

MHA Alumni Advisory Board and Minnesota MHA Alumni Association/Foundation Annual Meeting

June 5, 2025

Welcome MHA alumni!

**Welcome and Agenda - Katie White, EdD, MBA,
MHA Program Director**

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Context and History: MHA AA/F & new MHA Alumni Advisory Board (AAB)	Kenneth Jones, MHA, Chair MHA Alumni Advisory Board	3:10-3:20 p.m.
MHA AAB Charter & nomination process	Gladys Chuy, MHA, Vice-Chair MHA Alumni Advisory Board	3:20-3:30 p.m.
Report from Minnesota MHA Alumni Association/Foundation	Dr. Peg Van Bree, MHA, Chair MN MHA Alumni Association/Foundation	3:30-3:40 p.m.
MHA Giving trends, alumni opportunities, & MHA Scholarship trends	Kathryn Tjaden-Balster, MS, SPH Chief Advancement Officer, Stephanie Hagel, MA, SPH Director, Student Services & MHA program	3:40-4:00 p.m.
MHA Program updates	Katie White, EdD, MBA, MHA Program Director & Ryan Armbruster, MHA, Senior Fellow & Dir Executive Program &	4:00-4:15 p.m.
MHA Communications	Angie Fitzner, MHA Operations Manager	4:15-4:20 p.m.
Q&A	Submitted questions followed by webinar Q&A	4:20-4:30 p.m.



MHA Alumni Advisory Board

Context, History and Current State - Kenneth Jones, MHA Chair

Context and History for MHA Alumni Advisory Board & Minnesota MHA Alumni Association/Foundation

- Board Chair Background- “My Leadership Journey”
- Alumni Involvement- “The Why”
- Minnesota Alumni Association/Foundation Historical Context
- MHA Alumni Advisory Board- “Taking it to the next level”

MHA Alumni Advisory Board Members



Kenneth Jones, MHA '03, Chair
Chief Executive Officer
HCA
Florida



Gladys Chuy, MHA '16, Vice Chair
Director, Population Health
Convergence Integrated Care
Florida

MHA Alumni Advisory Board Members (Cont'd.)



Debbie Schuhardt, MHA '89
Change Management and
Executive
Formerly senior principal with
Vizient Consulting
New Jersey



Michelle Petherick, MHA '16
Physical Therapy Care
Manager
CenterLight Health Systems
New York



Sally Wahman, MHA '93
Retired, VP Operation
Allina
Minnesota



Sherie Hickman, MHA '83
Retired, Chief Executive
Officer
Sutter Delta Medical Center
California

Not Pictured - Tim Smith, MHA '17, Principal, Deloitte, Minnesota

MHA Alumni Advisory Board

Future - Gladys Chuy, MHA, Vice Chair



MHA Alumni Advisory Board Charter

Mission

The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) Alumni Advisory Board serves as a catalyst to engage MHA alumni in supporting the program, its students, and the alumni body. The MHA Alumni Advisory Board provides engagement opportunities and connections that showcase the power of the MHA Alumni Network.

Vision

Elevating the excellence of the MHA Program through alumni passion and talent.



Committees and Workgroups

Executive Committee

Recruitment/
Membership and
Alumni Network
Connections

Education and
Engagement

Program Advisory



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Call to Action & Next Steps

- Nominations for 2-4 new members
 - Nominations are due by August 1, 2025.
 - You may nominate yourself or another alumni member.
 - Board terms start in September.
 - If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Katie White, MHA Program Director.
- Full Alumni Advisory Board launch in Fall 2025

2024-2025 Minnesota MHA Alumni Association/Foundation

Report from the MN MHA AA/F - Peg Van Bree, PhD, MHA, Chair

Board of Directors



Peg Van Bree
Chair



Gladys Chuy
Vice Chair



Maura Hamilton
Treasurer



Jeni Hallet



J.C. Buswold



Kenneth Jones
Past Chair

Purpose of Minnesota MHA AA/F

1. Provide oversight and management of funds donated to and retained by the AA/F.
2. Provide oversight, as the donor of record, of funds donated to AA/F and transferred to the University of Minnesota Foundation.
3. All funds represent a commitment to the University of Minnesota School of Public Health's Master of Healthcare Administration Program.

