



New Graduate Assistant

Meet Abbas Cali

Abbas Cali is a native of Somalia and has lived in Buffalo, NY since 2008. In the company of his siblings and his mother, he left his war-torn country for a chance at a better future outside of Somalia. In 2008, he was admitted to the U.S. as a refugee after residing in Turkey for several years. In 2014 he became a naturalized citizen.

During his time in Buffalo, he has been working tirelessly with the underserved community to promote health and wellness, while acting as a liaison between the health care center and community agencies.

In 2015, he received his BA in Sociology from SUNY Buffalo State College and was a recipient of Herbert Aurbach Social Action award. Currently, he is pursuing a Master's degree in Health Services

Administration. He is the first of four children to further his education. He currently works as a Care Manager at Jericho Road Community Health Center and aspires to work for the World Health Organization. He is the 2017-2018 Health Services Administration Department's Graduate Assistant and can be reached at calic09@dyc.edu with any suggestions.



HSA Programs

Bachelor's Degrees

Health Analytics (BS)
Health Services Management (BS)
Public Health (BS)
Public Health (BS/MPH)

Master's Degree

Health Services Administration (MS)

Doctoral Degree

Health Administration (EdD)

Graduate Certificate Programs

Clinical Research Associate
Health Services Administration
Long Term Care Administration

Congratulations !

*New and Returning Advisory Board Members

Retention Scholarship award winners 2017-18

Ms. Joanna Mach
Ms. Dusuba Sesay
Ms. Mary Bridgante

Fellowship award

Robert Mowery, a graduate student in HSA program was awarded a 6 month prestigious fellowship at Women and Children's Hospital.

Faculty Award

Dr. Briana Jegier was awarded the Faculty of the Year Award for 2016-17

Dissertation Presentation at American Public Health Association

Dr. Colleen Delany's abstract, entitled *Quality Indicator Survey versus Traditional Survey in New York State: A Comparison of Results from the Annual Nursing Home Surveys* was selected for an oral presentation during the November APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo in Atlanta, GA.

Kathleen Bethin, MD, PhD

Program Director, Pediatric Endocrinology
UB/MD Pediatrics

Momba C. Chia, MHA

Director of Public Health, Kaleida Health
Systems

***Sudha Bommidi, MBA**

Executive Director, Roswell Park Cancer
Institute

Laurie Musial, RN, MS, CCRP

Assistant Vice President, Roswell Park Cancer
Institute

***Colleen Delany, RD, EdD**

New York State Department of Health Long
Term Care Nutrition Services Consultant

Camille P. Wicher, PhD, ESQ, MSN, RN

Vice President, Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Meg Rittling

Associate Vice President for Alumni Engage-
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***Jamie Bono**

Data Scientist

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***Kimberly Herrington**

Business Intelligence Coordinator, Evergreen
Health Services

***Dawn Clabeaux**

Administrator, McAuley Resident

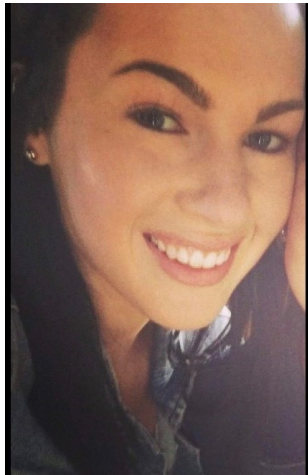


Join us for *Career Conversations*

Graduate Student Story

Mary Brigante was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. She is a two time cancer survivor. Based on her personal experience, she was motivated to work in the healthcare field, with a desire to improve patient care and experience. Currently, she is getting her Master's degree in Health Services Administration, while working at Excelsior Orthopedics as a Patient Contact Specialist.

In 2016, she obtained her BA in Health and Human Services. Recently, she was the recipient of the Retention Scholarship Award for 2017-18. She is determined to work as an administrator in a small healthcare setting, where she can create policy and implement positive change in patient experience.



Career Conversations: Career Pathways in Healthcare Management

Nov 2, 4:30– 6:00 Madonna Lounge

HSA partnered with Health Executive Forum (HEF) to present a roundtable discussion that includes conversations about careers in health insurance, health analytics and long term care. Each table will be represented by a seasoned professional including Don Ingalls, Sr. Vice President of Federal and State Legislation at BCBS, Christopher Keaton, Healthcare Consultant, and Mark Klyczek, from the Long Term Care Division of Rochester Regional Health. HSA students and alumni will round out the table discussions. These graduates include, Bobbie Hangen, Shoshone Dentice, and Kylynn Bank.

Aside from the opportunity to meet and network with working professionals, students will have the opportunity to win a membership to HEF. Bring a friend or coworker. For more information contact Professor Schweizer at schweizb@dyc.edu

Hope to see you there.



Events

- **October 21st: Open House**
Undergraduate Admissions, College Center 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- **November 2nd: Career Conversations** Madonna Lounge 4:30-6:00 PM For more information, contact schweizb@dyc.edu
- **November 4th: Graduate Open House** College Center Kuhrt Dining Hall 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
- **November 11th: Undergraduate Open House**, College Center 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- **November 28th: HSA Presentation Night**, BFAC 201, 4:30-7:00 PM –all invited to hear students discuss their internships, thesis and practicum placements. Contact schweizb@dyc.edu
- **December 6th: InfoTech WNY & Business Intelligence Workgroup** Location TBE, 5:30-7:30 PM. Contact Kimberly Herrington, Business Intelligence at Evergreen Health Services. herrington@evergreenhs.org

A Message from the Chair ...

Dear HSA Community,

Welcome to another school year! The HSA department was busy last year. We completely revised our undergraduate health services management program which has been approved by New York State. The new program will be unveiled next year in anticipation of accreditation. This year we have some exciting *Career Conversations* events planned as well as a national speaker for the spring semester...stay tuned for details. As always, I invite you to become involved in our programming.

Dr. Rafalson

Lisa Rafalson, PhD

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