

FALL/WINTER 2023

CEHA FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

President's Message

TOM STANSFIELD

AS I WRAP UP MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF CEHA I FIND MYSELF LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEARS TO COME.

IT WAS MY UTMOST AND MOREOVER HUMBLING HONOR TO BE SELECTED TO "LEAD" CEHA THIS PAST YEAR. I CAME IN WITH AN OPEN MIND, A FEW AGENDA ITEMS BUT PERHAPS JUST A LITTLE LESS ENTHUSIASM THAN YOU ALL MAY HAVE EXPECTED.

I QUICKLY EMBRACED THE POSITION BECAUSE IT WAS IMMEDIATELY EVIDENT THAT CEHA BASICALLY LEADS ITSELF.



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President's Message - continued

SURE, THERE WERE DECISIONS TO BE MADE BUT EACH COMMITTEE IS STAFFED BY PASSIONATE PROFESSIONALS THAT MAKE "LEADING" MORE LIKE "FOLLOWING".

WE HAVE A FANTASTIC ORGANIZATION WHICH RELIES HEAVILY ON THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. I EMPHATICALLY URGE ANY MEMBER WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A COMMITTEE TO REACH OUT TO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OFFER YOURS.

IT IS IMMEDIATELY REWARDING FROM A PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL, AND PERSONAL ASPECT TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM.

I LOOK FORWARD TO ANTON AND BRIANNA TAKING THE HELM AS PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT ELECT. UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP, CEHA WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH CADH AND DPH SO OUR ORGANIZATIONS CAN ACTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND PERHAPS EVEN COMBINE EFFORTS TO FURTHER OUR SHARED AGENDAS OF PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND, NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, OUR PROFESSION.

I AM THRILLED WITH THE WORK BEING DONE CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WFD GAIN EVEN MORE TRACTION.



MY TRIP ON BEHALF OF CEHA TO THE NEHA
AEC IN NEW
ORLEANS WAS AMAZING; MEETING FELLOW
PROFESSIONALS FROM ALL OVER NATION
WAS INSPIRING AND I THANK CEHA
FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU CEHA
FOR ENTRUSTING YOURSELVES TO A GOOFY
SANITARIAN FROM THE FAR NORTHWEST.

I LEARNED A LOT AND I HOPE THAT AT LEAST
SOME OF YOU ENJOYED MY TENURE AS MUCH
AS I DID.
FAREWELL.

EL PRESIDENTE' HAS LEFT THE BUILDING...



FALL IN TO MEET THE CREW

CEHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

TOM STANSFIELD.....	PRESIDENT
CHRIS BUTER.....	PAST-PRESIDENT
ANTON TROJANOWSKI.....	PRESIDENT-ELECT
-VACANT-.....	VICE PRESIDENT
SCOTT COOK.....	TREASURER
-VACANT-.....	SECRETARY
ELIZABETH KAVANAGH.....	LEGISLATIVE
MARYAM HOSSEINI.....	MEMBERSHIP
PHYLLIS AMODIO.....	NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS
ERICA MIKULAK.....	SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS
DIA DIHAN.....	EDUCATION
MICHELLE BLACKALL & PAM SOLIS.....	PUBLICITY
STEVEN YENCO & KATIE BALDWIN.....	FOOD
KRISTEN AMODIO.....	HOUSING/LEAD
BRIAN FALKNER.....	BODY ARTS/PERSONAL SERVICES
JEFF POLHEMUS.....	SUBSURFACE SEWAGE

LOOKING TO BE A PART OF CEHA?

We are looking for the support of our
Membership to immediately fill the
SECRETARY & VICE PRESIDENT
Executive Board positions.

