CHHS MAKING AN IMPACT

88% OF STUDENTS ARE FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY and alumni continue to serve and stay in the region after graduation

OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Earned 75% at the University are by CHHS students

$11.7 MILLION IN GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED

"Despite the challenges of our region, we know one thing is for sure - not one sector can 'move the needle' on their own. The collaborative effort that has come together to reduce preterm birth initiatives in Fresno County is a tremendous example of that." - Lynne Ashbeck, Chair, Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative Steering Committee

4,561 STUDENTS ENROLLED

29,125 SERVICE-LEARNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED

"Health is a universal bond among humans that is borderless. It's the ultimate service to provide for someone's well-being and there is no greater calling." - Scott Ramirez, B.S. Nursing ('18)

MOST DEGREES AWARDED #1 by college at Fresno State

"I chose to pursue the field of Social Work because it is a helping profession and there are a lot of kids in the community who need positive role models." - Patrick Galindo, B.S., Social Work and President's Medalist ('18)

18% Overall representation of CHHS STUDENTS AT FRESNO STATE

LOWERING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP for underrepresented and non-underrepresented minority students
The College of Health and Human Services is proud to present the 2018-19 edition of its Faculty Research Profiles. With seven academic disciplines and an array of centers and institutes, the college continues to encourage and champion students, who go on to serve our diverse and growing region as healthcare practitioners, human services professionals, educators, researchers, advocates and leaders.

Our talented faculty incorporate innovative research and high-impact experiences into their teaching, further helping to build a healthier and more sustainable community for the children and adults that reside in our Central Valley.

Through these profiles, we hope to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration across the University and engaged partnerships in the community, which will allow faculty to pave the way for students to connect to service-learning opportunities, internships and community-based research.

While each of our academic disciplines, centers and institutes are unique, we all share a common commitment to boldly educate and empower our students for success!

For a full list of CHHS academic departments, centers and institutes, go to page 19.
2018-19 Faculty Research Profiles

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Research Interests
• Physical activity for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases
• Prevention and physical rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injury
• Clinical exercise physiology

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• Population health

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• M.A. Sociology, University of North Dakota
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• Health disparities
• Evaluation
• Community needs assessment

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• Financing public health and personal health
• Universal, sustainable and efficient national health policies
• Eldercare policies and programs
• Adolescent development, teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention
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- B.S. Nursing, Bangalore University, India

### Research Interests:
- Measuring stress in vulnerable populations
- Therapeutic communication in nurses
- Psychometrics

### Degrees Held:
- Ph.D. Social Work/Licentiate, University of Tampere, Finland
- M.S. International Relations: Development Studies, University of Tampere, Finland
- B.A. English Literature, Reed College, Portland, Oregon

### Research Interests:
- Opioid addiction and harm reduction
- Decolonizing social work
- LGBTQ issues in social work
- Place-based community social work

### Degrees Held:
- Ph.D. Exercise and Sport Science, University of Utah
- M.A. Exercise Science, California State University, Fresno
- B.A. Special Major: Biology/Physical Education and Human Performance, California State University, Fresno

### Research Interests:
- Fitness and wellness
- Applied exercise science: sport specific

### Degrees Held:
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- B.A. Social Work, Wichita State University
- B.A. Criminal and Social Justice, Ashford University

### Research Interests:
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- Foster care
- Systems of care
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**Research Interests:**
- Mental health issues within the Deaf and hard of hearing communities, including related hearing family members
- Shame and resiliency among segments of the Deaf community
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**Research Interests:**
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- Project and program development
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- Quality improvement

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**Research Interests:**
- Prisons
- Interprofessional education
- Teaching and learning
- Social Workers professional identity
- Participatory research

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- B.A. Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies: Speech-Language Pathology, California State University, Fresno

**Research Interests:**
- School-based speech-language pathology
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
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• Ph.D. Health Services, Walden University
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• Women’s health
• Healthcare technology
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Research Interests:
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Research Interests:
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• Nurses in higher education
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Research Interests:
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• Design novel interventions utilizing robotics and technology for physical and cognitive therapy to improve quality of life for survivors of stroke and Parkinson’s.

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• Performance enhancement
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**Research Interests:**

- Language and cultural barriers in healthcare, emphasis on physical therapy
- Isokinetic norms for the upper extremity
- Inter-professional, international and student/faculty collaboration for public health initiatives

**Degrees Held:**

- Ed.D. Educational Leadership and Change, Fielding Graduate University
- M.A. Education, California State University, Fresno
- B.S. Recreation Administration: Therapeutic Recreation, California State University, Fresno

**Research Interests:**

- Diversity and inclusion
- Action research
- Interprofessional education and collaboration
- Higher education and leadership

**Degrees Held:**

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- M.A. Chemistry, Montclair State University, New Jersey
- B.A. Chemistry/Physics, Minor: Biology, Montclair State University, N.J.

**Research Interests:**

- Muscle and space physiology
- Fluids and hydration
- Exercise and sport nutrition
- Aging

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- M.S. Public Health: Epidemiology, Missouri State University, Springfield
- B.S. Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Mumbai

**Research Interests:**

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- Agricultural injury and health
- Environmental health
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• Elementary physical education                                                                                     |
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• Impact of air pollution exposure on pregnancy and other health outcomes |
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• Human services organizations
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• Exercise-induced fatigue and changes to the surface EMG power spectrum
• Power-velocity relationships of intact human skeletal muscle during cycle ergometry
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• Pedagogy
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• Treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury
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  - Rural health and health disparities
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• Knee and ankle injuries
• Running injuries and prevention
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• Pediatric dermatological disorders  
• Childhood obesity  
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• Simulation  
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• Healthcare disparities  
• Spirituality and social support  
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• Exercise prescription  
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• Fall prevention  
• Healthy aging  
• Age friendly cities |
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Its mission is to promote research, policies and practices that support the well-being of children and families, using a regional children’s agenda as the guiding framework.

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Through community awareness and education, as well as collaborative research, the institute is helping those in the field focus on enhancing performance of athletes while maintaining a safe atmosphere.

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- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

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- Deaf Education (M.A.)
- Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Exercise Science (M.S.)
- Kinesiology (M.S.)
- Sport Administration (M.S.)
- Sport Psychology (M.S.)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator (M.S.N.)
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- Social Work (B.A.)
- Athletic Training (B.S.)
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- Community Health (B.S.)
- Environmental/Occupational Safety and Health (B.S.)
- Health Administration (B.S.)
- Adventure Recreation and Event Planning (B.S.)
- Commercial Recreation and Youth Services (B.S.)
- Sport and Entertainment Facility Management (B.S.)
- Therapeutic Recreation (B.S.)

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- Adventure-Based Programming
- Serving At-Risk Youth
- Special Event Planning
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management
- Cross-Cultural Competency
- Gerontology
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