



## **Project HEALTH Alumni... Where Are They Now?**

### **Atiya Ali**

After serving as Campus Coordinator at Project HEALTH Providence, Atiya graduated from Brown University with a degree in Public Policy and Biology in May 2001. She now works in New York City in Pfizer, Inc.'s Corporate Philanthropy Department, where she leads initiatives to increase access to AIDS-related medications in African nations.

### **Afia Asamoah**

After founding STRIVE, Project HEALTH's sickle cell disease teen group, Afia worked in New York City at the Medicare Rights Center, a national non-profit organization that helps ensure that older adults and people with disabilities get good affordable health care. Afia returned to Project HEALTH in 2000 to lead the Boston chapter's Neighborhood Initiative. She will be graduating Harvard Law School in 2004.

### **Amy Beck**

After creating the Hip Hop Literacy Program with Project HEALTH mentor and Soros Fellow Dr. Kenneth Fox, Amy graduated in June 2000 and joined Teach for America. Based at an inner-city school in Los Angeles, Amy taught first grade for two years and is currently attending medical school.

### **Susan Cheng**

A founding member of the Family Help Desk in 1996, Susan spent her first year after graduation creating a software and services company called Idiom Technologies and working as a special assistant to the Head of Policy and Management at the New York City Department of Health. She began medical school at McMaster University in Canada, and spent one year at Yale University doing research on the quality of cardiovascular care for understudied populations. While she finishes medical school, Susan continues to be involved in the writing of a book aimed at empowering heart disease patients to take on more active role in their health care.

### **Kathleen Conroy**

Kathleen worked for two years as Project HEALTH's Program/Policy coordinator, helping to strengthen programs in Boston and working to develop the Rhode Island and New York sites. In the fall of 2000, she entered medical school at Stanford, where she coordinates community relations for the Arbor Free Clinic and is a teaching assistant for a newly developed public medicine program. She is also researching the development of anti-retroviral resistance in a cohort of homeless individuals in San Francisco.

### **Abigail Donaldson**

After winning a Stowe-Harvard Fellowship to teach history and biology in England, Abby returned to the U.S. and began community health work in rural Maine. On the local level, Abby does research for a primary care provider deeply committed to preventive medicine. On the state level, she is helping to put together a welfare bill to cover HIV/AIDS-related treatments for patients in the state of Maine. Abby plans to attend medical school and hopes to continue her focus on community health and preventive medicine, interests borne out of her experience creating Project HEALTH's Adolescent Resource Center.

### **Tiger Edwards**

After her tenure as a program and campus coordinator in Project HEALTH Boston, Tiger wrote her award-winning honors thesis in psychology on "The Impact of Family Support on Childhood Asthma in Low-Income Boston Neighborhoods," using interview and survey data of Asthma Swimming Program participants. Following graduation, Tiger spent two years in El Salvador, collaborating with community members to provide health education and pharmaceutical services to local residents. Tiger is currently a student at Harvard Medical School.

### **Jean Galbraith**

After coordinating the Family Help Desk and assisting in plans for Project HEALTH's growth and development, Jean spent two years in West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer. She is currently in at Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley, and hopes to use her law degree to follow in Project HEALTH mentor Josh Greenberg's example of legal advocacy for low-income families.

**Emily Gregory**

After coordinating Project HEALTH's Family Help Desk in Boston, Emily received grant funding to direct a lead poisoning prevention project at the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester. She then taught Earth Science and Biology at the ACORN High School for Social Justice in Brooklyn, New York. Emily is currently a medical student at McGill University.

**Muriel Jean-Jacques**

One of Project HEALTH's original ten volunteers in 1996, Muriel is now a student at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and School of Public Health. Muriel mentors a parenting teenager as part of Johns Hopkins' Pregnancy Partners initiative, and also volunteers with the Rose Street Community Center, an East Baltimore youth agency that focuses on education and substance abuse prevention.

**Shreya Kangovi**

Shreya was a founding volunteer of Project HEALTH Harlem's Asthma Swimming Program. After receiving a Truman Scholarship and graduating from Columbia University in 2001, Shreya began her studies at Harvard Medical School, where she and other students designed a community health intervention for diabetes.

**Brad Mak**

After creating Project HEALTH's Providence chapter and graduating with a degree in Biology in 2000, Brad strayed from the medical school path to join an Internet start-up in San Francisco as a marketing analyst. In the summer of 2001, Brad left the start-up and joined Genentech, Inc., a San Francisco-based biotechnology company, as associate manager in its market planning group. Brad currently volunteers with the Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences and The Full Circle Fund, a venture philanthropy group.

**Kunal Merchant**

Kunal joined the Boston Project HEALTH STRIVE program as a sophomore, continuing until his graduation in June of 2001 with a high honors degree in Economics. Kunal then became the founding Project HEALTH Washington DC Site Director, establishing relationships with hospital, community, and university partners, and creating four programs. Currently, Kunal is the Director of Selection at the NYC Teaching Fellows Program, hiring thousands of teachers each year for New York City Public Schools.

**Craig Peskin**

While a Project HEALTH volunteer, Craig created KidsCare, Project HEALTH's fundraising program at the Boston chapter. After graduating from Harvard in 2000, he became a consultant for McKinsey & Company in New York City. Currently, Craig is an analyst for the Private Equity Group of the Blackstone Group and also serves on Project HEALTH's Board of Directors.

**Tara Purohit**

After founding Project HEALTH's STRIVE program and serving as a member of the organization's team on expansion, Tara created Project HEALTH's third site in partnership with Harlem Hospital Center and Columbia University undergraduates. In the summer of 2001, she served as an Associate at the Greenlining Institute in San Francisco, a multi-ethnic and public policy organization that advocates for low-income and minority communities in the state of California. After serving as Project HEALTH's Executive Director, Tara is currently a member of Project HEALTH's Board of Directors and a student at Harvard Business School.

**Michael Tang**

Mike was a founding volunteer of STRIVE as a first-year student, and continues to serve as a mentor for his teen, Michael McQueen. After completing a prize-winning thesis in sociology on the illness experiences of cancer patients from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, Mike served as the Boston Site Director of Project HEALTH, spearheading initiatives such as the Sickle Cell Conference and Boston Public Health Commission partnership. Mike is currently a first-year at Harvard Medical School.

**Stacy Truta**

Stacy was a founding volunteer of STRIVE, and went on to coordinate the program for two years. After graduating from Harvard College, Stacy served as a head counselor at Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. She then spent a year in Costa Rica on a Samuel Huntington Public Service Fellowship, volunteering with a local non-profit providing support services for families with children being treated for cancer at the National Children's Hospital.