
Clara Aman	Silvana Barbosa	Hannah Boyle
Ahmad Amanullah	Jane Barkholz	Lara Brachman-Goldstein
Amber Amin	Alec Barlow	Claudia Brady
Hatil Amin	Kammikia Barnes	Ellie Brandenburg
Hunter Lauren Anderson	Rachel Barnes	Hannah Rose Breaze
Olivia Anderson	Kimberly Barrett	Danielle Breitbart
Frances Andrada	Griffin Barriss	Margaret Brennan
Randy Andre	Aiesha Basha	Tiffany Danielle Bridgers
Kevins Anglade	Kendall Basham	Katelyn Briguglio
Maliha Anwar	Sitrat Basse	Lindsey Brown
Chigozie Anyanwu	Luiza Bastos Bianco	Ryleigh Brown
Jordan Aportadera	Jude Batoon	Carolyn Brown-Kaiser
Jeffrey Austen Applegate	Gabrielle Bayacal	Asha Bucklin
Ayah Arafat	Kayla Beasley	Lincoln Budasi
Avalon Aragon	John Behn	Miriam A. Bukhsh
Paola Arenas	Leah Behrends	Natalie Bulik-Sullivan
Monica Yvette Arevalo	Affiba Beke	Ebony Bullard
Jonathan Argetsinger	Emily Bell	Colin Burns
Elizabeth Armitage	Andrew Bennett	Meaghan Butler
Sierra Arnold	Caroline Bennett	Holly Caldwell

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## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (*continued*)

Isabela Camacho-Horvitz	Arianna Cona	Boubacar Dembele
Shelvy Campbell	Trisha M. Connelly	Emily Dement
Christopher A Cantrell	Katharine Connolly	Sara Jean Demetriou
Jeremy Cantu	Rachel Cook	Michelle M. DePhillips
Julia Caramanico	Megan Coomes	Kristin Derosia-Banick
Sebastian Cardona Negron	Ari Cooper	Parth K. Desai
Richard Carmody	Becky Copper	Catalina Desouza
Olivia Carter	Karizza Cordero	Daniela S. DeStefano
Avani Casey	Schlyer Cordova	Cam Tu Di
Colleen Castle	Amalis Janin Cordova Mustafa	Nora Dickson
Nicole Caver	Amber Blanche Corpus	Amanda Diederich
Hervinah Saskya Alex Celestin	Paulina Y. Corrales Ibarra	Rebecca DiSomma
Gate Chapin	Arantxa C. Corrales Ibarra	Rosary Donepanya
Cynthia Chapman	Colleen Christensen Couch	Kate Summers Doran
Leticia Chapman	Danielle Countryman	Hannah Dorsey
Juliana Charak	Lucas F. Coyle	Toy Draine
Rubina Cheema	Christine Craddock	Annie Drane
Jing-Ting Chen	Amy Craft	Jessica Caroline Drew
Gracie Chen	Elizabeth Crump	Danielle Duarte
Sophia Cheng	Ravyn Cunningham	Cara Dufresne
Lyna Cherikh	Jazmine Curenton	Jenesis Victoria Duran
Brooke Cherek	Nicole Marie Curreri	Kevin Xerxes Durgun
Oluchi Chigbu	Matthew Curtis	Sydney Durrah
Cellosea Chilton	Elise Dahlke	Abigail G. Duvall
Hannah Cho	Michelle Marie Daron	Ebony Eddy
Patrick Choh	Joseph Davidson	Ashley Nicole Edmunds
Kathryn Christian	Tara Davis	Emily Edwards
Emilie Clark	Dayna De Montagnac	Deborah Egbe
Christopher Clifford	Leah De Wilde	Edmund Egbe
Michelle Denise Cole-Riccardi	Hannah Dease	Tchotchovi Ekoue
Stephen Collick	Lindsey R. Debosik	Fatima Elgarguri
Frank Colon Matos	Kychelle Lourné Del Rosario	Brianna Elgart
Paige Combs	Catherine Delnat	Jonel Emlaw
Christine Comizio	Ashley Demars	Lauren Elizabeth Perez Enciso

