

## **MPH ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT...Vishal Kinkhabwala (MPH '13)**

NACCHO/NCSD recently announced that Vishal Kinkhabwala (MPH '13) as a recipient of its 2018 ENGAGE STD Conference Scholarship. Vishal graduated from our MPH Program in 2013 with an emphasis on Social and Behavioral Health. More recently he received his MD degree from Avalon University School of Medicine in June, 2018.

Vishal currently works as Public Health Representative with the New York State Department of Health where he is involved in tracking HIV/STAD spread, linking patients to care, and providing counseling services for HIV and STD patients.

Recipients of the scholarship attend the 2018 NACCHO/NCSD ENGAGE STD Conference in Orlando Florida in November. The annual conference serves as a forum to build skills as a Disease Intervention Specialist and discuss ways in which healthcare workers from all over the United States are working together to “End the Epidemics” of HIV and STDs throughout the country.

Vishal states, “I strongly feel that the education I received at Benedictine--especially the internship I completed for the program, truly helped me prepare for this position by giving me both theoretical and practical experiences that I can use to blaze my trail within the growing field of Public Health. A lot of what we learned and discussed is actually what we put to use in the field!”

Vishal was also inducted into the Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society in 2015.