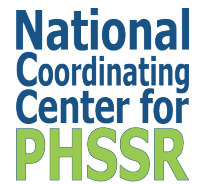


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National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services & Systems Research Names First Class of Brown Scholars

Scholarships Awarded to Help Students and Scholars Attend Keeneland Conference on PHSSR

LEXINGTON, KY- The National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR) has announced the first three recipients of the Dr. E. Richard "Rick" Brown Keeneland Conference Scholarships.

The scholarships were established to recognize the many lasting contributions of Dr. Brown, distinguished leader, scholar and teacher in public health and the founding director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. He passed away on April 20, 2012.

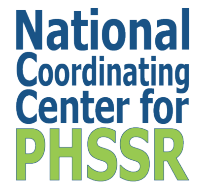
The recipients are:

- Van Do-Reynoso, MPH: Do-Reynoso is the director of the Madera County Department of Public Health in California.
- Kimberly M. McCreary, MS: McCreary is working toward a doctorate in public health leadership at Georgia Southern University.
- Denise D. Payán, MPP: Payán is working toward a doctorate in public policy and management at the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy.

The annual scholarships are awarded to doctoral students or post-doctoral scholars in a discipline relevant to PHSSR, who are from historically underrepresented research communities. The scholarships enable recipients to fully participate as junior investigators in the Keeneland Conference, a premier national PHSSR conference to be held April 8-11 in Lexington, Ky.

PHSSR examines questions that relate to the financing, organization and delivery of public health services – and how those factors translate to population health. The scholarships provide conference participation support for the selected doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars who are interested in learning more about and engaging in PHSSR.

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A true public health visionary, Dr. Brown touched the lives of tens of thousands of Americans with his unique blend of warmth, intelligence, tenacity and belief that public health data and information could be a powerful force for good.

For more information about the Keeneland Conference and the Brown Scholarships, visit www.keenelandconference.org

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The goal of the National Coordinating Center is to grow the field of PHSSR by coordinating current PHSSR investments, supporting real-world applications, and strengthening the capacity of researchers and practitioners. The Center also works to determine the future direction of the field's research initiatives; translate that research into practice; increase the visibility of the work; and attract other funders to the field. Housed at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, the Center is funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For more information, visit www.publichealthsystems.org.