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Certification:

Jeanne Schlater earned the Professional Administrative Certification of Excellence (PACE) through the American Society of Administrative Professionals (ASAP). Coursework covered interpersonal communication, task & project management, computer & internet technology, and management skills, enabling executive assistants to expand skillsets and navigate today's evolving business climate. The opportunity was possible thanks to generous donors who provided funds for staff development.

Faculty Practice:

Faculty Practice concluded flu shot clinics for 2022 after offering clinics at five locations: Employee Assistance Day, Huntsman Research Center, Comparative Medicine, President's Cabinet, and the College of Nursing. In all, they gave 1,200 flu shots and 241 COVID vaccines, with faculty/staff and students volunteering 96 and 62 hours, respectively. This was an increase over past years – two clinics in 2020, and four in 2021. As stewards for University of Utah Human Resources, which offers flu shots to all University employees, the clinics provided valuable experiences for nursing students. Those instrumental in planning and conducting the events included **Dr. Jennifer Clifton, Donnie Benson, Megan McClure, Dr. Teresa Garrett, Dr. Brenda Luther, Dr. Debra Penney, Dr. Sharifa Al-Qaaydeh, Dr. Carolyn Scheese, Anna Alder, Colleen Neering, Natasha Ansari, Dr. Catherine Staes, Keyna Oblab, Angie Fenton, and Dr. Kathryn Davis.**

Faculty Spotlight:

Dr. Jessica Ann Ellis and **Dr. Kimberly Garcia** volunteered at a student recruitment outreach event on campus. On November 15, [M.E.Ch.A.](#), a national organization that promotes higher education, culture, and history among all Chicanx Latinx students, hosted 120 high school students at its 27th Annual High School Conference. **Dr. Ellis** and **Dr. Garcia** spoke about nursing, pathways to nursing, biases in nursing, applying to the College of Nursing, and resources available on campus and within the College of Nursing.

Grant Awards:

Dr. Michelle Litchman received an [American Diabetes Association](#) \$200,000 grant (\$600,000 over three years) for her project titled *Deaf Diabetes Can Together (DEDICATE): A Pilot Study*. The overarching goal is to increase access of the Deaf or hard of hearing populations (DHH) to diabetes self-management education and support (DSMES), and reduce disparities related to language access justice. The objective is to deliver a DSMES program that linguistically, culturally, and geographically meets the needs of DHH populations living in the United States.

Dr. Djin Tay received an \$30,000 American Cancer Society's Institutional Research Grant Award for her project titled *A Real-World Examination of Health INequiTies in ImmunE-related adveRSe Events among Cancer paTients: The INTERSECT study*. **Dr. Tay** will 1) Assess the moderating role of minoritized race on the relationship between anxiety and depression, and immune-related adverse events (IrAE) treatment discontinuation, and 2) assess the mediating role of insurance type on the relationship between anxiety and depression, and IrAE-related treatment discontinuation. This research will further understanding of drivers of inequities in health outcomes among patients receiving immunotherapy, and has implications to guide practice and policies to support equitable survivorship and palliative care delivery. **Drs. Xiaoming Sheng, Jia-Wen Guo, Lee Ellington,** and Mia Hashibe provided scientific mentorship to **Dr. Tay.**

Presentations:

Dr. Sara Bybee, Nasser Sharareh, **Ching-Yu (Samuel) Wang**, **Dr. Bob Wong**, **Ernest Grigorian**, **Dr. Jia-Wen Guo**, **Dr. Brenda Luther**, and **Dr. Andrea Wallace** will present an abstract titled *Social Needs Screening and Resource Referrals: A Temporary Dam to Upstream Issues?* at the [TL1 Visiting Scientist \(William Schnaper Visiting Scientist Program\) Mini Symposium: Circumventing Roadblocks in Clinical and Translational Science](#).

Anna Alder and Karen Stutzerwith will deliver a presentation titled *Healthy Work Environments and the Multigenerational Workforce: Trends, Gaps, and Opportunities* at the [Creating Healthy Work Environments 2023 Sigma](#) event.

Publication:

Umberfield EE, **Staes CJ**, Morgan TP, Mamlin BW, Grout RW, Dixon BE. Syntactic interoperability and the role of syntactic standards in health information exchange. In Dixon BE, ed. [Health Information Exchange: Navigating and Managing a Network of Health Information Systems, 2nd ed.](#) San Diego: Elsevier Science & Technology. 2022.

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Best Regards,
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