If you or another individual are interested in joining or would like
more information, please contact me
with any questions at:

phyllisamodio@bristolct.gov or (860)584-7682



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CEHA MEMBER CHARLENE SWINK (LLHD) WITH HER OUTSTANDING RISK FACTOR STUDY POSTER PRESENTED AT THE NEW ORLEANS NEHA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY JULY 31ST GRADUATION



(ABOVE) CEHA PRESIDENT, TOM, REPRESENTING CEHA AT THE NEHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEHA 2023

NEW ORLEANS 



2023 Yankee Conference

61st Annual Yankee Conference

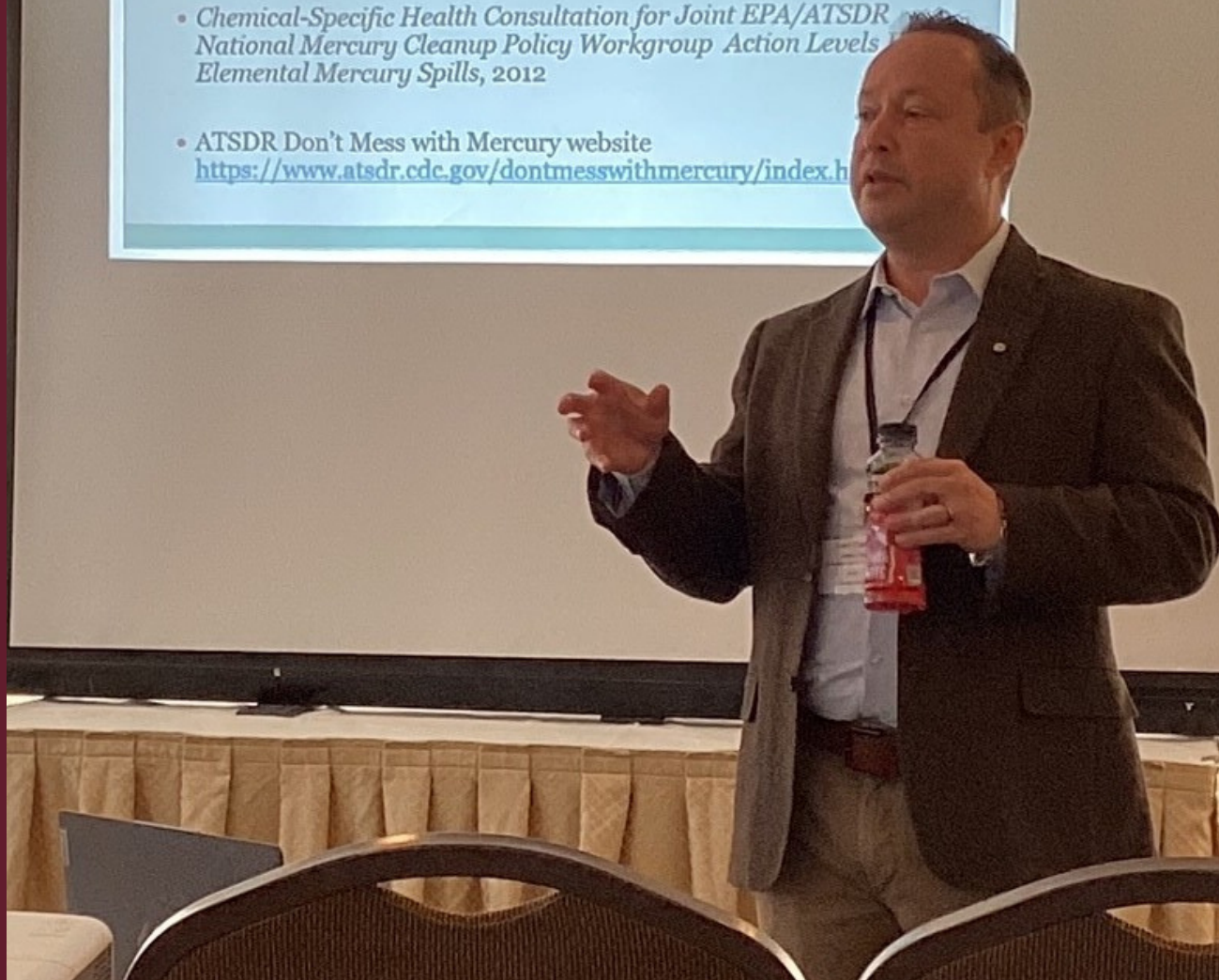
This year's Yankee Conference was held at the Hotel Northampton, located in Northampton, MA. The conference kicked off on Tuesday night with a Networking Reception hosted by NEFDOA.

