

2018 NJ SOPHE Winners

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Anna Skiff Award (CHES)



This year's winner is **Emma Opthof!** She is currently pursuing her MPH at Montclair State University where she is majoring in Community Health Education. She has served as a health education/promotion resource person through her various volunteer position and internships. She is a rising health education star, and we are pleased to help her on her journey.

Dr. Karen Denard Goldman Academic Scholarship

This year's winner is **Sarah Jacob!** She is currently pursuing her MPH in Community Health Education at Montclair University. She is well recognized among her peer group and she has demonstrated a commitment to public health practice through her work on various health campaigns at her Health Dept Internship. This student hopes to one-day pursue her doctoral degree.

Carol Refvi Professional Development Scholarship



This year's winner is **Linda Brown.** She has played a vital role in our NJ SOPHE organization, from just being a member to participating in many of the committees we have to offer. She has organized and overseen numerous health education activities, applied and received multiple grants and has mentored numerous interns through her various health education positions. She is always eager to learn and is willing to take on innovative approaches.

Outstanding Health Materials Award



The 2018 Outstanding Health Materials Award goes to **Vaping: Protect Your kids created by Tiffany Neal.** This is a shadowbox to be used at health fairs or to be displayed in schools. Its purpose is to raise awareness of vaping among parents of youth. The display includes sample vaping supplies (Juil, e-cigarettes, cartridges, liquid refill bottle) as well as an educational flyer that explains the health risks of vaping and the prevalence among youth.

NJ SOPHE Trophy



This year's winner is **Sheyenne Buchalski**. She first came to the NJ SOPHE program as a student interested in learning more about how she could get involved and connect with health educators. Perhaps to her great surprise, during this same meeting, she was appointed to a newly formed role on the Board. Since this time, she has utilized her passion, energy and wonderful ideas to take the Student and New Professional Committee to a different level. Guided by the general ideal, "What do I need? and What would I like?" she has helped better connect student members, has assisted with recruitment, networking events, and several other program efforts. The book swap, Bone Marrow drive and all the pictures being captured today are just some of the fruits of her labor. NJ

SOPHE has gained so much from Sheyenne.

Louise Chut Award for Program Excellence



The 2018 Louise Chut Award for Program Excellence goes to **NJ Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign created by Jennifer Smith**. Despite the efforts of the New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Preventable Disease Program to education parents and child care providers on the importance of immunizations, many still struggle to recognize the critical role they play in ensuring that children are up-to-date on their vaccinations. The VPDP has developed the New Jersey Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign--a voluntary, point-based incentive program designed to improve child care provider knowledge of immunizations and immunization requirements and to increase efficiency of reporting and enforcing requirements.

President's Award



This year's winner of the NJ SOPHE President's Award is **Tiffany Neal**. She has made extraordinary contributions to both the practice and profession of health education, through meritorious achievement in her work and through commitment to NJ SOPHE.