



Undergraduate Student Award for Excellence in Access and Collective Engagement

Purpose: This award will recognize an outstanding undergraduate student who has made exceptional contributions to advancing human access and collective (ACE) engagement through Research, Practice, Community Engagement, Teaching and/or Advocacy.

Eligibility: This award is open to any undergraduate student within the Arnold School of Public Health - ASPH (major in Public Health or Exercise Science).

Nomination Process: Undergraduate students for this award must be nominated by an ASPH faculty member, ASPH advisor, or peer within the ASPH. The nominator must provide evidence on the applicant's commitment to social justice through advocacy, community engagement, research, and/or practice.

The final nomination packet should include the following components:

1. Nomination letter that provides evidence of advocacy, community engagement, research, and/or practice to support the contributions advancing social justice.
2. Current Resume

Criteria: Nomination letters should describe activities related to Advocacy, Community Engagement, Research, and/or Practice.

- **Advocacy** – Promotes dignity, respect, and social justice within the Arnold School, the University of South Carolina, and/or broader community.

AND/OR

- **Community Engagement** – Demonstrating engagement in efforts to eliminate inequities in the areas of public health or education. Efforts prioritize areas identified by community members and focus on functional, meaningful outcomes.

AND/OR

- **Research** – Conducting research focused on understanding and/or disrupting disparities experienced by marginalized groups (including but not limited to groups identified by race, ethnicity, national origin, language background, gender, sexual/gender identity, age, pregnancy and childbirth, religion, ability status, protected veterans, socioeconomic status, and/or immigration status).

AND/OR

- **Practice** – Integrating social justice into practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice, or capstone experience).

Submission Process

Nomination packets must be combined into a single PDF document and submitted to dsellers@mailbox.sc.edu by Friday **April 25, 2025**. Please include the name of the nominee and "ASPH ACE Undergraduate Student Award" in the subject line of the email. The winner will be recognized on **May 9, 2025**. This award includes a cash prize of \$500.