Significant activities over the past year

- Registration of the new name, revised bylaws, and articles of incorporation with State and Federal agencies
- Financial support of MHA student awards: \$8,000 in 2024; \$7,000 in 2025
- Current Balance of AA/F funds: \$429,655

MHA Giving and Engagement

Kathryn Tjaden-Balster, MHRIR, MA
SPH Chief Advancement Officer



Trends in MHA Giving

- Consistent Fundraising Success
- Strong Alumni Participation
- Strong Alumni Support
- Cash vs. Estate Giving
- Exceptional Giving





Current Funding Priorities

- Student Scholarships
- Experiential Learning
- International Learning Opportunities
- Professional Development Funds
- Vern Weckwerth Chair Campaign





How Can I get Involved?



01

Experiential Learning
Opportunities for Students

- Offer Summer Internship & Capstone Project Opportunities
- Create Student Consulting Projects

02

Mentorship & Student
Engagement

- SPH Mentor Program: MHA
- Card Writing Program to Prospective MHA Students
- Participate in Student Interview Prep

03

Educational Contributions &
Knowledge Sharing

- Guest Lecture or Lead Workshop Sessions
- Host Site Visits
- Lead Professional Development Workshops
- Partner in Case Study Development



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How Can I get Involved? Part 2



04

Program Governance & Development

- Join the Alumni Advisory Board
- Participate in Program Assessment
- Serve on Admission Interview Panels

05

Financial Support & Academic Advancement

- Make a philanthropic gift to the program
- Sponsor Research Awards
- Contribute to Research Projects

06

Alumni Networking & Career Development

- Become an SPH Alumni Ambassador
- Class reunions
- Organize Informal Regional Alumni Events
- Facilitate Professional Association Connections
- LinkedIn - Post Jobs
- Connect with SPH Career Center - <https://www.sph.umn.edu/alumni/career/>



MHA Program Student Scholarships: Student Investments

Stephanie Hagel, MA, HPM Director of Student Services & MHA Program



Student Need

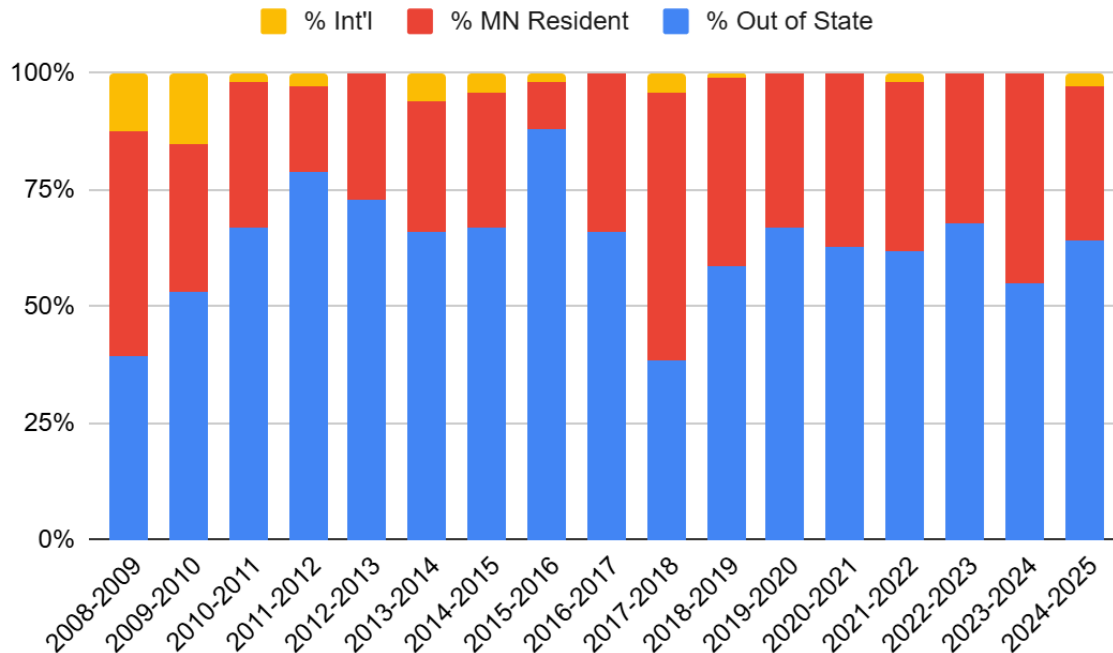
Students report they are carrying undergraduate debt into graduate school.

Students struggle to balance full time, residential program with part time employment to help pay for necessities.

