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David Hunter named acting Harvard Chan School dean

Harvard President Drew Faust announced on May 19 that [David Hunter](#) will serve as acting dean following Dean Julio Frenk's departure on August 19. She also encouraged the School community to [submit](#) confidential comments regarding the dean's search, as well as nominations.



Transatlantic view of health

Nawaz Ahmad and Asli Kalin, two doctors from the U.K. about to graduate with degrees in health policy and management, recently met with British government officials as part of a practicum where they worked to facilitate cross-border collaborations between biotech companies.



Confronting opioid abuse

A new poll finds many Americans know someone who has abused prescription painkillers and suffered major harmful effects. A Forum was held May 18 to discuss what can be done to mitigate the national problem of prescription painkiller abuse. Watch [video](#) and read *Harvard Gazette* [coverage](#).

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Event Highlights

Marvin Zelen Memorial & Leadership Award

The Zelen award lecture will be presented by [Nan Laird](#).

May 22

Award Lecture: 1:00 PM

Memorial: 2:30 PM

Amphitheater, Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, HMS

Reception follows in Sebastian's Café [RSVP](#)

T.H. Chan Portrait Unveiling Ceremony and Reception

May 27

3:00–4:00 PM

Kresge, Rosenau Atrium

Commencement

Commencement celebration and awards presentation:

May 27, 4:00–7:00 PM

Harvard Yard Commencement Ceremony:

May 28, 9:45–11:30

School diploma ceremony:

May 28, 2:30–5:00 PM

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Around the School

[Tobias Walther, Pardis Sabeti named Howard](#)

Featured video



[Why Public Health? Selasi Dankwa](#)



Hughes Medical Institute Investigators

HHMI provides investigators with full salary, benefits, and a research budget over their initial five-year appointment.



Finding her calling

Megan Diamond, SM '15, worked on Africa's first longitudinal health study. Currently in a pilot phase, the study will provide a long-running snapshot of health on the continent.



In celebration of public health leadership

Twenty-one students were honored for completing the [Public Health Leadership concentration](#) at a May 5 event in Kresge Cafeteria.

Anvita Kulkarni, SM'16, named Schweitzer Fellow

Anvita Kulkarni, SM'16, is one of 16 graduate students named to this year's class of Boston Schweitzer Fellows, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship announced May 12. Fellows develop and implement service projects that address the root causes of health inequities in under-resourced communities.

Sudha Biddinger receives 2015 Armen H. Tashjian Jr. Award

Sudha Biddinger, assistant professor of pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital, is the 2015 recipient of the Armen H. Tashjian Jr. Award for Excellence in Endocrine Research. She spoke on "FMO3 as a novel player in diabetes-associated cardiovascular disease" at the annual award ceremony and lecture on May 12.

Students train for disaster relief work

More than a hundred students and humanitarian relief professionals spent a weekend in April learning how to respond to a refugee crisis while being faced with a host of stressful distractions, from confrontational child soldiers to rogue journalists.

Office Name Change

The Office of Student Financial Services in the Department of Student Services has been renamed the Office of Financial Aid. This name change is more aligned with the office's current functions and with other schools across Harvard.

Faculty news

[Murray Mittleman](#) was appointed a tenured professor in the Department of Epidemiology. In addition, he will direct the School's MPH program.

In the news

[A link between paid maternity leave and mental health](#)

[Resilient health systems key for managing disease outbreaks](#)

[Single mothers may face poorer health](#)

[Identifying individuals by their microbial 'companions'](#)

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