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What happened this past week in the CON?

Awards:

Sigma Phi Omega (SPO), the International Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology, awarded **Ashley Cadiz**, Program Manager, and **Dr. Jackie Eaton** the 2021 international Video Contest Award, for their submission, [MS in Gerontology](#). Only two awards were chosen from SPO's 55 chapters world-wide, and Ashley and Jackie's was one of those two!

Grant Awards:

The [University Teaching Committee](#) awarded **Dr. Jennifer Hamilton** a \$6,977.86 University Teaching Grant to fund her proposal, *Simulation to Improve Otosopic and Ophthalmoscopic Exam Skills*.

The [University Teaching Committee](#) awarded **Dr. Tom Rowley** a \$4,500 University Teaching Grant to fund his proposal, *Incorporating Comprehensive Medical Videos in Nurse Practitioner Education*.

The [University Teaching Committee](#) awarded **Dr. Zoë Robbins** a \$1,980 University Teaching Grant to fund her proposal, *Psychological First Aid Interprofessional Education Program*.

Academic Achievement:

John Nerges earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Utah and will graduate this week. Within the Post-Master's to DNP track, he specialized in organizational leadership.

Dr. Denise Ward earned a graduate certificate in Nursing Education from the University of Utah.

Presentations:

Dr. Sara Simonsen was invited to present to the Educational Resource Development Council, a group comprised of influential and philanthropic women within our community who are interested in learning about and promoting the latest advances and techniques in fields of health as they relate to University of Utah Health. Sara and Dr. Michelle Debbink co-presented "*Optimizing Maternal Health for All Women in Utah*."

Dr. Sara Simonsen was an invited panelist for a national Community Engagement Studio Virtual Training Summit, hosted by Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Meharry Medical College, University of Utah Health, and the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research.

Publication:

Eaton J, Dassel KB, Friberg-Felsted K. [The influence of revising an online gerontology program on the student experience.](#) *Journal of the Academy of Health Science Educators*. 2021.

Recognition:

The chairs of the 13 basic science departments at U of U Health selected and summarized the top 52 discoveries from the past five years. These discoveries are featured in [Discovery and Innovation at University of Utah Health](#), a digital collection. **Dr. Kathy Sward's** interdisciplinary work to identify environmental sources that trigger pediatric asthma is featured in the collection.

In Other News:

Dr. Sara Hart was elected to serve on the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Sara will serve on this committee for one year.

Dr. Nancy Allen will serve as Program Director for the Health Resources and Services Administration Nursing Workforce Diversity project titled Partnering for Success of Diverse Students: Investing in the Future of Nursing.