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National Ranking:

The College of Nursing is **ranked #22** in National Institutes of Health funding to colleges of nursing! A five-position increase in ranking from last year, we commend our hard-working and innovative researchers and the amazing Emma Eccles Jones Nursing Research Center staff who support them.

Grant Award:

[The LIFT Simulation Design Lab](#) (**Dr. Susanna Cohen, Gabriela Garcia, Mikelle Lloyd** and **Beth Eanelli**) received a \$59,673 extension grant for their collaboration with the Family Planning Division. Funds will support using simulation for family planning counseling and administering the program.

Principal Investigator Dr. Anne Kirchhoff and Co-investigator **Dr. Lauri Linder** received a \$140,000 Utah Grand Challenges award titled "Insurance, Health Care, and Finances for Adolescent and Young Adults with Cancer During the COVID-19 Pandemic." The goal of their project is to understand the changing relationship of health care utilization, employment, finances, and insurance coverage among adolescents and young adults with cancer in Utah due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presentations:

Janzell Tutor and Dhiraj Chand, Sr. Director of Leadership and Principal Gifts at the University of Utah, presented [Candid Conversation on Race & Fundraising: Challenging Deficit-based Thinking in Philanthropy](#) hosted by the [Association of Fundraising Professionals \(AFP\) Utah](#) on February 11, 2021. We were granted special permission to share the recording for free. Click [here](#) to view their presentation.

Dr. Josh Wall presented "Flight Nursing" at the [Stayin' Alive! virtual Utah Student Nurses Association convention](#), which was held on February 6, 2021.

Undergraduate Honors Students presented their research at the virtual Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

- **Julianne Kimmel** (2nd semester pre-licensure track; Mentor: **Dr. Jia-Wen Guo**): [Text Analysis of Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Adolescents and Young Adults](#).
- **Kylie Bethards** (1st semester pre-licensure track; Mentor: **Dr. Lauri Linder**): [Analysis of AYA Cancer Patient Priority Symptoms Through Text Mining Software](#).

In addition, Kylie was one of 25 undergraduate students who was competitively selected to present her research at the Research on Capitol Hill event.

Five teams of faculty, pre- and post-doctoral fellows, and undergraduate students presented at the virtual 2021 [Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care](#), presented by American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA).

- **Jones MG, Tay DL, Gettens C, Thompson C, Cloyes KG, Reblin M, Ellington L.** Grieving in a pandemic: How COVID-19 has impacted bereavement for family caregivers of hospice cancer patients.
- **Guo J-W, Reblin M, Cloyes KG, Tay DL, Jones MG, Thomas Hebdon MC, Ellington L.** Stress and support in family and non-family relationships within hospice cancer caregiver support networks.
- **Tay DL, Reblin M, Cloyes KG, Guo J-W, Jones MG, Thomas Hebdon MC, Ellington L.** When financial health is tied to mental health: Predictors of hospice cancer caregivers' psychological well-being.
- **Cloyes KG, Tay DL, Gettens C, Jones MG, Bybee S, Wawrzinski SE, Reblin M, Ellington L.** Exploring hospice providers' thoughts and opinions on care of LGBTQ+ patients and caregivers.
- **Cloyes KG, Tennant K, Reblin M.** Impact of COVID-19 on LGBTQ+ cancer survivors' and caregivers' perceptions of formal and informal social support.

In honor of Black History Month, **Dr. Mary Gullatte**, alumna of the PhD program, and Site Principal Investigator at Emory University for **Dr. Kathi Mooney's** R01-funded research regarding symptom care at home, [reflected on her career](#).

Publication:

Latendresse G, Bailey E, Iacob E, Murphy H, Pentecost R, Thompson N, Hogue C. A group videoconference intervention for reducing perinatal depressive symptoms: a telehealth pilot study. *J Midwifery Womens Health*. 2021;66(1):70-77. [doi: 10.1111/jmwh.13209](https://doi.org/10.1111/jmwh.13209)

Recognition:

Dr. Susanna Cohen will be inducted as a Fellow with the [American College of Nurse-Midwives](#) (ACNM) via an online ceremony at the [66th Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#) in May 2021. The [Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives](#) (FACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership within ACNM, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside of the midwifery profession.

Dr. Carolyn Scheese earned certification as a [Certified Associate in Project Management](#) (CAPM). As she prepared for certification, Carolyn learned new content needed to design and teach NURS 6661 Project Management in Health Informatics. Students who take NURS 6661 also will be prepared to take the CAPM exam.

In Other News:

Kudos to COVID-19 vaccine clinic immunizers, vaccine preparers, and support personnel, as well as those who continue to wear masks, physically distance, stay home when ill, practice good handwashing, and participate in asymptomatic testing.

Kudos for U Giving Day and student scholarships. U Giving Day 2021 is a 1,850-minute fundraising and celebration effort that will be held on February 23-24, 2021. The 3rd annual university-wide giving event challenges students, alumni, staff, faculty, parents, patients, and friends to imagine more for the University of Utah and the programs dear to their hearts. Please consider donating to the [Imagine More Nurses, Fund the Future campaign](#) in which contributions will directly support undergraduate, graduate, PhD, nursing alumni, and ripple (hardship/emergency funding) scholarships, making programs accessible to students and positioning them for academic success. Thank you for your support!

