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| ***Happy New Year!***We had a very busy 2017 with APHA-SA, and are excited to have a just as great 2018! From August through mid-December we have; welcomed 33 new members, have had 5 student award winners through 3 different challenges, and kicked off our Speaker Series with Rebecca Boulos MPH, PhD! |

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| **APHA Membership Reimbursement Opportunity**Starting in January 2018, APHA-SA is excited to annouce our reimbursement program for students joining the national APHA or their state affiliate! All current UNE students who are members of APHA-SA are eligible for the program. There will be 3 full reimbursements given for joining the national APHA (an $85 student fee!), and 10 reimbursements for students to join their state affiliate!To qualify for the national APHA student membership reimbursement, students will need to attend 3 Fireside Chats during the Spring/Summer semester, and join the UNE Billion Steps Challenge Team. For students to qualify for their state student membership reimbursement, they must attend 1 Fireside Chat, along with joining the UNE Billion Steps Challenge Team.More information on the reimbursement program can be found [here](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=https%3a%2f%2fdocs.google.com%2fdocument%2fd%2f1Q0UsAOD4f1ftX6Lb-GAIUA1-kr-mb6q0ubsjkq6RV4A%2fedit%3fusp%3dsharing). For further questions email [apha-board@une.edu](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=http%3a%2f%2fapha-board%40une.edu). |

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| **1 Billion Steps Challenge**Starting January 1st, the APHA rolled out their Billion Steps Challenge for teams to compete across the US, with the Challenge concluding during National Public Health Week on April 8th. [Join our UNE team](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=https%3a%2f%2fstridekick.com%2fchallenges%2f104383%2funiversity-of-new-england-apha-sa) or search for us on the Stridekick app with Code: **zwmxp**.The top three walkers (those with the highest average step count) on the UNE team will receive some UNE swag at the conclusion of the Challenge!To join us, download the free Stridekick app and pair with your phone or fitness device! [Let's get walking!](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nphw.org%2fget-involved%2fsteps-challenge%2fget-started) Find [some answers to some FAQs,](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nphw.org%2fget-involved%2fsteps-challenge%2fsteps-faq) or email Emily Bartlett at [ebartlett4@une.edu](https://une.campusgroups.com/click?uid=8803ab31-f4c0-11e7-97c4-0a25fd5e4565&r=http%3a%2f%2febartlett4%40une.edu) to learn more!**Fireside Chat Dates Spring/Summer 2018**All Fireside Chats are held on webconference platform Zoom, and take place at 8:00pm EST.* January 25th
* February 22nd
* March 29th
* April 26th
* May 24th
* June 28th
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