Rising tuition costs both in and out of state

Scholarship Needs

MHA In-State and Out of State Students 2008/09-2024/25



Tuition Comparisons 2024-2025

MHA Competing Program Information			
School	In State	Out of State	Credits
Rush	\$74,414	\$74,414	58
UAB (ranked #1)	\$42,245	\$100,678	71
Michigan	\$64,696	\$117,000	60
UNC	\$38,836	\$97,895	60
VCU	\$42,528	\$76,521	59
Iowa	\$37,828	\$74,808	60

MINNESOTA

\$69,360

\$91,200

60



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MINNESOTA MHA: A DESTINATION PROGRAM

The MHA program has been ranked in the top 3 programs nationally for the past 17 years. This has contributed to our status as a destination program, putting us in the competitive space with other nationally ranked programs, such as UAB, University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University, Rush University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

We have consistently recruited nationally. This is a unique among even top programs as they tend to draw locally and regionally. To remain competitive, we offer competitive financial packages and first class student experiences to maintain our national footprint.

Scholarship Offers: MHA “Packages”

GOLD: Scholarship \$ + two year Graduate Assistant (GA) Position

Hamilton: Two Year Graduate Assistant Position

Maroon: Scholarship Year 1; TA Year 2

Scholarship \$ only



Graduate Assistants: Our most competitive option

Graduate Assistant Benefits:

- Tuition Benefit: \$10,000/year
- Stipend: \$7600/year

Health Insurance Benefit Offered (program pays fringe)

MHA Scholarship Investments

In addition to GA/TA offers, the program offers scholarship dollars to supplement financial offer.

Range: \$5,000/year to \$15,000 year.

Scholarships as a Recruiting Tool

- Allow the program to compete nationally for students with exceptional academic, leadership, and professional potential
- Demonstrate institutional commitment to student success
- Enable the program to recruit from a broader applicant pool
- Ensure strong yield rates by converting admitted students into enrolled students through competitive funding offers
- Signal program prestige and alumni engagement to prospective students evaluating their options

MHA Program Updates - Residential

Katie White, EdD, MBA, MHA Program Director

UMN MHA Statistics - 2023-24 AY

2023-2024 Current AY Students	MHA Residential	MHA Executive
Enrolled Students (total)	59	47
Undergrad. GPA (avg.)	3.65	3.35
Yrs. of Professional Experience (avg.)	1.5	13
Age (avg.)	24	37
Female %	55%	57%

UMN MHA Statistics - 2024-25 AY

2024-2025 AY Students	MHA Residential	MHA Executive
Enrolled Students (total)	58	47
Undergrad. GPA (avg.)	3.60	3.35
Yrs. of Professional Experience (avg.)	2	15
Age (avg age at time of application.)	23	38
Female %	63%	58%

