



COLLEGE OF
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COLLEGE KUDOS



Front Row: Tameena Ameer '15, Katie Harmer '20, Haley Poulson '17, Julia Paulson '21
Back Row: Emma Wells '22 (Capstone student), Bailey Smith '20, Tamara Ekker, Corey Harlos '20,
Carol Stowell '20, Sofia Ortega-Flores '19

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Recognition:

Dr. Erin Johnson Cole, Christina Elmore, Julie King, Peggy Rosati-Allen, Dr. Sara Simonsen, and Dr. Jocelyn Yale will be inducted as Fellows with the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) during a ceremony at the 67th Annual Meeting &

Exhibition on May 22, 2022. The [Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives \(FACNM\)](#) is an honor bestowed upon 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. FACNM represents the commitment of the ACNM to honor our own. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity. The ACNM Fellowship program was established in 1994, and nearly 600 ACNM members have been inducted as Fellows.

The [University of Utah Academy of Health Science Educators \(AHSE\)](#) Selection Committee chose **Drs. Cheryl Armstrong, Sheila Deyette, and Katarina Friberg Felsted** to be Fellows of the Academy. Their involvement in the Academy will be instrumental in creating a culture of collaboration and exceptional education within the University of Utah Health. An Induction Ceremony to honor Jenneth, Jennifer, Gillian, Katie, and other new Fellows will be held on April 6, 2022.

National Ranking:

The College of Nursing is **ranked #28** in National Institutes of Health funding to colleges of nursing. We commend our hard-working and innovative researchers, their collaborators and team members, and the amazing Emma Eccles Jones Nursing Research Center staff who support them.

Clinical Teaching:

Tamara Ekker met with a Capstone student Emma Wells on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Huntsman Cancer Hospital. Given that shift change was taking place, eight College of Nursing alumni who Tamara previously taught gathered for an impromptu and joyful reunion (see photo above). Tamara was delighted to hear about her former students' ongoing and impactful work, and tell them how proud she is of them. In turn, students thanked Tamara for inspiring them to learn, and mentoring them for professional success.

Community Engagement:

Lynn Livingood Dixon serves as [treasurer on the board](#) of the new nonprofit, [Clean Slate Utah](#). The mission of Clean Slate Utah is to help people clear old criminal records and access opportunities for employment, housing, and education, providing Utahns with the meaningful second chances they deserve to rebuild their lives, take care of their families, and contribute to their communities. [@THEU](#) recently described [Utah's Clean Slate Law](#).

Professional Development:

Supported and nominated by **Dr. Lee Ellington**, **Dr. Djin Tay** has been accepted into the Junior Faculty Visiting Professor Program in Palliative Care. The program's goals are to 1) advance the careers of early-career palliative care researchers and 2) create opportunities for cross-institutional collaborations that advance the science of geriatric palliative care. The program supports visiting professorships for early-career palliative care researchers from a range of disciplines at partner institutions with robust geriatric palliative care research programs. Traditionally reserved for more senior faculty, these visiting professorships provide opportunities for early-career palliative care researchers to learn about unique programs and projects at other institutions, meet individually with methodological and content experts in the field of geriatric palliative care, identify new collaborators, develop their presentation and networking skills, and increase the visibility of their work. Dr. Tay has been paired with Dr. Dio Kavalieratos and his colleagues at Emory University.

Presentations:

Dr. Caroline Stephens, Dr. Kathi Mooney, Megan McClure, Pamela Barrientos, and Dr. Linda Edelman will present a poster titled *What a Difference a Pandemic Makes! Nursing Home Stakeholder Telehealth Utilization & Perceptions During the Covid-19 Pandemic Informs Palliative Care Telehealth Intervention Development* at the [American Geriatrics Society 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Caroline Stephens, Megan McClure, Pamela Barrientos, and Dr. Linda Edelman will present a poster titled *"Your Heart Goes Black": The Emotional Toll of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Nursing Home Staff* at the [American Geriatrics Society 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL.

Publications:

Pruitt SL, Tiro JA, **Kepka D**, Henry K. Missed vaccination opportunities among U.S. adolescents by area characteristics. *Am J Prev Med*. 2022; Epub ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2021.10.014>

Taylor-Swanson L, Altschuler D, Taromina K, Anderson B, Bensky D, Cohen M, Huang H, Ma S, Majd I, Mitchell C, Schnyer RN, Conboy L (2022). SEATTLE-based research of Chinese herbs for COVID-19 study: A whole health perspective on Chinese herbal medicine for symptoms that may be related to COVID-19. *Glob Adv Health Med*. 2022;11, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21649561211070483>

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