



Hi everyone,

Welcome to the the first WPATH student newsletter! The aim of this newsletter is to keep everyone updated on what events, training programs and conferences are going on that you may be interested in. We also thought that the newsletter could be a great way to connect globally and find out what other students are working on!

In this newsletter we have information on the upcoming WPATH Conference, the Student Award (self-nominations accepted!), the Student Research Symposium at the Philadelphia Trans Wellness Conference and more!

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## **WPATH 2018 Symposium - abstracts closing soon!**

The 2018 WPATH Conference is happening November 2-6 in Buenos Aires, Argentina this year. We will be organising a student get together so that all student students can catch up and get to know each other, we will send out more information about that closer to November.

Make sure you are working on your abstracts, the submission deadline is March 9th! See the WPATH website for more information: [www.wpath.org/](http://www.wpath.org/)

We are pleased to announce that the WPATH Board of Directors has approved 5 student scholarships for those attending the 2018 WPATH Symposium. The student scholarships are in the form of registration fee waivers. More information on how to apply will follow.

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# WPATH Outstanding Student Contribution Award

Description: This award honors a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of transgender health through scholarship, research, curriculum development, policy, or has demonstrated exemplary service to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH).

Nominees: Please feel free to nominate graduate student(s) currently enrolled in a graduate program, or recently graduated student(s) who have made contributions in transgender-related program areas such as medicine, law, the social sciences, and other academic and applied disciplines, the practice of which contribute to the well-being of transsexual, transgender, and gender-nonconforming individuals, and to the field of transgender health. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Process: Please send award nominations by March 28, 2018 to the WPATH office at [wpath@wpath.org](mailto:wpath@wpath.org) SUBJECT: WPATH STUDENT AWARDS.

Nominations should include:

- a letter of recommendation (no more than 2 letters)
  - the nominee's CV
  - nominee's email address and/or phone number.
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Award Presentation: The chairs will notify the award recipient by April 25, 2018. The award, which includes a cash prize and complementary meeting registration, will be presented at the WPATH 2018 Symposium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, though individuals do not have to be present to receive the award.

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## **WSI Student Research Symposium at the 2018 Philadelphia Trans Wellness Conference**

The 2018 Philadelphia Trans Wellness Conference is from the 2nd-4th August. Click here for more information: [www.mazzonicenter.org/trans-health](http://www.mazzonicenter.org/trans-health)

The WPATH Student Initiative is pleased to be partnering with the conference again for 2018, to hold a student research symposium. Submissions are due April 13th, click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/kUgNmE5HRwUDH5Gt1>

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## **Update from 2017 Student Research Grant (Runner-Up), *Ethan Cicero***

Contemporary, empirically-based knowledge of transgender health is scant and lacks understanding of physical health, health problems or impairments, chronic health conditions, and the impact of individual factors known to affect health outcomes in other vulnerable populations. Despite the growing body of health-related literature, additional research is needed to advance our understanding of the health among transgender subgroups such as transgender women (MTF), transgender men (FTM), and gender nonconforming (GNC) adults; moreover, this knowledge will help prioritize health needs, and identify pathways to reduce the health inequities plagued by the transgender population.

The overall goal of this study is to increase understanding of the relationships with individual factors (personal characteristics and socioeconomic position) and health status among five study groups: three transgender subgroups (MTF, FTM, GNC) and their cisgender male (CGM) and cisgender female (CGF) counterparts. The specific aims were to: (1) describe and compare the personal characteristics, socioeconomic position, and health status of five study groups (MTF, FTM, GNC, CGM, and CGF), and (2) determine the differential effects of individual factors on health status in the five study groups. The second aim allowed us to: a) evaluate differences in health status between the five study groups, covarying for the effects of individual factors and their interactions with study group, and (b) examine the influence of individual factors and their interactions with study group on health status.

Ethan Cicero, BSN, RN

PhD Candidate

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## Student Research Grant

Stay tuned for information in the coming months about student research grants!  
See an update below from a previous recipient!

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## Student publications

This is where we would like to highlight student publications. Please notify us of any publications you have published recently (including peer-reviewed publications, reports, etc.)

Tell us about your publication here: <https://goo.gl/forms/QsH9tQUdK5ajLKV33>

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## We want to hear about you!

Let us know what you want to share with other WPATH students: we want to hear what you have been getting published, any conferences or events that are coming up, and any experiences with research or clinical practice you want to share with others!

Also, email us any photos from conferences or other relevant events that you attend that you would like to share with other students. We would also love to know what else you want to see in this newsletter - contact us with any suggestions, or if you want to get involved. Send any updates to [wpathstudents@wpath.org](mailto:wpathstudents@wpath.org).

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Thanks for reading!

From your WPATH Student Initiative representatives:



Luke Allen, MA  
Co-Chair of the WPATH Student Initiative  
Representative to the WPATH Board of  
Directors.

Luke Allen, MA, is Counseling Psychology PhD student based in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. Currently, he is involved research assessing the mental health outcomes of gender diverse young people after gender-affirming medical interventions.



Alex Laungani, MD  
Full Member Co-Chair of the WPATH Student  
Initiative

Alex is a plastic surgeon trained in Belgium, currently in the process of re-training in the USA in order to be able to work in North America. He is currently based at Mayo Clinic, Rochester Minnesota. His research focuses mainly on technical aspects and outcomes of gender-affirming surgical procedures.

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Penelope Strauss, MPH  
Interim Student Vice Co-Chair of the WPATH  
Student Initiative

Penelope is a PhD student based in Perth, Australia. Her research is focused on the mental health of gender diverse young people and the barriers faced in accessing medical and mental health services.

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