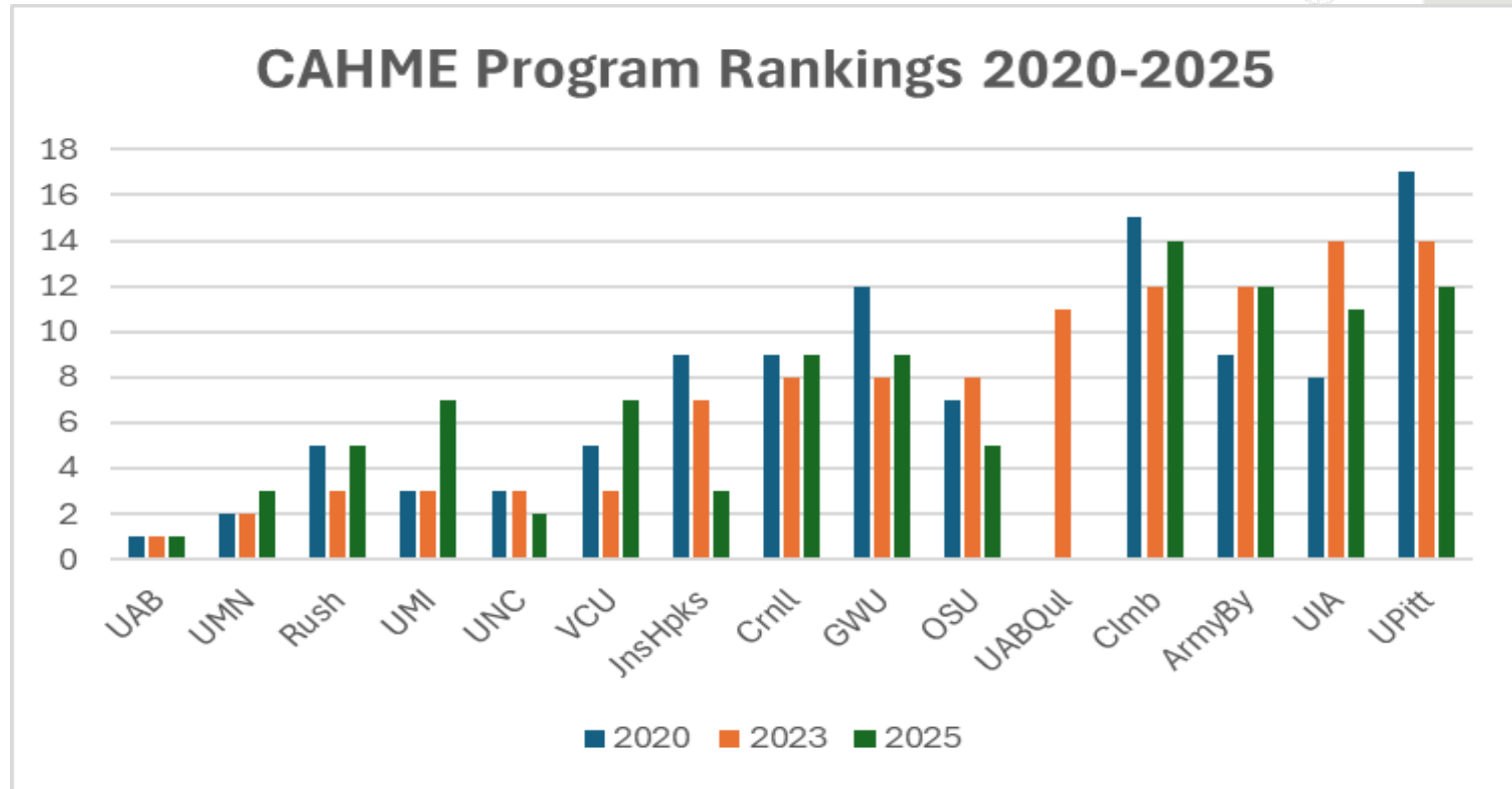
2025 Rankings Top Grad Healthcare Management Programs

2025 Rank	School	Score
1	UAB	4.3
2	UNC	4.2
3	UMN	4.1
3	JnsHpkn	4.1
5	Rush	4
5	OSU	4

Scale	Program Rating
5	Outstanding
4	Strong
3	Good
2	Adequate
1	Marginal
0	No Answer

