INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

The closing date for providing data has been extended to **February 19, 2021**. Questions regarding the survey should be directed to **Kristen Truong** at kristen@asahp.org. The following schools are participating in the study as of January 28, 2021:

- Arkansas State University
- Augusta University
- Bowling Green State University
- Central Michigan University
- Chatham University
- Des Moines University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- East Tennessee State University
- Ferris State University
- Georgia State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Hofstra University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Ithaca College
- Jacksonville State University
- King's College
- Mayo Clinic
- Medical University of South Carolina
- New York Institute of Technology
- Ohio University
- Pacific University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rush University
- Rutgers University
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Saint Louis University
- Salus University
- Stony Brook University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- The George Washington University
- The Ohio State University
- Towson University
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Kentucky
- University of Michigan-Flint
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- University of New Haven
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- University of Texas Health San Antonio
- University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- University of the Incarnate Word
- University of Utah
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Weber State University

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

Through the **Award for Institutional Excellence and Innovation in Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Health Care**, ASAHP plans to recognize a member institution or industry member for outstanding achievement in interprofessional education (IPE) and interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP). Several institutions also will be recognized as “Programs of Merit.” Award recipients will be acknowledged at the ASAHP Annual Conference in October 2021 in Long Beach, California. Award nominations must be submitted by the designated ASAHP member representative. The application period closes on **May 1, 2021**. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than August 1, 2021. All nominations must be submitted via the online form at https://www.asahp.org/ip-award.

UPCOMING 2021 ASSOCIATION EVENTS

- **February 10, 1:00-2:00 PM ET** ASAHP Live Virtual Series – Select Topics in Allied Health.
- **February 24, 1:00-2:00 PM ET** ASAHP Live Virtual Series – Curriculum Innovations Related to COVID-19 & Select Topics in Allied Health.
- **March 10, 1:00-2:00 PM ET** ASAHP Live Virtual Series – Select Topics in Allied Health.
- **March 24, 1:00-2:00 PM ET** ASAHP Live Virtual Series – Curriculum Innovations Related to COVID-19.

More information can be obtained at https://www.asahp.org/events.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association’s Board of Directors had a conference call on November 19, 2020. The following actions are among those taken:

- The Minutes of a conference call on October 15, 2020 were reviewed and approved as written by the Board.

- President Phyllis King expressed appreciation for the Board’s participation and the role of staff in the virtual meeting that was conducted in October instead of having the usual ASAHP annual conference. The virtual meeting allowed access and networking for the organization’s members. Participants were requested to complete a survey regarding this event. The results overwhelmingly were positive, with almost all respondents stating that they were satisfied or highly satisfied with the experience. A total of 272 individuals attended the meeting with over 400 attending portions of it.

- Treasurer Brian Shulman reported on the status of funds in the investment accounts at Merrill Lynch and also at SunTrust Bank.

- All Strategic Planning committees are working productively. Creation of web-based learning materials is under consideration. Different options currently are being explored.

WOMEN AND STEM

Despite making up nearly half of the U.S. workforce, women still are vastly underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce. Women made gains, from 8% of STEM workers in 1970 to 27% in 2019, but men still dominated the field. Men made up 52% of all U.S. workers, but 73% of all STEM workers. Since 1970, the representation of women has increased across all STEM occupations and they made significant gains in social science occupations, from 19% in 1970 to 64% in 2019.

Women in 2019 also made up nearly half of those in all mathematics (47%) and life and physical science occupations (45%) but did not make as big gains in computer and engineering occupations, however, which made up the largest portion (80%) of the STEM workforce. Additional information can be obtained at https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/01/women-making-gains-in-stem-occupations-but-still-underrepresented.html.

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY

A new Robert Wood Johnson Foundation policy brief makes evidence-based recommendations to ensure individuals do not lose their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond and build transformational change that guarantees housing as a human right and public good that advances racial and economic equity. The first brief in the series, lays out a roadmap for how to ensure the prevention of loss of homes during the pandemic and beyond, and build toward transformational change that guarantees housing as a human right. The brief can be obtained at https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2021/01/federal-policy-recommendations-to-advance-health-equity-from-rwjf.html.

PODCAST ON ASSISTIVE DEVICES

A podcast interview on January 8, 2021 with an occupational therapist at the Rusk Rehabilitation Institute at NYU Langone Health had a focus on: how the coronavirus led to changes in working with patients, examples of low tech/high tech assistive devices, kinds of health problems of patients being treated, working with patients whose coronavirus symptoms persist, determining which forms of assistive technology to use, using telehealth to enable patients to use assistive devices at home, and helping patients to avoid abandoning the use of these devices. The interview posted on the Web on January 20 can be listened to at https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ruск-insights-on-rehabilitation-medicine/id1003641461.

2021 HEALTH PRIORITIES

Vital Directions for Health and Health Care is one of a series from the National Academy of Medicine that focuses on the growing problem of health inequities and health disparities. Originally established by the Academy in 2016, the products of this initiative are aimed at providing trusted, nonpartisan, evidence-based analysis of critical issues in health, health care, and biomedical science.

Published in the journal Health Affairs, six different commentaries propose health and health care priorities for the new Biden administration involving health costs and financing; early childhood and maternal health; mental health and addiction; better health and health care for older adults; infectious disease threats, and the current experience with the coronavirus pandemic and health inequities.

This informative resource can be obtained at https://www.healthaffairs.org/health-policy-priorities-2021.