



## Dalla Lana School of Public Health Students' Association

Hello and welcome to the incoming cohort of DLPSH students!

We hope that you have all had enjoyable summers and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. The Dalla Lana School of Public Health Students' Association (PHSA) is your representative body within the school of public health, and also holds 3 seats on the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) that represents the interests of all graduate students at U of T

The PHSA is made up of all members enrolled in Master's and PhD programs in the DLSPH, as well as an elected executive. We will be holding fall elections for vacant positions, as well as to select our program and year representatives. PHSA meetings are open to all members of the school, and we welcome and encourage your participation!

In addition to our fall elections, we've listed some information below about what we've been planning and/or supporting for the upcoming school year. We're always looking for interested students to get involved, so if you have any ideas or see something that sparks your interest, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us at [copresidents.phsa@utoronto.ca](mailto:copresidents.phsa@utoronto.ca)

### ***Orientation Activities: Aug 29-Sept 9***

Please see attached calendar in your email

### ***Orientation Retreat: Sept 16-18***

Incoming Community Nutrition, Health Promotion and Epidemiology students spend a weekend away at Hart House Farms, getting to know each other, faculty members and students in other streams.

### ***Annual Student-Led Conference, Public Health 2.0: September 23***

Student-led conference on Public Health 2.0: Exploring Innovative and Participatory Technologies. Visit [www.publichealth2point0.ca](http://www.publichealth2point0.ca) for more details, or contact [dlsphconference2011@gmail.com](mailto:dlsphconference2011@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering!

### ***First PHSA Meeting: Tuesday, September 20***

Open to all students, we encourage you to come and check out what the PHSA is all about.

### ***PHSA Fall Elections: Tuesday, October 4***

Even if you aren't sure about running for an elected position, come out to the PHSA Elections meeting and cast your vote!

### ***Research and Practice Day: Nov 4***

This poster presentation event will showcase student research and practica, and is a great opportunity for students to share their scholarly work with their peers, DLSPH faculty and members of the community. Open to all DLSPH students, a call for abstracts will be advertised in September. A workshop to assist in poster development will be held in mid-October (date TBD)

**World AIDS Day: Dec 1**

In the past, events have been held for World AIDS day, and we are looking for interested students to organize something at DLSPH this year! Give us a shout if you're interested!

**Events with dates still TBD:**

*Social Events:* Fall Social, PHSA Holiday Potluck, Winter Social, Year-End Celebration

*Town Hall Meetings:* Stream-specific and school-wide meetings for students, faculty and administration to discuss current school landscape and student issues

As you can see, we have lots of exciting events coming up in the new school year and many opportunities for students to get involved. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer, and we look forward to meeting you soon at Orientation!

Erica Downes and Jackie Quirk  
PHSA Co-Presidents 2011-2012

on behalf of the PHSA Executive and the Orientation Planning Committee