## Message from the Interim Executive Director of School of Public Health to the

## SPH Graduates of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

It is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate you on your graduation from the School of Public Health (SPH) at the University of Saskatchewan. You are now the newest members of a community of five hundred and seventy-six alumni of the SPH.

Your graduation in public health could not have come at a better time, because the world needs you right now. Today more than ever, the world urgently needs public health professionals like you to join in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and many other pandemics that were not as visible. The knowledge, skills, and experiences you have acquired thus far, have more than prepared you to think of novel and innovative ways to prepare, fight and recover from the current and future pandemics or even help prevent future pandemics from occurring in the first place.

Beyond pandemics, there are many other public health challenges and opportunities where you can make significant contributions. As you look into your future careers, I encourage you to search for a path that excites you and that you are passionate about. This may take some time. It may even require you to embrace completely new challenges, or even take new but calculated risks. If you find your passion, you'll find yourself more productive, and your work even more rewarding. You can make a greater contribution to making your community (local or global) a healthier place to live.

I wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Cheers to the class of 2022!

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