

Assembly Required

By Lynn Huynh, SA President

A big welcome to the incoming MPH class!

Student Assembly's mission is to advocate for students, make students' experience at JHSPH better, act as a liaison between student groups and the school administration, and fund events and activities that enrich the student body. Our team is made up of students who have dedicated their time and energy to ensure Student Assembly's mission is carried out. For academic year 2008-2009, we gave out more than \$24,000 to fund student events, organized Fall Formal, raised funds for the Student Conference Fund through the annual Student Assembly Auction, and gave out more than \$2,000 to support community projects led by student groups. These achievements are only a few key things that Student Assembly has done over the year. As a member of the organization, students have

a platform to help shape students' experience at the school. At the general meetings, students receive the latest updates on events at the school and participate in key decisions such as voting for new student groups. At the executive meetings, members discuss ideas to better improve life for the students. Ideas to increase usage of the Portal and centralize the process of reserving rooms and scheduling events have been topics for discussion.

Student Assembly will be holding elections in September for the next academic year. Please consider nominating your friends and yourself to serve as a member of Student Assembly. Your contributions, energy, and time will be worthwhile and you'll gain the opportunity to meet students from other departments, voice your opinions, lead initiatives that you are passionate about, and receive leadership training through Student Assembly Leadership workshops.

Spotlight on the Black Graduate Student Association

This year, the Black Graduate Student Association continued its partnership with Operation P.U.L.S.E. (People United to Live in a Safe Environment) to provide community service opportunities for BGSA members and other JHSPH students. Operation P.U.L.S.E. is a crime prevention program that focuses on child safety and community awareness in East Baltimore. Sam Redd, the program's director, worked closely with the BGSA to develop opportunities that would benefit the children of East Baltimore and provide a sense of fulfillment to volunteers.

During first term, BGSA members and alumni volunteered at the Operation P.U.L.S.E. Back-to-School celebration to assist in entertaining the event's attendees and in handing out bags of school supplies to children. As part of our Black History Month activities, several BGSA members attended our PhotoVoice activity, which allowed students from Zion Christian Middle School to participate in a Black History bus tour of Baltimore, as



well as take their own photos of "the Baltimore I see" and "the Baltimore I wish for". These photos were displayed during an event in early May. The BGSA and Operation P.U.L.S.E. have plans to continue the community service partnership next year. Contact bgsa@jhsp.edu.

Spotlight on EHSSO

The Environmental Health Sciences Student Organization formed with the purpose of facilitating social, intellectual, and service-oriented interaction between students, staff, and faculty of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences. EHSSO unites students from the different disciplines of the Environmental Health Sciences Department and provides a forum for students to voice their concerns and share ideas and research. Networking opportunities, social events, student-sponsored conferences, and lectures are all benefits of EHSSO.

Our organization and individual student members are very interested in efforts to engage students and faculty in environmental concerns ranging from water pollution, climate change, community gardening and greening, and sustainability, just to name a few.

Our events include: food and clothing drives; seminars and guest lectures from experts from the JHU family, the EPA, and other agencies and non-profits; Sewage Strolls (directed by Guy Holliday of the Baltimore Sewer Coalition); and the Baltimore Ecotour (cosponsored/facilitated by Source). We have also partnered with the John's Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, Student Assembly, and The Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) to highlight issues of concern here at JHSPH, such as recycling (including electronic waste) via "Green Happy Hours."

Our individual members are active in community gardening and greening projects, watershed protection groups (such as the Jones Falls Watershed Association), Parks and People, and many others.

We encourage everyone to attend our events, and EHSSO is open to your ideas of how we can help our school and our larger community become true stewards of our resources! Contact ehsso@jhsp.edu.



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On Board with SA

President: Lynn Huynh

President-Elect: Ruth Fesahazion

Ex-Officio: Pritika Chatterjee

Treasurer: Kaitlin Lovett

VP Social: Warren Lee

VP Student Groups: Andrew Mirelman

VP Communications: Meghan Davis

Members at Large: Nidhi Khosla

Amanda Latimore

Tianjing Li

Hasina Samji

Student Assembly will hold elections in Fall for the remaining members to the board:

VP Social (2nd)

VP Community Affairs

VP Quality of Life

Members at Large

Department Representatives

Tech Tip

Your JHSPH: the Portal

Access your e-mail, store private files, connect with groups using team sites, save links, network with colleagues, blog and wiki, find public documents, and post to discussion boards. How?

Log in to <https://my.jhsp.edu>

Enter your e-mail username and password

Spotlight on MOST-DEF

The aim of Modeling Of Spatial and Temporal Disease Epidemiology Forum is to provide a forum for students to discuss issues related to modeling of disease, with particular attention to models that address spatial and temporal variation, and therefore we welcome people from all departments. No previous experience in modeling required! Contact mostdef@jhsp.edu.