



Greetings!

Congratulations to our graduates at this School of Public Health Commencement 2014! And a special congratulations to the school's first undergraduate class of public health majors.

We are extremely proud of the progress all our graduates have achieved as students, of the education you have shared with your peers and professors as you have pursued your studies, of the discoveries you have made through your research, and of the service you have contributed to the communities beyond it.

We are living through an extremely difficult and challenging time in the history of our nation and the world. Our health and quality of life are threatened by the environments in our communities, schools, and workplaces. Despite our knowledge of the impact behavior has on health, we continue to lose too many lives to habits we could easily change. Responding to the accelerating prevalence of chronic diseases, such as obesity and diabetes, vies for limited resources with the growth of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, West Nile Virus, and avian flu, and a multitude of other threats to public health. Our health policies and programs still fall far short of the public health ideals of prevention, protection, and promotion.

Nevertheless, our students this year have been outstanding in their leadership, vision, and dedication to working on behalf of individuals, organizations, and communities in need. As our graduates, they will continue throughout their careers to contribute these gifts as they address the challenges to the health of the public we serve.

I wish you all the very best for the future. I know the public health community will be better because of the many contributions you will make.

Finally, let me thank the parents, families, spouses, significant others, and children of our graduates. Without your support and understanding, our graduates would not be here today, and we would not be celebrating their achievements together.

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD

Dean, School of Public Health



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Joy-Ann Reid

Joy Reid is host of *The Reid Report* on MSNBC. Reid was the former managing editor of theGrio.com, a daily online news and opinion platform devoted to delivering stories and perspectives that reflect and affect African-American audiences. Reid joined theGrio.com with experience as a freelance columnist for the *Miami Herald* and as editor of the political blog *The Reid Report*. She is a former talk radio producer and host for Radio One and previously served as an online news editor for the NBC affiliate WTVJ in Miramar, Florida. During the 2004 presidential campaign, Reid served as the Florida deputy communications director for the 527 “America Coming Together” initiative, and was a press aide in the final stretch of President Barack Obama’s Florida campaign in 2008. Joy’s columns and articles have appeared in the *Miami Herald*, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, *South Florida Times*, and Salon.com. She is currently producing a documentary, *The Fight Years*, which takes a look into the sport of boxing during the 1950s and 1960s in Miami. Reid graduated from Harvard University in 1991 with a concentration in film and is a 2003 Knight Center for Specialized Journalism fellow. She currently resides in Brooklyn with her husband and family.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

We are a community of scholars, students, and staff, dedicated to creating a healthy society. In achieving this goal, we are committed to:

COMMUNITY

the basic unit of analysis for public health, enabling communities to address their own problems, share skills, lower barriers to action, and act as a catalyst for progress

KNOWLEDGE

the pursuit, development, and dissemination of which will improve the health of the public

PROFESSIONALISM

acting with integrity and collegiality in learning, teaching, research, and public service

STEWARDSHIP

of natural, human, and financial resources

IDEALISM

whether secularly or spiritually motivated

CARING

promoting compassion for and action on behalf of others

JUSTICE

whereby everyone is given access to the resources necessary to live a humane life and necessary to fulfill his or her full potential

DIVERSITY

celebrating unique contributions to the fabric of our community

RESPECT

for the members of this community and for those whom our efforts are intended to serve

HUMILITY

as we set our goals, as we work together to achieve them, and as we address the inevitable conflicts produced by those joint efforts

Class of 2014

FANFARE Northeastern Illinois University
Brass Ensemble

PROCESSIONAL

SINGING OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” Northeastern Illinois University
Brass Ensemble
Lyrics on page 51

GREETINGS

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD Dean

OPENING REMARKS

Lon S. Kaufman, PhD Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
and Provost

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Joy-Ann Reid MSNBC Host and Journalist

APPRECIATION AWARD

Presenter Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD
Recipient Joy-Ann Reid

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Lon S. Kaufman, PhD Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
and Provost

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES (see list on page 47)

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD Dean

DIVISION DIRECTORS

Jesus Ramirez-Valles, PhD Community Health Sciences
Linda Forst, PhD Environmental and Occupational
Health Sciences
Ronald Hershov, PhD Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Jack Zwanziger, PhD Health Policy and Administration

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Patrick Lenihan, PhD	Doctor of Public Health in Leadership
Karin J. Opacich, PhD, MHPE, OTR/L, FAOTA	Bachelor of Arts in Public Health

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Daniel Swartzman, JD, MPH	Associate Professor Emeritus, Health Policy and Administration
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AWARDS

BERNARD H. BAUM GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Presenter	Koffitse Atchon President, Public Health Student Association
Recipient	Jennifer Hebert-Beirne, PhD Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences

ALAN W. DONALDSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presenter	Lorraine M. Conroy, ScD, CIH Senior Associate Dean
Recipient	Rachel Reichlin

CLASS OF 2014 REMARKS

Speaker	Rachel Reichlin
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READING OF THE SCHOOL STATEMENT OF VALUES

Speaker	Rachel Reichlin
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WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Stephen Thompson, PhD	President, School of Public Health Alumni Board
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RECESSIONAL

Marshals	Catherine Bobbitt Ryan Cole Stephanie Moore
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DOCTORAL GRADUATES

