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Award:

In partnership with the Roseman University of Health Sciences, *Utah Business* honored those who have made it their mission to improve the state of health in Utah. During the annual [Healthcare Heroes](#) event, **Dr. Andrea Wallace** was honored for her work that focuses on implementing patient-centered strategies for assessing social resources during health care visits, empowers health teams to incorporate patients' social resources in their decision-making processes, and connects patients with social resource needs to services in their home communities.

Certification:

Dave Blanford, Mike McIntosh, Steve Seckinger, and Cole Wandler passed the ITIL 4 Foundations exam (Information Technology Infrastructure Library). ITIL provides a common framework for IT service management best practices across organizations globally, including higher education. The University of Utah has used ITIL service management best practices for more than a decade and teaches ITIL classes regularly through the UIT division.

Grant Award:

The University of California, San Francisco awarded \$96,927 to **Dr. Schola Matovu** for her NIH funded "University of California Global Health Institute Program for Fellows and Scholars" work. This grant funding will support Dr. Matovu as she conducts community-engaged research to inform the development of an intervention geared towards promoting economic empowerment, peer group support, and mental and physical health of grandmothers who provide primary care for grandchildren affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty in Uganda.

Research Support:

The Emma Eccles Jones Nursing Research Center, under the guidance of **Terri Pianka**, Director, continues to provide exceptional support to College of Nursing faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students so that they can make scientific discoveries and achieve distinction as nurse scientists. Pre-award staff **Morgan Arseneau, Hollie Fuhrmann, Dr. Hailey Haffey, and Dr. Erin Meyer** are integral members of the research teams and, in collaboration with members of the Statistics Core, **Dr. Eli Iacob, Hui Li, Dr. Bob Wong, Dr. Eli Iacob**, assisted faculty and graduate students to submit 22 grant and funding applications since July 1, 2021. Led by **Dr. Xiaoming Sheng**, the Statistics Core also enabled faculty and students to disseminate research findings through publications and conference presentations. Post-award staff **Rachel Hamilton and Namita Nayak** have managed the complex administration of 70 funded awards, and facilitated acceptance of seven new awards this fiscal year. **Colleen Neering**, Executive Assistant, supports all members of the research center.

Presentations:

College of Nursing faculty, post-doctoral fellows, students, and alumni presented at the 2021 Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses annual conference, which was held virtually on October 28-30, 2021.

Baccalaureate student **Kylie Bethards** presented her honors thesis:

- **Bethards K**, Ameringer S, Erickson, J, Macpherson CF, Stegenga K, **Linder L**. Analysis of AYA cancer patient priority symptoms using text mining software.

Alumna **Kaitlyn Fox** presented her undergraduate research project, conducted in collaboration with former post-doctoral fellow, **Dr. Katherine Bernier Carney**:

- **Fox K, Carney KB, Linder L.** Qualitative content analysis of daily journaling by children with cancer using a game-based app.

Dr. Lauri Linder, adjunct faculty member **Dr. Andy Wilson**, and their team members from Primary Children's Hospital presented their ongoing clinical scholarship:

- **Linder L, Gerdy C, Jo Y, Stark C, Wilson A.** Changes in CLABSI rates following implementation of antibacterial prophylaxis for children and adolescents with high-risk hematologic malignancies.

PhD student **Sarah Wawrzynski** presented preliminary results of her dissertation:

- **Wawrzynski SE, Linder L, Alderfer MA, Kvistad W, Reblin M, Guo J-W, Cloyes KG.** Social support and social networks among siblings of children with cancer. Sarah's poster won 2nd place overall.

Publications:

Schmutz K, Macali J. Public health clinicals during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons learned. *Journal of the Academy of Health Science Educators*. <https://jahse.med.utah.edu/public-health-clinicals-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-lessons-learned/>

Eaton J, Cheek-O'Donnell S, Johnson E, Clark L. Using ethnodrama to support parents in sense-making after prenatal or neonatal diagnosis of a child's disabling condition. *J Appl Res Intellect Disabil*. 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jar.12945>

Bristol AA, Mata AC, Mickens M, Dassel K, Ellington L, Scammon D, Thompson A, Towsley G, Utz R, Terrill AL. "You feel very isolated": Effects of COVID-19 pandemic on caregiver social connections. *Gerontol Geriatr Med*. Accepted.

Community Engagement:

Dr. Katarina Felsted presented a three week series of Mindfulness Meditation classes for Caring Connections, including those who attend its group, professionals from the community, and University faculty and staff who support its work.

Dr. Katherine Supiano and **Adrienne Bott** facilitated a suicide grief training in Jordan School District, necessitated by four recent student suicide deaths. What follows is part of a thank you note from Travis Hamblin, Director of Student Services. "On behalf of Jordan District, I would like to thank you for the absolutely fantastic training you provided for Jordan Oct. 25-27. The training was a timely message that was universally lauded by the attendees. All of the school psychologists, school social workers, and school counselors expressed their excitement and value gained by the material. The training not only provided a necessary and timely message so desperately needed, it was a reminder of 'why' they do what they do and who they do it for. Many expressed that it was reinvigorating and restorative for them personally... In short, I believe the bandwidth of our mental health providers that attended the training was dramatically increased. Kathy's presentation delivery was engaging, relatable, and full of relevant

information. All one needs to do is to be introspective about the training and it becomes evident that it reminds us that you do not need a license to practice compassion and provides a stark reminder of our humanity.

Dr. Zoe Robbins is serving on the planning committee for the 6th Annual School of Medicine Additions Conference. The conference focuses on changing attitudes and increasing knowledge around substance use disorders facing today's diverse society.

In Other News:

Dr. Liz Greene and husband, Nick welcomed Miss Niomee Jae into their family on October 24, 2021 at 9:50 AM. Niomee weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long. Liz and Niomee are doing well.