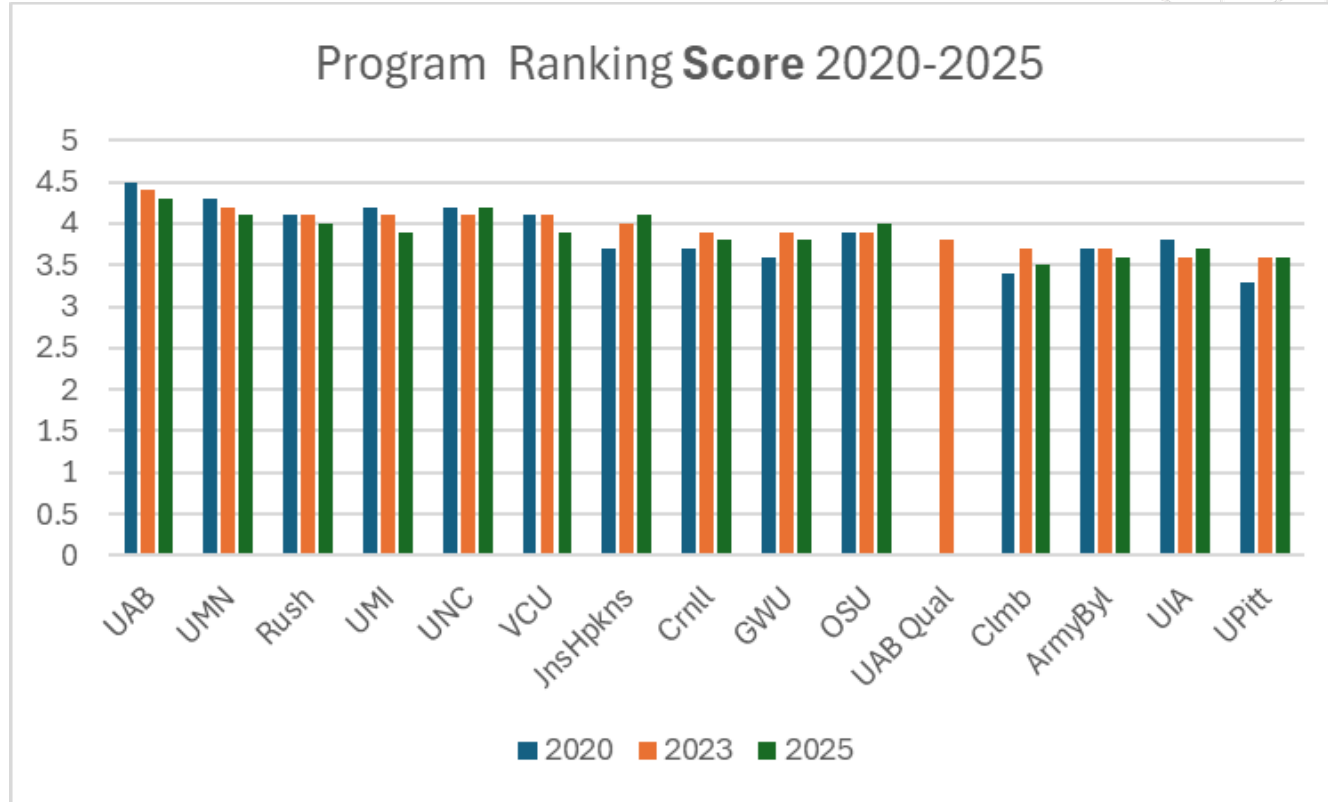


MHA Program Rankings 2020-2025



Top 15 programs ranked 1 through 17 over three ranking periods

MHA Program Ranking SCORES 2020-2025



Top 15 programs/ Ranking scores in 2025 range from 1.3 to 4.3

David Fine Distinguished Visiting Professor - Sept 2024

Dr. Sara Singer is an internationally recognized leader in the field of health care organization and management. Professor of Health Policy and Medicine at Stanford School of Medicine; Professor of Organizational Behavior (by courtesy) at Stanford Graduate School of Business; Senior Fellow (by courtesy), Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; and Faculty Director of Stanford's Distinguished Careers Institute, Dr. Singer has made major contributions in the areas of safety culture, safety leadership, organizational learning, integrated care, and health delivery innovation implementation.



[Sara Singer, PhD, MBA](#)



MHA Program Earns 2025 CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability



The MHA program has been recognized with the 2025 CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability, as part of a consortium with Rush University, University of Toronto, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

This student-led initiative is developing the first-ever Planetary Health Report Card, evaluating programs' commitment to environmental sustainability. This award reinforces the MHA program's leadership in sustainability education through courses like Advanced Problem Solving and Climate Change and Healthcare Organizations.



CAHME Award at ACHE Meeting



The James A. Hamilton Award

The **James A. Hamilton Award** is for the student who shows the greatest promise of achievement in the profession of healthcare administration as chosen by class vote.



Ellia Dalzell, MHA'25



Wesley Palmer, Jr., MHA'25

MHA Alumni Sponsored MHA Student Award Announced at 2025 ACHE Reception

Class of 1954 Award: “The Clerkship Award”

In recognition of the **best Clerkship Report**, as voted on by MHA faculty, congratulations to **Ellia Dalzell, MHA 25!**



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The Stewart C. Thomson, MD Memorial Award

The **Stewart C. Thomson, MD Memorial Award** is for the student who has exhibited a spirit of enthusiasm, selflessness, and collegiality toward the program and their classmates as chosen by class vote.



Connor Oetzmann, MHA'25



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Bright Dornblaser Award for Best Capstone

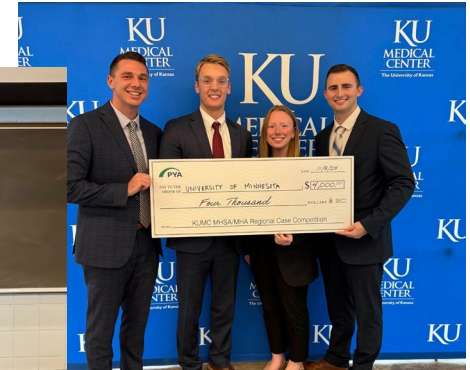
Building Quality Programs at KCMC (Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center)



Ifrah Noor, MHA'25, Krysta Hill, MHA'25, Anna Hagel, MHA'25, and Neha Nagaraj, MHA'25