The conference spanned from September 20th to the 22nd. Trainings comprised of a Food Track and two Environmental Tracks. Connecticut Certified Food Inspectors were eligible to receive contact hours.



Resources

- EPA National Elementary Mercury Response Guidebook, 2019
- EPA Mercury Website <https://www.epa.gov/mercury>
- Chemical-Specific Health Consultation for Joint EPA/ATSDR National Mercury Cleanup Policy Workgroup Action Levels for Elemental Mercury Spills, 2012
- ATSDR Don't Mess with Mercury website <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury/index.h>



CALEB COWLES, MPH, RS
“MERCURY SPILL IN A RESIDENTIAL
HOME & THE PUBLIC HEALTH
RESPONSE IN NEW BRITAIN”



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OLDEST*** TO NEWEST

- Supervising Sanitarian - Central Connecticut Health District
- Chief of Environmental Health Services - Quinnipiack Valley Health District

JOB POSTINGS REFLECTED AS OF DEC. 29, 2023



***Please note: The older job postings you see in the Newsletter remain on CEHA's website for **30-days** before being removed. Please visit the specific Health Department's website for its availability

The seasons may be changing and winding down now, but the opportunities remain restless! Come take a look at what's in store for you!



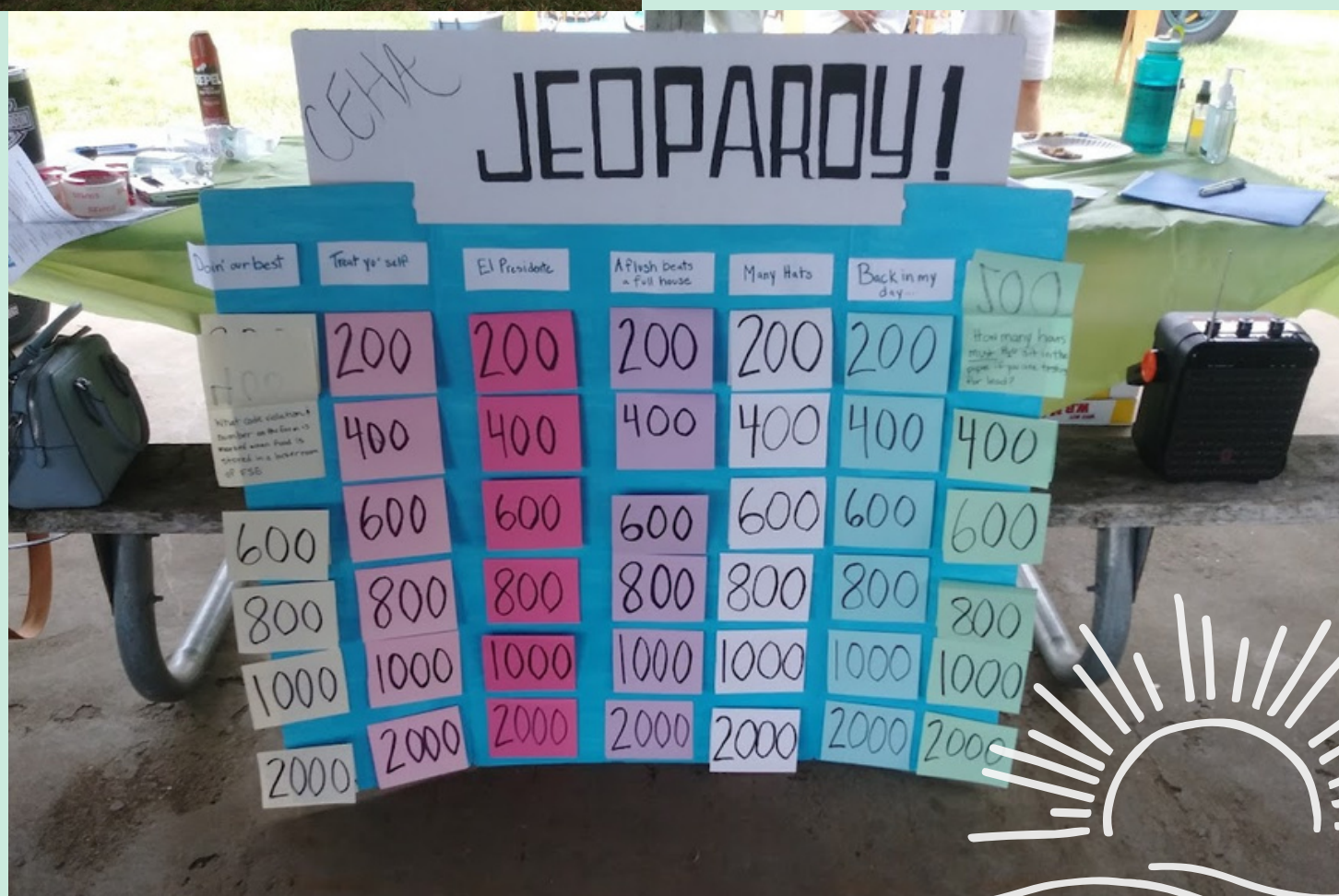
*ahh, the dog days of
summer...*

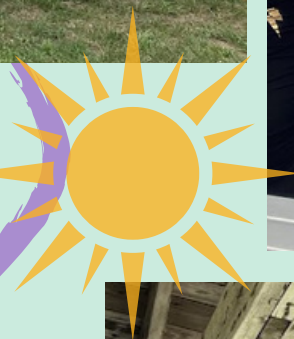
CEHA SUMMER 2023 MEETING



Health Inspectors from various departments gather under the pavilion at Meigs Point in Hammonasset State Park.

Let's see what memories and snapshots we've taken during the summer meeting...!











Central Connecticut Health District is
at Berlin Fair.

Sep 14 · 🌐

Our Environmental Health team working hard at
the [Berlin Fair!](#)... See more



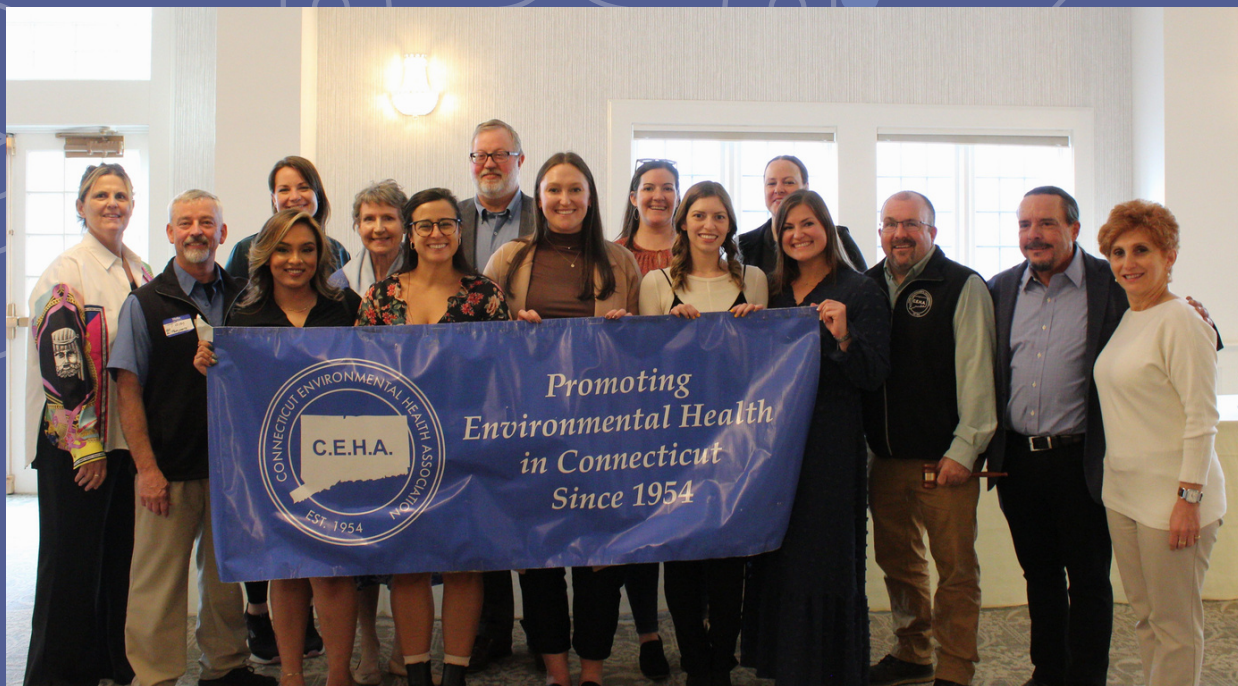
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM



