

CREST

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We're Growing!

CREST has officially created a framework for welcoming new members and affiliates into the community-academic coalition. We will now be doing 3-month trial membership periods in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Recently, we enrolled 2 individuals as Fall Trial Members - Joyce Clark & Karla Brown. Welcome! We are excited to collaborate and learn from you both.

Host a Student!

Are you a community-based organization seeking a student intern that can assist you in meeting project goals and objectives related to public health challenges in your community? If so, click this [LINK](#) to submit a form to Tufts University School of Medicine. Increase your chances of providing a public health student with hands-on experience in their field of interest for two semesters!

Coming Soon:

LinkedIn Spotlight

Over the last 8-months, CREST has been working with the Communications Team at Tufts CTSI in order to revamp our social media presence. That being said, we were recently approved by leadership within the Tufts community to launch a LinkedIn Spotlight page. Stay tuned!

Welcome

Welcome to CREST Community!

A quarterly newsletter by the Collaboration for Research Equity, Sustainability, and Trust (CREST) team at Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

CREST is comprised of organizations and individuals committed to improving the health and welfare of individuals living in the Greater Boston Area.

Together, we will foster interactions between community-academic partners who share an interest in improving public health.

[Learn more about us](#)

[Apply to be a CREST Member](#)

News

I LEARN

In June, the CREST and Professional Education (PE) teams at Tufts CTSI published a new I LEARN course. It's title, "Community Participation in Research." The purpose of the course is to explain how community residents and community-based organizations can contribute to clinical and translational research and help improve the impact projects have on different populations. Whether you are an academic researcher, clinician, or community member we encourage you to take the course. You can enroll [HERE](#). Also, once you have completed the course, please take the time to fill out the post-course survey. Your feedback is an essential part of making sure that we meet the needs of our constituents.

CREST Strategic Planning Retreat 2023

In September, our Senior Research Project Coordinator Angelique Santiago, pioneered a strategic planning retreat at the Old Oak Dojo in Jamaica Plains. Members of the CREST coalition came together to get clear on the role that CREST and Tufts CTSI play within the broader translational science marketplace. Additionally, our coalition business model, value proposition, and metrics of success were updated, expanded, and solidified. CREST has never been more prepared to use advocacy, education, and research to facilitate good health and sustainability for the populations that we serve. Click [HERE](#) to fill out our membership form and join the work that we do.

ADAPT-CREST Co-Learning

In September, Dr. Brent P. Forrester, Chief and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Tufts Medical Center attended our ADAPT-CREST co-learning session. He spoke about his career journey in clinical care and research, specifically focusing on the geriatric population. We look forward to collaborating with Dr. Forrester in the future on events and activities related to tele-mental health. For more information on Dr. Forrester's leadership within the Tufts community, please click [HERE](#).

Community Events

Over the last few months, there have been multiple events that CREST community partners have hosted and that we would like to highlight:

Judith Thermidor, Resident Wellness Director at CSI Support & Development, recently participated in "Grandparents Day" at Blue Ledge Co-op. Not only celebrating the residents that she works with everyday, but their contributions as elders of their respective families.

Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director of the Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), hosted "Caribbean Rum and Food Festival" back in September. The event was held at Roxbury Community College (RCC) and showcased a variety of products ranging from cocktails, arts, crafts, entertainment, and more!

Arnetta Baty, Dorchester community member, participated in "Back to School Weekend" in August. The event was hosted by her church, Metropolitan Baptist Church Youth Ministry. In partnership with the "School on Wheels of Massachusetts", there was a backpack and school supply giveaway.



Upcoming Events

Author Showcase

The National Council of Negro Women, Greater Boston Section will be hosting a meet and greet, and book signing at 11am on November 18th at The Great Hall at Codman Square in Dorchester. Four Authors, including [Lisa Braxton](#) the President of NCNW, will be featured. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

FSR Global Virtual Sarcoidosis Summit 2023

Sarcoidosis is a disease that is important to many members of the CREST coalition and we want to assist in spreading awareness and connecting people to the appropriate resources. Click [HERE](#) to register for this year's virtual summit hosted by the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research.

Quote of the Month:

"The reality that matters most is that of the stakeholders. Insiders ideas and outsiders resources can produce surprising results."

-Robert Chambers

More at Tufts CTSI:

Building Resilience: Promoting AAPI Access to Mental Health Care

In partnership with the Museum of Science (MoS), Tufts CTSI recently hosted an event to bring professionals and community leaders together to discuss how to improve equitable access to mental health care for members of the AAPI community. Five panelists spoke on this important topic and more than 70 people were in attendance. Congrats to our colleagues on another successful public forum!

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