

# CAST External Advisory Board Bio

We are in the process of updating the College of Agriculture, Science, and Technology (CAST) webpage to highlight our esteemed External Advisory Board members. As part of this effort, we are requesting a brief biography and a headshot to be included on the page. This will allow students, faculty, and external partners to learn more about your professional background and the valuable expertise you bring to CAST. Thank you in advance for your participation and continued support.

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**Company**

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**Job Title**

Chief Scientific Officer; CEO, Delaware Health Sciences Alliance

**Company URL**

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## **Brief Bio**

Omar Khan , M.D., MHS, FAAFP  
President & CEO, Delaware Health Sciences Alliance  
Enterprise Chief Scientific Officer, ChristianaCare  
Affiliated Professor of Health Sciences, University of Delaware

Dr. Khan is President & CEO of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance (DHSA). The DHSA is the academic partnership group between the major health sciences institutions in the Delaware valley including ChristianaCare and Delaware State University. In this role, he helps manage partnerships between Delaware's affiliated medical schools (Thomas Jefferson University and PCOM) and the State of Delaware, and create new ways to collaborate on areas of education, workforce, and research.

He also serves as Enterprise Chief Scientific Officer for ChristianaCare, overseeing the functions of Research Administration & Scientific Affairs across the health system. He has previously served as the inaugural Service Line Chair for Primary Care & Community Medicine at ChristianaCare, and as Medical Director of the Eugene duPont Preventive Medicine & Rehabilitation Institute, also at ChristianaCare.

He serves a governance role on the Advisory Committees for 2 of Delaware's NIH-funded multi-institutional research programs namely the Delaware Clinical & Translational Research Program (CTR/ACCEL) and INBRE, as well as chair of the External Advisory Committee for the Puerto Rico CTR.

Dr. Khan is board-certified in family medicine, with interests in general primary care, health systems improvement, medical education, and global health, having served as founding director of the Global Health Residency Track in Family Medicine.

He is on the clinical faculty of Sidney Kimmel Medical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the medical staff of ChristianaCare and Al DuPont Hospital for Children. He has previously served on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the University of Vermont College of Medicine, where he directed the Global Health electives in the Dept. of Family Medicine.

Dr. Khan is an immediate Past-President of the Delaware Academy of Medicine, Chair of the Advisory Council of the Delaware Public Health Association, and a Past President of the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians. He is a Trustee of ChristianaCare and former Board member of the ChristianaCare VNA. He serves on the annual Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium committee, the American Public Health Association annual program, and the annual meeting for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH). He co-chairs the annual DHSA Research Symposium and the annual ACCEL Community Research Exchange. He is appointed to the Partnerships for Healthy Communities committee, and the State of Delaware's Health Care Loan Repayment Program committee.

Dr. Khan received his BA and MA from the University of Pennsylvania, MD and residency from the University of Vermont, and public health degree from the Johns Hopkins University. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Delaware Journal of Public Health ([www.djph.org](http://www.djph.org)) and has authored/edited over 100 scientific publications and 5 books in the area of infectious diseases and global health, including as Editor in Chief (with Dr. David Heymann) of the renowned Control of Communicable Disease Clinical Practice Manual. His acclaimed co-authored book on polio ("The End of Polio?" with Tim Brookes) discussed the difficulty of polio eradication globally.

Dr. Khan has been named a 'Top Doc' by Philadelphia magazine on several occasions including 2019-25. His bi-monthly column, Khanversations, can be found at [www.delamed.org](http://www.delamed.org). He spends his free time attempting to stay fit and work on his assorted automotive projects.

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