



## **National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council**

*Enhancing the education and training of students  
in environmental health science and protection*

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### **Greetings EHAC Program Directors,**

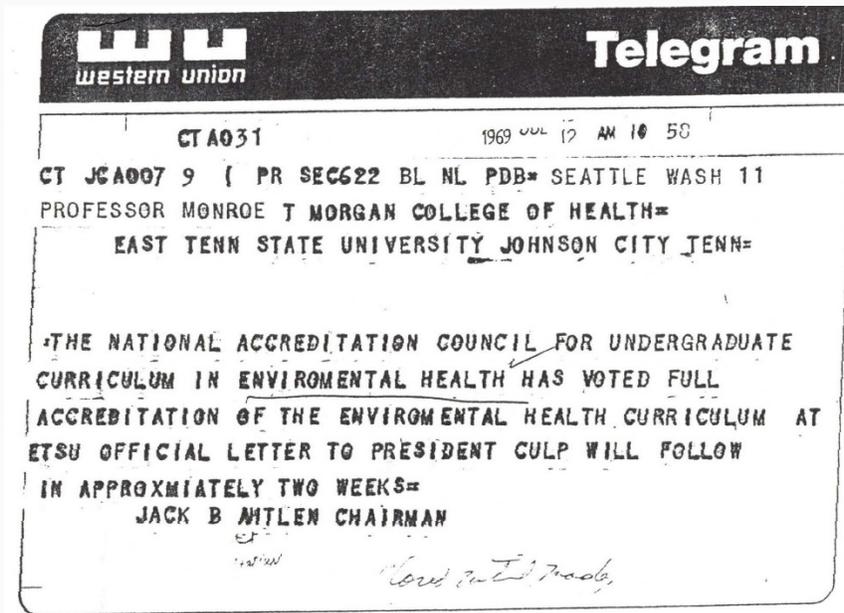
This is EHAC's email newsletter in which you'll find important accreditation and policy updates, reminders of accreditation related deadlines, publications, EHAC related news, scholarship and internship opportunities for EHAC students, stories from students excelling in school and in the field and job postings from EHAC accredited programs. [Please note: you may need to click on "Display Images Below" in order to see photographs, etc.]

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## **EHAC Celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our First Accredited Undergraduate EH Program**

2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EHAC's first accredited Undergraduate Program. Dr. Monroe T. Morgan of East Tennessee State's Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health degree was notified of the program's EHAC accreditation status by Western Union telegram from EHAC Chair Jack Hatlen on July 12, 1969 (telegram below).

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ETSU will be honored at the 2019 NEHA AEC awards ceremony with a plaque commemorating their accreditation achievement. The plaque will be engraved with the following statement from the Preamble of ETSU's first Self-study submission:

***The Department of Environmental Health appreciates the following statement and accepts it as a challenge. Environmental health practice is as old as Moses, as young as tomorrow's smog, as simple as water, as complicated as a nuclear reactor; if its past might seem inglorious and its future unclear, it is clear that in the future there must be environmental health if there is to be a future of mankind.***

Since 1969, EHAC has accredited 44 Undergraduate and Graduate Environmental Health degree programs at Universities nationwide and more than 15,000 students have graduate with EHAC accredited Environmental Health degrees. Many of these graduates have pursued gratifying and successful careers of service in a wide variety of Environmental Health related careers.

**EHAC Accredited Program Graduate Success Stories!**

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EHAC asked currently accredited programs to provide stories of their graduates that have made significant contributions to the field of Environmental Health. The response was wonderful and the graduate stories impressive, with graduates in EH positions including Executives at NSF International, Directors of county health departments, a Captain in the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, a Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the Indian Health Service, and EH entrepreneurs, managers, specialist and inspectors. **All of these stories and more are featured on EHAC's website. Please [follow this link](#) to find out more about the success stories of graduates of EHAC accredited programs.**

EHAC will also feature these graduates on a timeline celebrating 50 years of EHAC accreditation of Environmental Health academic degrees. This timeline will be displayed during the 2019 NEHA AEC in Nashville, TN..... see below for more!

## **2019 EHAC Annual Meeting**

The EHAC Council will convene its 2019 Annual Meeting in conjunction with NEHA's AEC on July 7-8, 2019, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Celebrate 50 years of Accreditation!**

EHAC's Board and Council are excited to celebrate 50 years of EHAC accreditation at the Annual Meeting and throughout the NEHA AEC conference. Celebration highlights include:

- **Timeline commemorating 50 years of EHAC accreditation** – the timeline will include significant events involving EHAC's history and involvement in EH accreditation, graduate success stories and historic photos – please stop to have a look during the conference!
  - **Presentation of a Plaque to honor East Tennessee State University** – EHAC's first accredited Undergraduate Program. This plaque will be presented during the NEHA **awards ceremony at 5pm on Thursday July 11.**
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### **NEHA AEC Accreditation Session – Thursday July 11 at 9am**

EHAC will be participating in a moderated panel discussion with The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). This promises to be an interesting and spirited session focused on the current state and future of Environmental and Public Health accreditation. Participants will provide a brief overview of their perspectives on Environmental and Public Health accreditation and then explore recent developments in CEPH accreditation criteria, probe the respective benefits of attending a CEPH or EHAC accredited school or program and discuss the future of both accrediting bodies.

### **Council Meeting Agenda:**

The EHAC Council has a full agenda this year with six undergraduate reaccreditations to consider and two initial accreditations to review – one undergraduate and one graduate program. The Policy Committee and Board are excited to bring a revised policy document to the Council for consideration. Standing and ad-hoc committees have results of their year-long efforts to present, there will be visits from EHOPAC and AEHAP, updates from NEHA President Vince Radke and President Elect Priscilla Oliver and consideration of EHAC's future direction.

### **New Council Members:**

EHAC welcomes the following new and returning members to the EHAC Council for the 2019-2022 term:

- **Academics**
    - **Tania M. Busch Isaksen, PhD** – *Current EHAC Chair*, University of Washington, Dept. of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
    - **Mike Fletcher, PhD** – *Current EHAC Treasurer*, Missouri Southern State University, Biology and Environmental Health
    - **Carolyn Harvey, PhD** – Retired from Eastern Kentucky University Environmental Health Science
  - **Practitioners:**
    - **Mark Houser**, Field Office Manager, Division of General Environmental Health, Upper Cumberland Region
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- **Chyla Hunter, LCDR** – *Current EHAC Secretary*, Division of Human Resource Development, Office of Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- **Christopher Sparks** – Chief Sanitarian, Retail Food Safety Program, Bureau of Consumer Health Services Houston Health Department

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## EHAC Accredited Student News of Note

EHAC features student and graduate news of note in these newsletters. Please send EHAC your student related success stories to Leslie at [executive.director@nehspac](mailto:executive.director@nehspac) to feature in this newsletter.

### University of Findlay

#### [Findlay Students Win Scholarships from the American Society of Safety Professional \(ASSP\)](#)

Three Findlay students in the Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH) Program were selected as recipients of the 2019 American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Foundation Scholarship. Brent Kahle, Madison Layton, and Adam Recker were chosen from hundreds of applicants from around the country to be the recipients of various scholarships that are offered through the program. The foundation is the charitable arm of the American Society of Safety Professionals, whose mission is “focusing on educational programs that advance the profession we serve, developing tomorrow’s safety leaders, and supporting research to expand the knowledge of the safety community”.

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