

Hello Public Health Students!

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! If this is your first year at East Carolina, then the Public Health Graduate Student Organization (PHO) would also like to be among the first to welcome you to Pirate Nation!

East Carolina is a school that is dedicated to student governance and advocacy; the PHO serves as the unified voice of the public health graduate student body at the university. The PHO also promotes and supports the Department of Public Health in the continuous advancement of its standards. Furthermore, if funds permit, PHO will aid in the advancement of students studies through sponsorship at educational conferences.

We work hard, but we also seek to create a balance between work and play. It is our hope to create and support opportunities through our organization that will serve as a release from your routine of work and research. In addition, we understand that a career in public health translates into being a community leader. With this in mind, as an organization, we reach out to the community by participating regularly in community service events.

The PHO could not exist without students like you. This is why we are seeking motivated students to become involved with our mission. Vice President J. Eddie Reynolds, Treasurer Ross Pendley, Secretary Tandra Hilliard, Parliamentarian Marissa Kleffman, and I are looking forward to meeting you and working with you this year. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to contact us.

I look forward to meeting all of you,

Elizabeth A. Baker
PHO President