Central Connecticut
Health District
[CCHD] (*top*) and
Bristol-Burlington
Health District
[BBHD] (*bottom*)
conducting their fall
inspections for the
annual fairs in their
regions



CEHA ANNUAL FALL MEETING



CEHA BOARD MEMBERS GATHER FOR A GROUP PICTURE

A FOGGY, SLEEPY MORNING AT ST. CLEMENT'S CASTLE TO START OFF THE DAY AS GUESTS STARTED TO ARRIVE FOR THE MEETING.



The CEHA Annual Fall Meeting also happened to be Environmental Health Professional's Day!



standing committee reports



MARYAM, MEMBERSHIP



SCOTT, TREASURER

LIZ, STANDING, LEGISLATION





ERICA, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (TOP LEFT)
DIA, EDUCATION (TOP RIGHT)



KRISTEN, HOUSING & LEAD



**BRIAN,
BODY ARTS/PERSONAL
SERVICES**

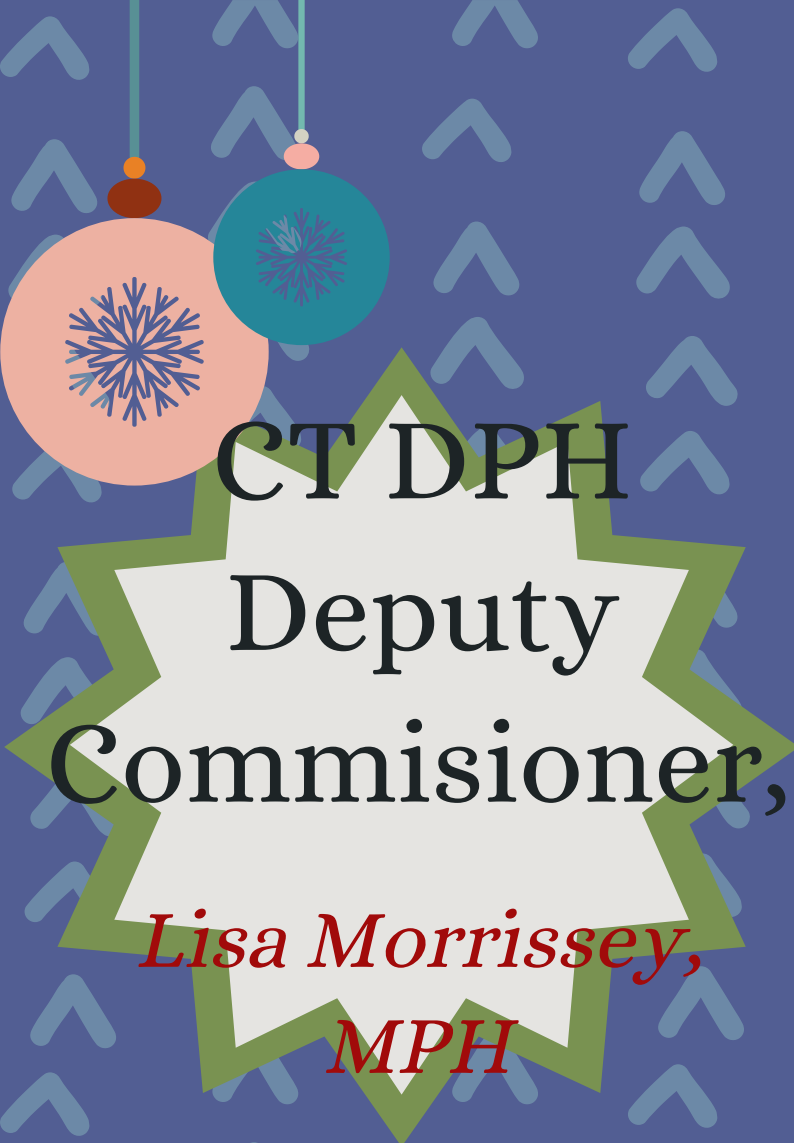


**DON,
WATER/WELLS**



**KATIE,
FOOD SAFETY**







**DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER
PROTECTION (DCP)
AND THE FOOD
PROTECTION
PROGRAM (FPP)
SPEAKERS CONDUCT
THEIR PRESENTATIONS
AND UPDATES FROM
THE STATE LEVEL TO
LOCAL HEALTH**



ZAC JEZEK, ABOVE, ON THE SLIDESHOW
OF THE YEAR IN REVIEW FOR THE FPP



(LEFT)
DCP PRESENTS
“FOOD CODE,
GMP’S, & THE
DEPARMTENT
OF CONSUMER
PROTECTION”

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT





Members address questions and concerns that the audience brought forward



NEHA AT THE CEHA FALL MEETING



**NEHA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT,
ROBERT UHRÍK, AS THE GUEST
SPEAKER**





Passing The Baton

[OR GAVEL]