MHA Case Competitions

- 10+ Case Competitions Annually
- First Place (Harsheen Batra): Geriatric Interprofessional
- Second Place: UCLA, University of Kansas, Ohio State University, & Clarion



MHA Class of 2025

- Class of 2025: 24 Students, 1 MHA/MBA
- Class of 2026: 32 Students. 2 MHA/MBA
- 100% Residency placements





Post-Grad Placements - Class of 2025



Organizations

- Advocate
- Blue Cottage
- Cleveland Clinic
- Kaiser Permanente
- Mayo, Rochester



Residency Placements - Class of 2026



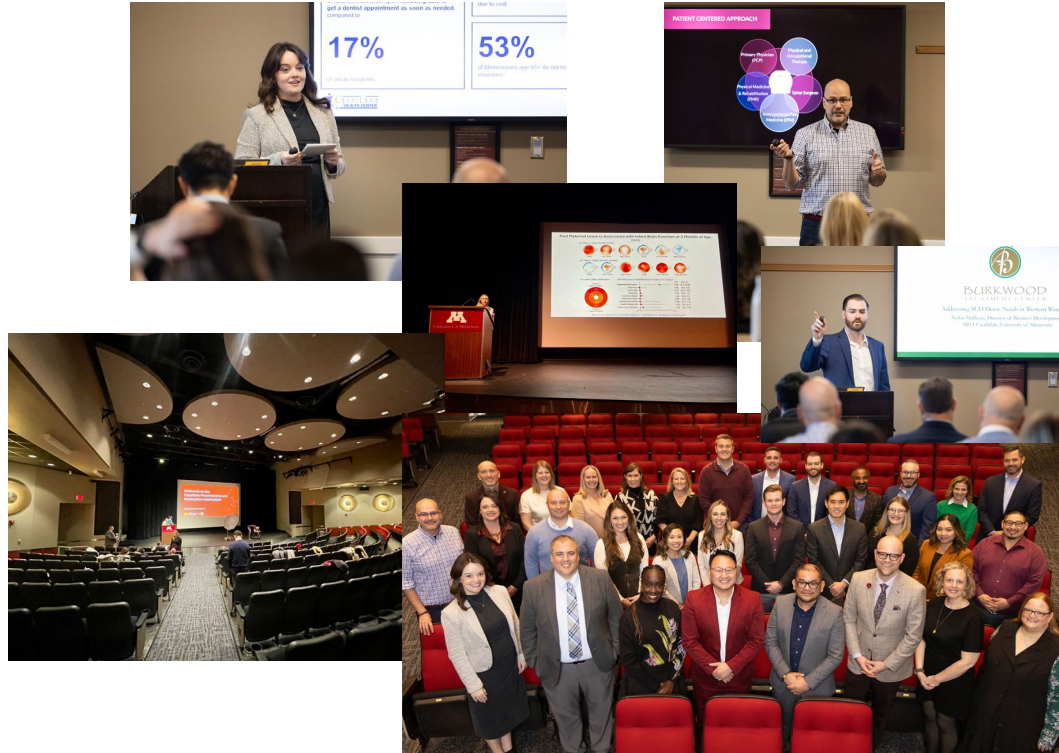
MHA Program Updates - Executive

Ryan Armbruster, MHA

Senior Fellow & Director, Healthcare Administration Executive Studies

MHA Executive Updates

- Cohort 14 Graduation - 31 students
- Astounding 100 Net Promoter Score
- 80% of students promoted while in program



MHA Executive Updates

- Cohort 15: 18 students
Cohort 16: 21 students
- Successful Spring Kickoff, including visit to Mayo Clinic
- 14 students from Cohort 15, along with 4 residential students, visited Sweden in May
- Updated executive Capstone with MN Problem-Solving
- Currently recruiting for Cohort 17 beginning this Fall - Alumni Referral Program



MHA Alumni Communication Resources

Angie Fitzner, MHA Operations Manager

MHA Alumni Communication

- Bi-monthly Alumni eUpdates
- Updated MHA Alumni website
- MHA Annual Report & Newsletters
- MHA Instagram and LinkedIn
- Maroon and Gold Network Pilot



From our new MHA-specific Instagram account.



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- ▶ Job search and interview strategies
- ▶ Career paths and industry trends
- ▶ Resumes and cover letters

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Questions?

Thank you for joining us today!

Questions can be sent to: sph@umn.edu