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Academic Achievement:

Congratulations to all College of Nursing graduates who earned Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Nursing Practice, or Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Nursing, a Master of Science degree in Gerontology, and/or a certificate in nursing or gerontology. We celebrate your academic accomplishments, and look forward to hearing about your contributions as you promote wellness and prevent illness, reduce health disparities, shape the future of healthcare to be equitable, and improve health outcomes for persons and communities.

Commendation to all faculty, staff, preceptors, and community partners who supported and positioned students for academic success during their programs of study.

Acclamation to all College of Nursing staff who prepared for and carried out Convocation. What a delight to celebrate the academic achievements of College of Nursing graduates in person!

Dr. Jeff Atkinson earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, specializing in direct care, from the University of Utah.

Dr. Christina Creal earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, specializing in nurse-midwifery, and a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education from the University of Utah. In addition, she received the Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Award. This award is presented to a student who was outstanding in their area of focus, contributed to new knowledge, or developed innovations to facilitate practice.

Dr. William Hull earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Utah.

Dr. Frances Johnson earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, specializing in direct care, from the University of Utah. In addition, she received the Outstanding Post-Masters to Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Award. This award is presented to a student who excelled in both academics and contributions to practice in their chosen specialty area.

Dr. Shawna Sisler earned a Doctor of Philosophy Degree, and a Graduate Certificate in Informatics from the University of Utah. Dr. Sisler also is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi .

Award:

Dr. Michelle Litchman was selected as a [University of Utah Presidential Societal Impact Scholar](#). Recognized experts in their respective fields and disciplines, Impact Scholars share and translate their scholarship, research, creative activities, and ideas with opinion leaders, policy makers, the general public, and other audiences outside the university and in ways that can transform society. Their work has a positive impact on people and institutions, and help make our world a better, more equitable, and more enjoyable place in which to live.

Dr. Schola Matovu received the prestigious [The Jane Norbeck Distinguished Service Award](#). For more than three decades, this award has honored remarkable graduates of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing who have demonstrated service and/or leadership that has contributed to the growth and development of the UCSF School of Nursing and/or the profession. The award is named for Dr. Jane Norbeck, an alumna of the Master's Class of 1971 and PhD Class of 1975, and the Dean of the School of Nursing from 1989 through 2000.

Grant Award:

The [University of Utah Vice-President for Research](#) awarded an \$8,447.56 [Administrative Supplement to Promote a Diverse Research Community](#) titled *Supplement to the SINCERE Study to Retain a Diverse Workforce* to **Dr. Andrea Wallace**. As a supplement to her National Institute of Nursing Research funded R01 research project titled *Intensifying Community Referrals for Health: The SINCERE Intervention to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities*, these additional funds will enable Dr. Wallace to maintain a study team that includes students from groups that have low representation in the research community.

Publication:

Seven M, **Moraitis AM**. Community-based interventions designed to optimize health behaviors among cancer survivors: An integrative systematic review. *Support Care Cancer*. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-022-07097-0>

Service:

During the Academic Senate meeting on May 2, 2022, **Dr. Sara Hart** was elected to serve on the [Senate Executive Committee](#) for one year, beginning on May 15, 2022.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing appointed **Dean Marla De Jong** to its [Government Affairs Committee](#).

In the Media:

Overcoming difficult circumstances, **Dr. Annette Klinger** earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, specializing in direct care, from the University of Utah. Her scholarly project was titled *The Families Resilience Toolkit: Promoting Family Resiliency After Homelessness*, and **Dr. Julie Gee** Chaired her committee. KSL featured Dr. Klinger's remarkable story through broadcast and online news stories titled [Crash survivor beats odds, graduates with doctorate](#).