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SOPHE Awards Six Students Fellowships for 2011

Washington, DC – The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is pleased to announce its 2011 class of student fellows. With support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), these one-year fellowships are designed to recognize, assist and train students working on projects related to the quality of life, injury prevention, or adolescent health from the lens of health education, health promotion or the behavioral sciences. All of the fellows will receive a \$1500 stipend, one-year student membership in SOPHE, and an opportunity to present their work at the SOPHE 62nd Annual Meeting, October 25-27, 2011, in Washington, DC.

This year's injury prevention fellows are Ashley Brooks Russell, B.A., M.P.H., a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Oluwatoni Aluko, B.S., a Masters of Public Health student at the University of Maryland at College Park. Ms. Brooks Russell will examine the relationship between early maturation in teens and its association with both physical and verbal dating abuse. Mr. Aluko's project will evaluate medical students' knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about screening for intimate partner violence in clinical settings.

SOPHE also has awarded two student fellows in Child, Adolescent, and School Health. Sarah Redman, B.A., M.P.A., a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will explore the network dynamics of improving school-based sexuality education. Mary Casagrande, B.S., a Masters of Public Health candidate at San Jose State University, will utilize an innovative curriculum to improve the nutrition and health behaviors of culturally diverse teen girls in underserved communities.

This year, SOPHE is proud to announce the first round of student fellows who will explore behavioral/social science issues related to quality of life, or a person or group's perceived physical and mental health over time. Bradford Jackson, a doctorate of public health candidate at the University of North Texas, will identify risk factors affecting health-related quality of life in persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Ms. Chandylen Pendley, a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida, will explore the quality of life of head and neck cancer patients and caregivers.

In the coming weeks, SOPHE will announce the SOPHE/ATSDR Student Fellow in Environmental Health Promotion and Emergency Preparedness. To learn more about the awards and scholarships offered by SOPHE, visit http://www.sophe.org/Awards_scholarships.cfm.

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