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Brian Douglas Engesser	Viviana Garcia	Alicia Haider
Christina Epperson	Andrea Garverick	Meron Haile
Abdulaziz Eshaq	Mona Gassama	Kamilla Haldorsen
Analisa Espino	Tsigereda Gebremeskel	Christa Hall
Morgan Ashley Fabber	Sarah Broski Gendernalik	To'aiva Penelope Hall
Catherine Fairbanks	Danielle Georges	Imani Hall
Jennifer Farnsworth	Gabrielle Germain	Gretchen Halterman
Afshan Farooq	Tamar Gershman	Danielle Hamel
Caitlin Farrell	Sanaz Ghodsi	Paloma Hamlett
Imani Featherston	Kathryn Ghougasian	Ryley Handyside
Robin Mae Fern	Haley Victoria Gibbs	Regina Haque
Ruby Isabel Ferrari Cuello	Hilton EllAnne Gilbert	Natasha Harder
Nichole Ferrigno	Nala Gilbert	Erica Harris
Shanerrica Filmore	Dalila Aisha Gittens, MD	Amanda Hart
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Duncan Magee Fort	Jessalyn Goode	Sidelle Haynes
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Christine Framstad	Garrison Grant	Miranda Heibel
Olivia Nicole Frances	Aarenee Greene	Julia Heinz
Xiomara Francis	Dominique Grignetti	Chase Heltzel
Jessica Freeman	Hannah Grimes	AshaLetia Henderson
Hilary French	Nathaniel Grimes	Curlisa Henry
Yale Jacob Tyler Friedman	Monica Kay Grimm	Jessica Shadawn Henson
Lauren Froning	Rachel Grimm	Fernando Hern Munoz
Charles Fry	Yulia Groysman	Maya Hernandez
Mariana Fuenmayor Llanos	Hodan H. Gudal	Margaret Hernandez
Mitzi Faith Gabriel	Nicole Gunawansa	Jenny Hernandez
Delia Galbraith	Nicholas Guthrie	Patricia Hernandez-Roman
Caitlyn Gallagher	Sarah Habibollah	Alana Herran
Rafael Antonio Emmanuel Garcia	Elizabeth Hadnett	

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (*continued*)

Ryan Hewitt	Shuhong Jiao	Angela Kim
Brian Hill	Mallory Johnson	Annie Kim
Kennedy R. Hinnant	Jessica Johnson	Sarah Kim
India Gabrielle Hinton	Mya Johnson	Abigail King
Elizabeth Hobbs	Tamara Johnson	Mackenzie Kinney
Soren Hoefel	Tamirra Johnson	Anna Derham Kinter
Joseph Hornyak	Thomas Johnson	Kody Kirk
Karen L. Hover	Robin Elizabeth Jones	Nathan M. Kleist
Shalynn Howard	Alyssa Jones	Jennifer Ko
Christopher Howard	Ashby Jones	Paola Koki Ndombo
Inzali Htut	Jaylin Jones	Kaitlin Kolar
Tara Huang	Beverly Jung	Marissa Kolbeck
Houlder Hudgins	Nikhil Kalita	Priyanka Konanur
Ashton Hughes	N'tumahawa Kamara	Carolyn Kowalyk
Jason Humphrey	Nikitha Kamarsu	Lori Krammer
Karen Hurd	Eakjot Kang	Ruby Krauss
Rachel Hvasta	Arisa Kankirawatana	Meera Krishnamoorthy
Yasmin Ibrahim	Jillian Kaplan	Ashley Kwon
Joana Ibrahim	Sinan Karasapan	Isabella Lagunzad
Udochukwu Iheanyichi	Tahia Karim	Carolina Lake
Percy Ihieme	Rhea Kartha	Jonathan Lancaster
Sana Imam	Feven Kassu	Jenna Landers
Zuhrat Inam	Emily Kauffman	Kyra Langley
Mari Iturbe-Ortiz	Gurleen Kaur	Madeline LaPatra
Bobby Jacob	Tripat Kaur	Sabrina Lasch
Christa Jacob	Aubrey Kazimi	Evan Lashar
Joy Jacobs	Zoey Keeley	Erick Lauridsen
Halah Jadallah	Amina Keita	Sarah Lavari
Hosna Jami	Claire Kelly	Aaron Lawcock
Samuel Janson	Jasmine Keng	Shawn Patrick Leavey
Megh Jariwala	Rose Kate Kesselman	Grace Lee
Olivia Jefferson	Fizza Khan	Katelyn Lee
Carter Jersey	Renita Kibuuka	Jada Lee
Molly Jespersen	Samantha Hisako Kim	Do Hee Lee

