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Awards:

Dr. Katerina Friberg Felsted and Dr. Alycia Bristol each will be recognized as a Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing at the virtual National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence Leadership Conference on October 18-20, 2022. Given the rapidly growing older adult population and the urgent need to prepare the future nurse workforce to care for an aging population, it is imperative to have well-prepared nurse educators not only with knowledge and skills in care of older adults, but also with teaching competence so that they can foster positive attitudes toward older adults and actively engage learners at all
levels. Distinguished educators hold a masters or higher degree in gerontological nursing, have a minimum of 3 years of experience in gerontological nursing education, and are actively engaged in gerontological/geriatric nursing education.

In partnership with the Roseman University of Health Sciences, Utah Business honors Healthcare Heroes who have made it their mission to improve the state of health in Utah. Dr. Linda Edelman will be recognized in the category of Healthcare Educator at the Healthcare Heroes VIP Reception/Open House on October 17, 2022, and at the Healthcare Heroes Awards Luncheon on October 19, 2022. Utah Business wrote the following about Dr. Edelman: “Dr. Linda S. Edelman, PhD, RN, FAAN, grew up on a small farm in Kansas and is the first in her family to attend high school. Thanks to many mentors along the way, she became a nurse passionate about providing older adults, especially those living in rural areas, access to age-friendly care. Dr. Edelman leads Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded workforce development programs providing education and training to health care students, providers, and staff across Utah. Under her guidance, the Utah Geriatric Education Consortium has formed academic-clinic-community partnerships to develop innovative online training for providers and staff working in long-term services. Recognizing the need for primary care nurses, she sought HRSA funding to recruit and train nursing students to work in rural and underserved primary care settings.”

**Presentations:**

Dr. Jacob Steenblik presented *The Importance of Opioid & Naloxone Education in the Emergency Department for High-Risk Age Groups*, his Doctor of Nursing Practice scholarly project work, at the American College of Emergency Physicians ACEP22 Scientific Assembly in San Francisco. Colleagues who contributed to the project included Dr. Larry Garrett, Alejandro Blitch, Andrew Jones, Gerrit Seymour, Marina Griffith, Sikoti Langi, Jonathan Crump, Carrie Gold, and Troy Madsen.

Dr. Michelle Litchman presented *Adapting and Assessing the Feasibility of a Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Telehealth Intervention for Rural Populations to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes Care*, her R56 work, at the NINR Rural Health Workshop on October 12, 2022.

Faculty will present at the upcoming AMIA 2022 Annual Symposium in Washington, DC on November 5-9, 2022.

- Dr. Kathy Sward, Dr. Jia-Wen Guo, and Dr. William Hull will present a poster titled *Pain and Opioid Research Evidence Base: NIH Heal CDEs*.
- Catherine Ivory, Dr. Mollie Cummins, and Robert Lucero will present a panel presentation titled *Perspectives on Adoption of a Unique Identifier for Nurses*.
- Brian Dixon, Dr. Catherine Staes, Jesse Goodell, and Harold Lehmann will present a panel presentation titled *Rebuilding the Nation’s Public Health Informatics Infrastructure: Recommendations from the 2022 ACMI Symposium*.

Dr. Michelle Litchman was invited to present the body of her digital health research at the BioHive Summit on November 10, 2022.
**Faculty Spotlight:**

Dr. Mandy Al-Khudairi supported her teaching colleagues by moving clinical assignments several times in a Family Primary Care practicum course, ensuring faculty availability to teach a didactic course. Mandy demonstrated true professionalism, intelligence, and logical problem-solving as she engaged to make the right thing happen and support students.

**Faculty Development:**

The Center for Healthcare Innovation and Leadership at The Ohio State University College of Nursing accepted Dr. Michelle Litchman into its national Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fellowship. The 12-month fellowship is designed to amplify a culture of innovation, address burnout, and enhance well-being. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fellows work on an innovation project while participating in monthly one-on-one and group coaching sessions with support from mentors. Fellows develop skills and knowledge in innovation competencies, design thinking, emotional intelligence, innovation leadership, creative funding ideas, and business case development.