Congratulations Anticipating Fall 2014 Graduates

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*Students Graduating with Honors

End of Semester Celebration!
Join us for a celebration of your accomplishments with great food and conversation!
**Date:** Tuesday, December 2nd
**Time:** 4:30-6
**Location:** Fireside room (Commons 3rd floor)

Spring 2015 Internship applications are due!
Complete applications (including letter of intent) must be received no later than **January 20, 2015**.

Congratulations to Jennifer Gilbert and Briggdell Glay!
The UMBC Women’s Center has awarded Jennifer and Briggdell with the Returning Women Student Scholarship.
We are so proud of our hardworking HAPP students!

SCHOLARSHIPS
HAPP Council of Majors Book Scholarship and Barbara E. Burkman Scholarship
Applications for both due 12/1 to Cathy McDonnell at cat@umbc.edu
http://happ.umbc.edu/happ-scholarships/
Meet the Board

Emily Ewing, President
Track 1 Health Administration, Junior
Emily is currently an intern for Congressman Lee Terry, specifically working with the Health Legislative Assistant to learn more about the processes of health policy. She hopes to one day figure out if she likes hospitals or politics better. Emily is also President of College Republicans and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Leah Lord, Vice President
Track 3 Public Health, Senior
Leah hopes to pursue a career working with non profit organizations and continue her education after graduation. On top of school and HAPPCOM, Leah is also a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority.

Jena Chambarlis, Treasurer
Track 3 Public Health, Senior
Jena is a double major in HAPP and Biological Sciences, hoping to pursue a career as a pharmacist. Jena is also the Vice President of Operations for Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority.

Stacy Mathew, Secretary
Track I: Health Services Administration, Sophomore
Stacy is currently an intern in the Emergency Management department at Holy Cross Hospital. She hopes to explore more health services careers through internships and volunteering before she graduates in 2017. Stacy is also a part of UMBC’s South Asian Fusion dance team, Adaa.

Welcome HAPPCOM!
This semester we are hoping to expand our volunteering efforts. We are participating in events such as the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and the Red Cross Blood Drive while also learning more about internships from other students at meetings and expanding our network with each other. We believe it is important to spend time with others in HAPP in order to learn and grow as future health professionals. We hope you will check us out on the last Wednesday of each month for our meetings in PUP 203!

HAPPCOM Presents:
Alumni Panel
When: November 5, 2014
12 PM
Where: PUP 203
What: Hear HAPP Alumni talk about their HAPP experiences, post-graduate achievements, and advice for current students!

Clara Adjani-Aldrin, Public Relations Chair
Track 3 Public Health, Senior
Clara is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honors Society and a 3rd semester peer health educator. After graduation, she would like to earn a MPH and DrPH and work in the fields of community health and health disparities.

To learn more about HAPPCOM please contact Emily Ewing eewing1@umbc.edu or Clara Adjani-Aldrin cladjan1@umbc.edu

Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month in PUP 203!
Getting a college degree isn’t just about learning facts and figures; it’s about building the skills and qualities necessary for employment. Today’s workforce is mobile and constantly changing—your willingness to learn will help you advance in your career, take on innovative projects, and become up to speed with new ideas and technology. Through my internship experience, I’ve recognized that a love for learning in college will help you thrive in your workplace.

With a desire to pursue a career in hospital management, I accepted an offer to work as an Operational Excellence intern at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center for the summer of 2014. This high profile internship focused on improving and redesigning operational and clinical processes through applying Lean Six Sigma methodologies. Team building, conflict management, process mapping, and cause and effect analysis were only a few of the many skills I gained throughout those eight weeks. I faced many challenges along the way, but my undergraduate career as a HAP major played a significant role in my success.

The HAP 496 internship seminar demonstrates the importance of informational interviews—this is how I landed my internship months before the summer. During my junior year, I was eager to gain some insight in the health administration field from real-life employers. I sought career advice from the President of Franklin Square and, before I knew it, I was heading to his office for an informational interview. After following up with him, he offered me an internship opportunity to gain full exposure to hospital management, eventually reassuring me of my desire to pursue this field.

Presenting to the President of a hospital was one of the most daunting experiences of my life. After a week of talking to myself in the mirror, scribbling pages of notes, and making countless edits, I delivered a presentation of my demonstrated accomplishments to the senior management team. They loved it. As a result, I’ve realized how important classroom presentations are in preparing us for jobs. Just recently, Dr. Mary Stuart introduced to the HAP 452 class a speaker who trains employees on presentations. She highlighted the crucial points on what makes a good and bad presentation; her key elements overlapped with my preceptors’ expectations. This class requires us to deliver a 5-8 minute presentation on a healthcare policy issue while compiling the components necessary for a successful presentation.

As I mentioned before, my project focused on process improvements through Lean Six Sigma tools. To my luck, Professor Vivian Armour taught me this managerial concept before my internship during her Practice of Management class. Her teachings on cause and effect analysis through fishbone diagrams proved beneficial—I used them in almost all of my team projects during my internship. Had I not been familiar with these concepts beforehand, it may have taken me longer to grasp them during my trainings.

So, the next time you’re solving a problem, writing a research paper, or giving a group presentation, remember that every assignment is an opportunity for you to develop skills necessary in becoming a successful working professional.
I am a lecturer and retention adviser for HAPP. Two of the services I offer to HAPP students are academic advising and special assistance with writing in the discipline. In general, I advise new, transfer, and change of major students in HAPP. Continuing students are also welcome to make an advising appointment with me as well. I also work closely with classes that have a strong writing focus in their curriculum. You will most likely see me in HAPP 411 and HAPP 452, but I am always available to provide extra assistance with writing to all of our students. Lastly, any students that have other issues, whether they are academic or not, are welcome to make an appointment with me. We want to see each one of our students be successful at UMBC and after graduation. Do not hesitate to let me, or another member of the program, know if you need help along the way!

Dr. Charles Cange recently finished his postdoc fellowship in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Stigma Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa at the Center for Public Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He received his Ph.D. in Global Health from the University of Washington. He was a two-time Fulbright Scholar to Kuwait and a statistician for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He also interned at the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Paris Office and at the U.S. State Department where he served in the Science, Technology and Non-Proliferation Office in Paris and drafted the Department’s 2005 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Madagascar in Antananarivo. He is pleased to join the HAPP family and looks forward to meeting HAPP students this year!

International Field Research Program (IFR)

Spend a week learning and exploring in beautiful Switzerland!

Students in the IFR program learn about international research methods during spring semester, and travel abroad to conduct research on their own topic in Switzerland for one week during the summer. Competitive (up to) $1000 Travel fellowships will be available to qualifying students.

Travel dates are June 22nd-28th, 2015. The application deadline is December 3rd.

Informational sessions (and pizza!) on October 27th (3-4 PM) and November 19th (4-5 PM) in Admin 218.

For more information, visit http://ifr.umbc.edu/ and http://my.umbc.edu/groups/ifr, or email cbirge1@umbc.edu!
Advising

All advising appointments can be made online. No walk ins please!

**All advising:** Agnes Buanya, Academic Advisor, 410-455-2342, PUP 220
https://happadvisor.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php

**Internship advising:** Luis Pinet-Peralta, Associate Director, 410-455-3817, PUP 222
https://pinetperalta.acuityscheduling.com/

**Change of Majors:** Katie Birger, Lecturer/Retention Specialist, 410-455-2080, PUP 251
https://happretentionadvisor.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php

FYI

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  registration-appointments/
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  transfer-request-forms/

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