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Awards:

The Presidential Scholar award recognizes the extraordinary academic accomplishments and promise of associate professor faculty members, providing them with financial support to advance their research and teaching. **Dr. Andrea Wallace** has been selected from an exceptional cadre of nominees from Colleges and Schools across the university for this impressive distinction. She will be recognized as a Presidential Scholar for three academic years: 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024.

The University Staff Excellence Awards program was established in 1992 to recognize superior service and ongoing contributions by University of Utah's full-time staff members. **Jane Price** has been selected to receive one of the 2021 Health Academics District Staff Excellence Awards.

Presentation:

Drs. Hailey Haffey and **Larry Garrett** will present a [Fireside Chat Presentation](#) titled [Voices from the Community: Listening and Learning from those with Memory-related Conditions and their Families](#) for the [Utah Geriatric Education Consortium](#) on August 5, 2021.

Publications:

Chavez-Yenter D*, Vagher J*, **Clayton MF**, Rindler M, Shukovich M, Kaphingst KA. "Being Proactive, not reactive:" Exploring perceptions of genetic testing among White, Latinx, and Pacific Islanders. *J Community Genet*. Accepted. (*Contributed Equally)

Eaton L, Beck SL, Jansen M. An audio-recorded hypnosis intervention for chronic pain management in cancer survivors: A randomized controlled pilot study. *Int J Clin Exp Hypn*. 2021. DOI: [10.1080/00207144.2021.1951119](https://doi.org/10.1080/00207144.2021.1951119)

In the Media:

Dr. Katherine Supiano facilitates healing through compassionate support systems, evidence-based training, and emotional validation. Her article [Grief Support Groups for Your Patients: A Place of Hope and Comfort](#) was featured in last week's edition of [U Health's Accelerate](#), and notes that "People grieve in their bodies, they grieve cognitively, they grieve emotionally, they grieve spiritually, and they grieve relationally. I hope we can help people do it in ways that are more comforting and more hopeful."

Dean Marla De Jong and **Dr. Deven Jennings** were quoted in a [Utah Business](#) article titled Call of Duty.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to PhD student **Ching-Yu (Samuel) Wang** and his wife Gina who welcomed Layla Wang into the world on July 27, 2021 at 12:03 AM. Everyone is doing well!

Kudos to all who received the COVID-19 vaccination, and to all who are encouraging others to be vaccinated. Kudos to fully vaccinated persons who are following CDC guidelines and wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.