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

Aileen Rose Legayada	Ignatia Manek	Sydney McMaster
Ian Leighton	Rhea Manohar	Noelle Ashley McNamara
Arianna Lendino	Ana Maracine	Elizabeth McParland
Lisa Leombruni	Trisha Maragathavel	Susan McPhie
Diego Leon Patino	Lan Margosis	Siziwe Mdlongwa
Sarah Levan	Ana Maroldi	Ie Meh
Dara Lewis	Karen Marquez-Arguera	Danielle Mendell
Jiwon Lim	Melissa Marseille	Arjuna Menon
Paula Cristina Lim	Mackenzie Marshall	Susan Athanasia Metropoli
Duo Lin	Anna Marshall	Claudia Meyer
Jamie Lin	Anna Martin	Krystal Mignone
Laura Lin	Madeline Martin	Evanda Miles
Dreu Lindsay	Alyssa Martin	Arianna Milicia
Tania Liriano	Bria Martin	Carolyn Grace Miller
Julia Logan	Isaiah Martin	Annalane Miller
Sabrina Lonth	Kathryn Martin	Daniel Michael Million
Talaya Loran	Bridget Mason	Emily Lyn Mills
Skylar Lord	Catherine Matenje	Emily Minkah-Premo
Jessica Lothstein	Amy Maxson	Lauren Mitchell
Nicole Lynn Loughry	Roslyn Maybank	Mackenzie Mittleman
Zackery Love	Clara Mbombo Mbumba	Rikiyah Mixson
Anna Rae Luce	Melanie Nkombo Mbuyi Kabundi	Raphael Mordecai Mizrahi
Rylea Luckfield	Emily McAndrew	Briyana Mondesir
Jason Luisi	Emily Grace McClay	Makayla Montgomery
Alicia Selena Ly	Meredith McCrady	Addison Montgomery
Oumou Ly	Peter Warren McDermott	John Moore
Jenea Lyles	Margaret McDermott	Mary Alexis Morabito
Sarah Lyrata	Elizabeth McDevitt	Dina Moradian
Umber Kaur Maan	Jenna McGillicuddy	Lisette Moreno
Maiya Macalpine	Megan McGovern	Julie Ginn Moretz
Gloria Macrae	Killian McGovern	Isabel Morin
Nidhi Mahesh Shastri	Amanda McHale	Elizabeth Morse
Bela Mahtabfar	Sarah McHugh	Emma Mowry
Marjorie Major	Amanda Sahadeo McKinnon	Mckenzie Mulder
Daryl Makosky	Madalyn McLennan	Anne Mullin
Hisham Malik		Fatima Mumtaz

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (*continued*)

Kadijah Munu	Omotayo Aduke Oladejo	Mukti Patel
Sarah Mure	Bolusefe Olatunji-Banire	Rusha Patel
Makayla Kaye Murphy	Peter Olsen-Phillips	Shivani Patel
Lake Murray	Temiloluwa Oluade	Siddhant Pathak
Marissa Murriel	Omolade Bosede Oludare	Michael Paula
Nina Murrow	Shanae Omar	Tariro Pedzi
Elisha Musih	Anuoluwapo Omole	Elizabeth Peery
Jemila Abdulalim Mussa	Tanwa Oluwatoyin Onabanjo-Edge	Jessica Pennell
Benita Mutala	Johann Onderdonk	Kiera Peoples
Nyantara Nair	Nicole Onorato	Laura Perez
Christa Nairn	Rita Onuzuruike	Annika Kimberly Peterson
Nandhitha Natarajan	Chukwuamaka Onyewadume	Anthony Peterson
Cassandra Navalta	Robin Elise O'Reilly	Allison Petkoff
Alisa Negron Damsky	Andrea Ormsby	Kathleen Pfohl
Amy Nelson	Monique Ortiz	Pepper Elaine Phillips
Erin Newlands	Angel Oteghile	Erin Phillips
Igor Bruce Ngabo Rwaka	Kima Deneuve Oudit	Averi Pickop
Quynh-Nhu Nguyen	June Page	Janay Pittman
Hailey Nicholas	Gregory Palmer	Erin Polis
Karlee Nicklas	Jayce Alice Panowicz	Teneshia Portis
Shane Nieves	Marissa Paolangeli	Savita Potarazu
Naina Ninan	Angela Paolucci	Patrick Powalie
Rosanna Marie Niosi	Noah Papagni	Selin Ravina Prasad
Kelechi Nnawuihe	Corinna Parisi	Dimond Preston
David Noto	Patricia Tiffin Park	Catherine Pribyl
Grace Elizabeth Nowicki	Jaime Park	Natalie Price
Cherechi Nwabueze	Mahate Parker	Courtney Priebe
Lily Nyenga	Jazzmine Parliyan	Brina Quaning
Meghan Oakes	Sheetal Patel	Maureen Quinn
Teresa Adesuwa Obazee	Sakhi Patel	Bahar Rafinejad-Farahani
Jennyfer O'Brien	Karina P. Patel	Prabha Raghavan
Larkin O'Gorman	Amrapali Yasvantlal Patel	Shermeen Rais
Jordan Renee Okoye	Ayushi Patel	Mansurat Abubakar Raji
Venus Okwuka		Nirmala Ramanath

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Leila Ramirez	Katherine Ross	Sydney Seignious
Kefa Ramsay Thomas	Max Rowe	Upasana Sekhar
Tirzah Rao	Evelyn Harding Rowell	LaShann Monique Selby
Kristen Rapp	Maxwell Reza Rowshandel	Emily Senasu
Syeda Anum Raza	Avery Nicole Royston	Siena Senn
Georgia Hackney Redd	Grant Rubietta	Raaghav Seth
Ananya Reddy	Rosaline Ruiz	Madelyn Shafer
Maya Reid	Ali Sage Russo	Jesal Shah
Gina Reistrup	Lillian Ryan	Mason Agatep Shaner
Christina Relacion-Finnell	Taylor M. Sabol	Rebecca Shaw
Elisabeth Renczkowski	Amanda Saffelle	Bethany Sheehan
Jade-Ann Rennie	Mercedes Salazar	Parker Sheldon
Delana Reynolds	Najma Salhan	Jordan Sherman
Cynthia Rhoden	Jay Salters	Bharath Shetty
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