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The Council will help guide the College’s faculty and staff in its research initiatives, promote the reputation of the College’s work and assist in fundraising efforts. However, the Council is not part of the University’s governance structure and will not have a vote on budgetary nor management decisions.

“This new Development Council is the next logical evolution in our journey to grow our funding efforts,” said Stuart Tedders, Ph.D., dean of the JPHCOPH. “I’m honored and excited that this incredible group of professionals have dedicated their time to support our mission. Their work will enhance the regional and national reputation of the College, help our students understand the
value and scope of a public health degree, and secure private funds to support scholarships and priority initiatives.”

The Council will be led by Chair Kelley Chester, DrPH, who is a Triple Eagle and co-founder of a scientific and technology firm.

Other members of the council are, respectively:

- Randall Ford, D.D.S., a graduate student in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and executive director of the Tennessee Dental Society of Anesthesiology
- Denise Kornegay, MSW, executive director of the Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Centers Network
- Sara Plasphol, DrPH, alumna (‘10), former associate dean to the Waters College of Health Professionals and vice chair of the executive board of directors for Hospice Savannah, Inc.
- Chris Rustin, DrPH, M.S., REHS, alumnus (‘04, ‘13) and acting deputy commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health
- Andreas Sashegyi, Ph.D., senior director of statistics within the oncology business unit at Eli Lilly and Company
- Kimberly Scott, DrPH, CHES, alumna (‘09) and leader of “Live Well Lake”, which is an initiative North Carolina Human Services

The mission of the JPHCOPH is to improve health, eliminate health disparities and health inequities of rural communities and underserved populations globally through excellence in teaching, public health workforce development, research, scholarship, professional service and community engagement.

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