

Alumni Newsletter Summer 2021



#### A Message from Your Alumni Board President

It's hard to believe this academic year is a wrap! Although it has been a challenging year, it's also been a productive one. RSPH Alumni Board President, **Kaytna Thaker 14PH**, shares a list of our accomplishments in her message this month. Read.



# **Curran Makes Plans to Step Down as Dean**

After 26 years, Dean James W. Curran has announced his plans to step down as dean. He will continue to remain actively engaged in his position until a new dean is selected and arrives. **Read more.** 



## RSPH Moves Up to #4 in the Nation

In case you missed it... Rollins is now ranked the #4 school of public health in the nation by US News and World Report!

Read more.



#### Welcome Class of 2021

Last week, Rollins welcomed more than 550 spring graduates to our alumni community! We are honored to have them join our ranks and ready to watch them soar to new heights. See highlights from the 2021 commencement festivities.



#### Alumni Spotlight: Trish Miller, MBA, MPH

Trish Miller 17PH turned her own near drowning experience as a teenager into her life mission to ensure no other young person has a similar experience, especially black children who often encounter barriers in learning to swim. In 2017, she founded <a href="SwemKids">SwemKids</a>, a culturally relevant swimming and water safety program focused on equipping black children acquire the skills to have a healthy and safe relationship in and around the water. Read more.



# RSPH Office of Career Development welcomes new Senior Director

Earlier this month, Srdjan Popovic joined the Rollins Office of Career Development as our new Senior Director. In this role, Srdjan will lead the vision for implementing all activities associated with student and alumni career preparation and planning. Read more.

# Rollins Innovation Summit:

Public Health + Industry

## Rollins Launches Innovation Summit

This August, industry leaders will have the opportunity to learn the principles of public health and how to solve real-world problems with public health innovation from our esteemed faculty. Rollins students will then help participants develop a plan to address a specific pain point within their organization. It will be a packed two weeks of learning, working, and building key relationships.

Learn more.



# **Emory Day of Giving a Success**

Thanks to our alumni who participated in our annual Emory Day of Giving! Together we raised more than \$874,000 for Emory -- \$21,000 of which was given directly in support of Rollins' student scholarships, academic programs, and transformational research. There's still time to make a gift to Rollins and join our growing philanthropic community! Donate now.

### **Careers & Networking**

#### **Career Tip: Planning for a Pivot**

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused many professionals to reconsider their career path. From minor changes like working from home to major changes like being furloughed, people consider career pivots for lots of reasons. While changing course can be challenging, it can be done. To help, we've gathered some advice on how to decide if a pivot is what you seek and the steps you can take to help you make that shift. Read our career tip.

#### **Tap into your Emory Alumni Network**

As we spend more time at home, online networking has become an essential way to stay

connected to our communities. **Emory Connects** is our exclusive networking platform and allows you to connect with Emory alumni and students around the world.

Looking for a mentoring relationship? Check out our <u>Mentor Rollins</u> platform! The program now offers those who join an opportunity to be both a mentor AND a mentee. Matches are made based on shared academic interests and experiences, career fields, professional goals and achievements, geographic location, and more! Find or become (or do both) with just a few clicks! Check both out today.

#### **News & Information**

#### **Faculty News**

Rollins faculty are making headlines with their research and leading with their expertise. **Read faculty accomplishments.** 

#### **Opt in to Stay Connected**

Remember, we send news and event information based on your mailing address so keeping your contact information current is important! It's easy to do and keeps you connected to those who can help you most in your career. **Update your information now.** 

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Meet Emory's President Events**

Atlanta | Monday, May 24 | 7:00 p.m. ET REGISTER

San Francisco Bay Area | Tuesday, May 25 | 7:00 p.m. PT REGISTER

Los Angeles | Thursday, May 27 | 7:00 p.m. PT REGISTER

Texas | Thursday, June 17 | 7:00 p.m. CT REGISTER

Boston | Tuesday, June 22 | 7:00 p.m. ET REGISTER

#### **Emory LGBT+ Network Virtual Brunch**

Saturday, June 12 | 12:00 p.m. **REGISTER** 

**OK Boomer: Generational Perspectives and Worldviews, Atlanta 60+ Network** Tuesday, June 15 | 5:00 p.m.

**REGISTER** 

Rollins San Francisco Evening Yoga Flow

Monday, June 21 | 5:00 p.m. PT

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Emory Book Club with Dr. Lisa Cooper, "Why Are Health Disparities Everyone's Problem?"

Thursday, July 22 | 7:00 p.m. ET **REGISTRATION COMING SOON** 

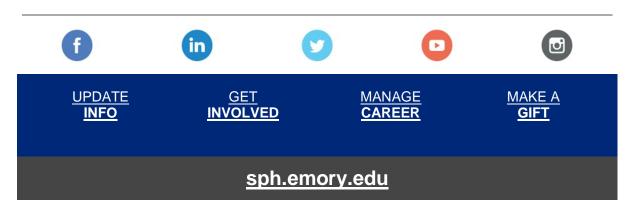
Rollins Innovation Summit
August 16-27, 2021
LEARN MORE and REGISTER

<u>View Rollins' calendar of events</u> <u>Find Emory alumni events near you</u>

## **Quick Links**

<u>Emory Collective</u> -- Get the latest information, upcoming events, and archived resources from around the Emory community.

<u>COVID-19 Health Equity Dashboard</u> -- A dynamic and interactive dashboard to visualize the interplay between social determinants and COVID-19 epidemiologic metrics at the county level.



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