Student	Degree Conferred	Dissertation Title	Committee Chair
Lisa Aponte-Soto	PhD	The Impact of Puerto Rican Maternal Feeding Practices on Child Obesity Prevention and Development	Noel Chavez
Damian Jamaal Denson	PhD	Running the Risks: Drug Use, Psychosocial Issues, Internet Use, and Sex in Minority Gay and Bisexual Men	Jose Ramirez-Valles
Mayra Lorell Estrella	PhD	Exploring Place Attachment, Sociopolitical Development, and Community Action Among Latino Youth	Michele Kelley
Gregory S. Finlayson	PhD	Allocating Funds for Health Care to Manitoba Regional Health Authorities	Ross Mullner
Samsriyaningsih Handayani	PhD	Factors Influencing Brothel-Based Female Sex Worker's Self-Perceived Risk for HIV Infection in Surabaya, Indonesia	Judith Levy
Vincent J. Haufle	DrPH	The Public Health Value of Healthcare Claims for Understanding Chronic Disease and Healthcare Utilization	Michael Cailas
Rosalba Hernandez	PhD	Longitudinal Relationship between Depression and Diabetes Self-Care in Minorities with Type 2 Diabetes	Thomas Prohaska
Juliana Florindo Mendes Lewis	PhD	An Examination of Environmental Agents and Brain Tumor Incidence	Faith Davis
Julia F. Lippert	PhD	Determination of Laser Generated Air Contaminant Emission Rates in a Simulated Surgical Procedure	Steven Lacey
Ramon Lopez	PhD	Size Selective Characterization and Particle Emission Rates during a Simulated Medical Laser Procedure	Steven Lacey
Valentina Vladimirovna Lukyanova	PhD	The Stress Process among African American and Immigrant Russian-Speaking Home Care Aides	Naoko Muramatsu
Jessica Mazza	PhD	Reliability and Validity of a Substance Craving Scale: Testing Invariance Across Substances	Kendon Conrad
Ada Moadsiri	DrPH	Strategic Health Impact Assessment Approach to Food-Related Policy Development: A Case Study in Tonga	Laurie Ruggiero

Melissa Ilene Naiman	PhD	Systematically Gathering Clinician Opinions on Health Care Technology	Annette Valenta
Elena Navas-Nacher	PhD	Second Hand Smoke Exposure and Cigarette Smoking Among Latino Ethnocultural Groups in the United States	Michele Kelley
Caryn Elizabeth Peterson	PhD	Survival Disparity in Black & White Women with Ovarian Cancer: The Role of Mediators and Contextual Factors	Faith Davis
Keir L. Ringquist	PhD	Evaluation of a Hospital-Based Fall Prevention Program	Benn Greenspan
John Rogers	PhD	Wound Healing and Resumption of Sexual Activity Following Medical Male Circumcision	Robert Bailey
Erica D. Seltzer	DrPH	The Use of Social Networking Sites for Recruiting Minority Childhood Cancer Survivors in Research	Edward Mensah
Stephanie B. Shapiro-Berkson	PhD	Longitudinal School-Based BMI Surveillance: Informing Obesity Prevention Strategies	Noel Chavez
Fei Shi	PhD	Model Selection in Multivariate Analysis with Missing Data	Huayun Chen
Abigail Silva	PhD	Assessing Racial/Ethnic Disparities Along the Breast Cancer Treatment	Garth Rauscher
Meme Li-Hua Wang	PhD	Understanding Family-Based Cultural Influences on Alcohol Use among Chinese American Adolescents	Fred Kviz

Alan W. Donaldson Memorial Award

The Alan W. Donaldson Memorial Award is presented annually to one graduating student who is selected for academic excellence, quality of leadership, and community service. This is a memorial to Alan W. Donaldson, ScD, a founding father of the school and its first associate dean.

Golden Apple Award

The Golden Apple Award is presented each year to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding teaching and service to students at the School of Public Health.

Delta Omega Society

The Delta Omega Society is a national honorary public health fraternity established to recognize and encourage scholarship and research among those undertaking postbaccalaureate study in public health and to recognize attainment in the field.

Noel Chavez, PhD, RD, LDN President

Students

Farooq Akbar	Tamara Kozyckyj	Rebecca Rapport
Brian Bamberger	Melanie Kukana Maglaya	Rachel Reichlin
Julie Chodacki	John Lalomio	Thomas Riess
Whitney Clegg	Regina Meza Jimenez	Katya Seligman
Mark Fasse	Stephanie Ngan	Pooja Solanki
Kristina Hamilton	Frank Pagone	Katrina Stumbras
Jasmine James	Zachary Pope	Keely Szilagi

Alumni

Allen Smart	Christian Rudell
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Student Leadership: 2013–2014 Officers

Public Health Student Association (PHSA)

President: Koffitse Atchon	Vice President: Ryan Cole
Treasurer: Chelsea Matthews	Secretary: Sarah Franseen

Minority Students for the Advancement of Public Health (MSAPH)

President: Shandella Darring	Vice President: Xenia Okalibe
Treasurer: Jonathan Lopez	Secretary: Melanie Maglaya
Communications Chair: Renee Black	Events Chair: Kristina Hamilton
MAPP Coordinator: Esther Ramos	

Award recipients are privileged to receive red leadership cords to wear at their respective commencement ceremonies.

ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE LAST GRADUATE HAS EXITED THE ROOM.

*Music by: Mostly Music at NEIU Brass Quartet
Reception to Follow: Main Hall C, UIC Forum*