**Former CEHA-
President, Tom
Stansfield,
swears in Anton
Trojanowski as
CEHA's new
president into
2024.**

**NEWLY APPOINTED
CEHA PRESIDENT,
ANTON, MEANS
BUSINESS WITH HIS
NEW GAVEL.**



Scholarships & Awards



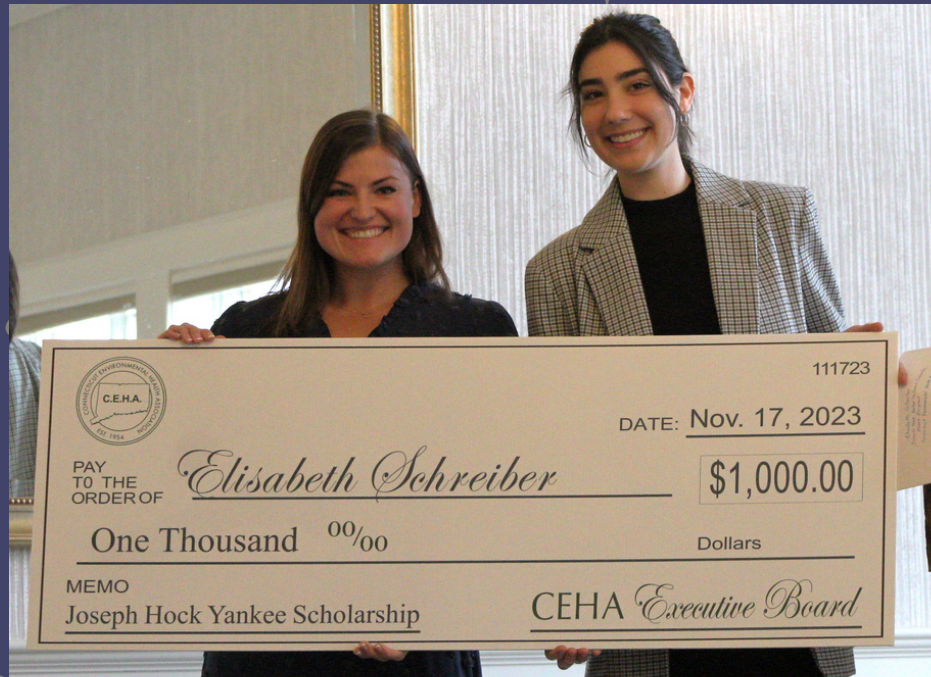
Kim Dubanoski

*Raymond Brunelle Jr. Award
"Sanitarian of the Year"*

2023 Recipient

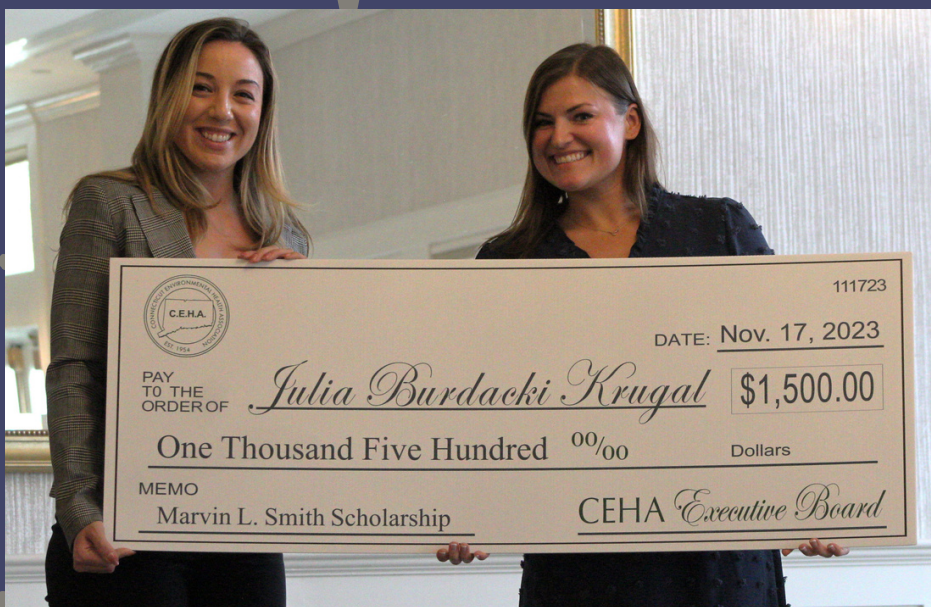
Elisabeth Schreiber

*Joseph Hock Yankee Scholarship
2023 Recipient*



Julia Burdacki Krugal

*Marvin L. Scholarship
2023 Recipient*



2023 Yankee Conference

ROBERT C. PERRIELLO AWARD

2023 Award Winner is Jeff Catlett.

Jeff is the Director of Health for the Manchester Department of Health.



Robert C. Perriello Award - Conveyed by the Connecticut Environmental Health Association

This award, established in 1970 by the Yankee Conference Board of Directors is presented in tribute to Robert C. Perriello for his many years in public health and academic service in Rhode Island and New England. This award recognizes the professional achievements made by a registered sanitarian and local affiliate (CEHA) member. This most prestigious award is given by the Yankee Conference Board of Directors to an individual who first must be chosen by their own affiliate's Board of Directors. This is a highly respected honor and is presented to a most outstanding member for their contributions to CEHA, the Yankee Conference, and environmental health.

