Every year prior to commencement, JSPH celebrates Class Night to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students who earn a Master’s degree and graduate in the current academic year. Open to family, friends, and colleagues, class night also honors outstanding students and faculty.

This year the Outstanding Student Award was presented to Tiffany “Tk” Rodgers, a graduate of the MPH program and a Schweitzer Fellow for Life. Tk has a wealth of experience with community service activities, and is particularly interested in addressing the needs of underserved populations. In 2012 she also received an Outstanding Student Award from the College of Physicians, which recognizes the contributions of Philadelphia area students, leaders, colleges, and institutions in public health. Tk is a true leader in public health and will continue to forge ahead in her commitment to serving populations in need.

Although she was unable to attend Class Night, Danielle Casher, MD, MSHQS, received the Outstanding Online Student Award as a graduate of the Master’s program in Healthcare Quality and Safety program. Dr. Casher is a pediatrician at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, where she provides emergency medicine and is actively involved in quality improvement, and utilization management. Dr. Casher believes the academic training she received at JSPH has provided her with the tools to continue her work and commitment to improving the value of care.

For the first time, JSPH presented a Special Recognition Award to show appreciation to someone who has made considerable contributions – above and beyond the call of duty – to the learning needs of students and to the success of JSPH. There was no one more deserving of this award than Dan Kipnis, MIS, Senior Education Services Librarian, in Education Services Department of Academic and Instructional Support and Resources (AISR). Dan is responsible for course-based and distance learning instruction in the use of library...
resources. He has been an invaluable resource and mentor to students and faculty, showing extraordinary support and commitment to JSPH.

The Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Sandford (“Sandy”) M. Barth, PhD. Sandy is a health economist who has taught for the Jefferson School of Population Health since the first day JSPH opened its doors in September 2009. Sandy has also served as interim Director of the Health Policy program and supervised numerous Capstone projects in Health Policy. He taught similar courses for Jefferson’s Bachelor of Science degree programs in health services management and health services management information systems from 2002 to 2009.

To read the complete presentation of Dr. Barth’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, refer to page 9.