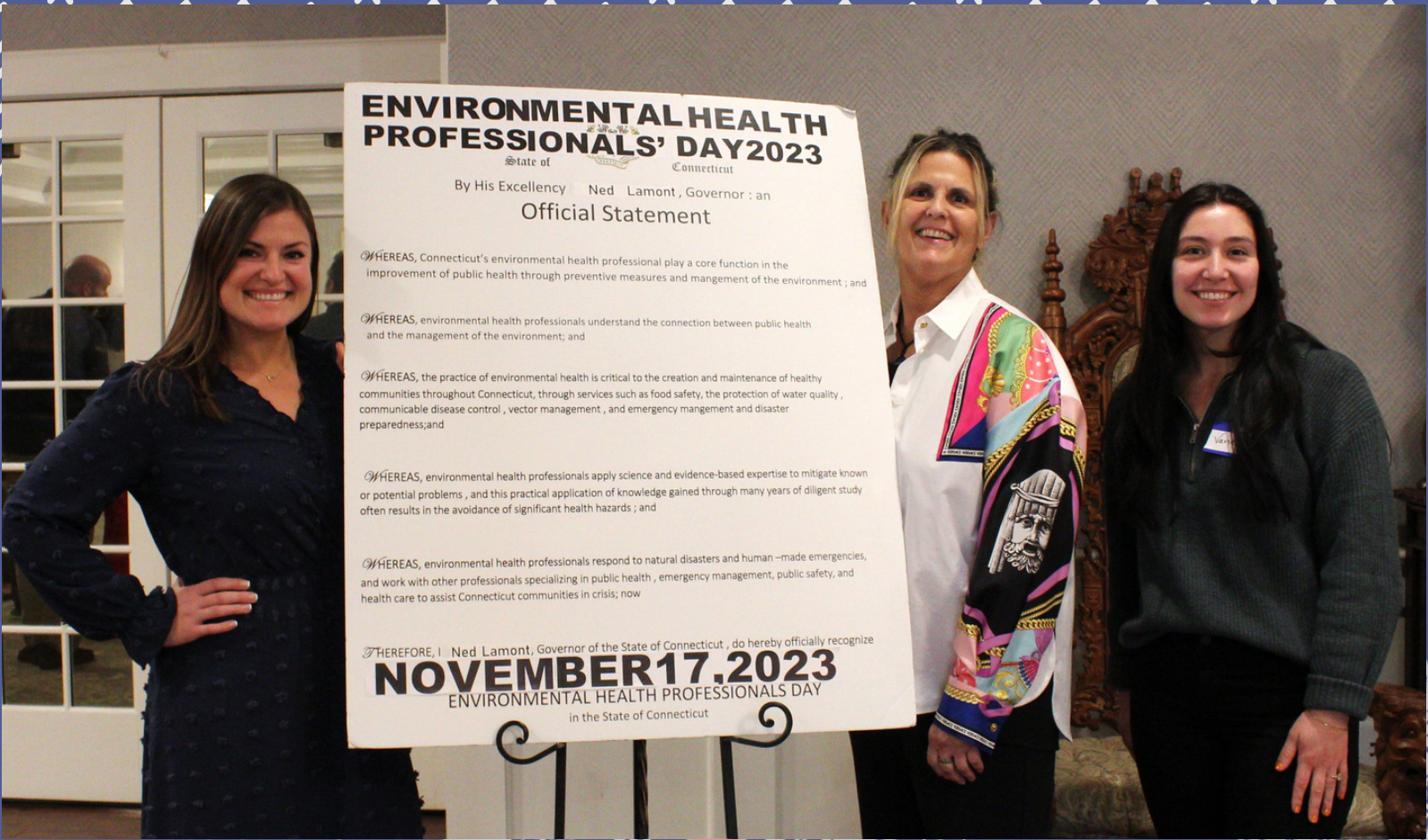




**Pictured below:
Brianna and Dia
(right)
hold their
Presidential Merit
2023 Awards**

**Pictured above: Alyssa
(left) and Brianna
(right) hold their CEHA
Workforce
Development Task
Force Team Certificates
of Merit**





Bristol Burlington
Health District
Sanitarians with the
Environmental Health
Professionals' Day
sign (Left to Right):
Erica, Phyllis, Vanessa

Remembering Christine

AS MANY OF YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW, OUR PROFESSION HAS LOST ONE OF OUR OWN TO SENSELESS VIOLENCE.

CHRISTINE (APPLEWHITE) VAZQUEZ WAS MURDERED IN HER HOME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. I CONSIDER CHRISTINE A FRIEND AND THIS NEWS HAS BEEN DEVASTATING. MANY OF US RECENTLY SAW HER SPEAK AT THE YANKEE CONFERENCE BUT I HAVE KNOWN CHRISTINE FROM HER TIME HERE AT THE TAHD AND OF COURSE AT THE FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM AT DPH.

ULTIMATELY FINDING A CAREER WITH THE FDA, SHE WAS ALWAYS A VALUABLE RESOURCE, READILY SHARING HER WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN A FRIENDLY AND HONEST WAY. I WILL MISS OUR WITTY CONVERSATIONS. WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LONG, PROSPEROUS LIFE WAS TRAGICALLY CUT SHORT.

PLEASE KEEP HER 12 YEAR OLD SON IN YOUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS.

LASTLY, PLEASE LIVE YOUR LIVES TO THEIR FULLEST, TIME IS FLEETING AND PRECIOUS.

REST IN PEACE CHRISTINE, YOU WILL BE MISSED.

-Tom Stansfield

