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July 3, 2023

Grant Award:

The National Cancer Institute awarded a $2.4M R01 grant to Dr. Lauri Linder (site PI) and her multi-site team, including Drs. Suzanne Ameringer (PI), Kristin Stegenga, Fiona Macpherson, R. K. Elswick, and Roger Altizer for their project titled A Randomized Controlled Trial using a Heuristic Tool to Improve Symptom Self-Management in Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer. The purpose of their study is to test the effects of their innovative heuristics-based digital health resource, the
Computerized Symptom Capture Tool (C-SCAT), versus usual care on self-efficacy for symptom self-management and symptom self-management behaviors. The investigators also will examine the effects of the C-SCAT versus usual care on symptom severity, symptom distress, social function, and satisfaction with social function immediately post-intervention and at follow-up.

**Academic Promotion, Award of Tenure, and Designated Emeritus:**

Upon the recommendations of colleagues and the dean of the College of Nursing, the University of Utah Board of Trustees designated Dr. Margaret Allen as Assistant Professor (Clinical) Emeritus, effective July 19, 2022.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, Dr. Lauri Linder was promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, Dr. Michelle Litchman was promoted to the academic rank of Associate Professor and awarded tenure in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

Based on a formal review of his accomplishments, Dr. Xiaoming Sheng was awarded tenure in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, Dr. Katherine Supiano was promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, Dr. Gail Towsley was promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

Based on a formal review of her accomplishments, Dr. Andrea Wallace was promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor in the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2023.

**Youth Camp:**

Dr. Valerie Flattes and Aarohi Drabu recently planned and held the annual Nursing Summer Camp on June 20-23, 2023 for 17 middle school and high school youth. These youth expressed interest in becoming a nurse, and came from groups that have been historically marginalized, underrepresented, or excluded in nursing.

The idea was to inspire the campers to consider a nursing career, inform them about nursing specialties that they did not know existed, and introduce them to the student experience at the University of Utah. Attendees met with College of Nursing faculty to learn about the profession of nursing; met with nursing advisors from College of Nursing Student Services and admissions advisors from the University of Utah Office of Admissions; listened to alumni describe their pathway to nursing and experience as a nursing student; actively participated in three hands-on activities in the College of Nursing Simulation Center – the highlight of the camp; met with representatives from affinity groups; and toured the College of Nursing building, Kahlert Village, Carolyn and Kem Gardner Commons, A. Ray Olpin Student Union, Huntsman Cancer Institute, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library,
and other areas of campus. Campers’ parents attended a dinner, toured the College of Nursing Simulation Center, and learned about a student’s pathway to nursing and experience as a nursing student, preparation for college, the admissions process, financial aid, and more.

This camp could not have been possible without the support and contribution of the following people, and Dr. Flattes and Aarohi much appreciate their help.

- College of Nursing Simulation Center
  - Yvonne Bass
  - Debbie Boulter
  - Dr. Ann Butt
  - Lori Hanson
  - Sherri Kerney
  - Mandy Thomas
  - Gracie

- Panelists
  - Dr. Cristi Creal
  - Dr. Mollie Cummins
  - Dean Marla De Jong
  - Dr. Katarina Friberg Felsted
  - Dr. Youjeong Kang
  - Kristen Mahoney
  - Yumi Malik (alumni)
  - Dr. John Nerges
  - Carrie Radmell
  - Danielle Rubi (alumni)
  - Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson
  - Dr. Josh Wall
  - Dr. Rebecca Wilson

- Faculty and Staff Volunteers
  - Will Biesinger
  - Lynn Dixon
  - Dr. Sara Hart
  - Amanda Keddington
  - Megan Whittaker

- Administrative Support
  - Vianney Alcala
  - Dr. Amanda Al-Khudairi
  - Rafael Briones
  - Emilee Cluff
  - Rachel Hamilton
  - Ana Hernandez-Liquin
  - Sonja Jensen
The following University of Utah entities supported the camp:
- Center for Equity and Student Belonging
- Campus Tours
- Commuter Services
- Housing & Residential Education
- Huntsman Cancer Institute
- Office of Admissions
- Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library
- Youth Education

The University of Utah Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office provided financial support for the Nursing Summer Camp, which was greatly appreciated.

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Parents and campers provided positive feedback about the Nursing Summer Camp. For example:
- “Thank you for everything! My child had an amazing time and really has opened her eyes to the medical field, nursing in particular. I couldn’t have asked for a better experience for her.”
- “At the Nursing camp, I made many friends, learned so many things and truly enjoyed myself. First, the SIM Lab was so engaging. I loved the team so much. My favorite College info session was when Alex told us how to get into college. Lastly, my counselors really made me feel special and included. This camp made me curious to go and explore more nursing options. I cannot wait to pursue my dreams and maybe even come back to be a counselor here in the future. Thank you to all the staff and professors.”

Professional Development:

Utah Coaching and Advancement Network (UCAN) administrators invited Dr. Sheila Deyette to participate in the Mid-Career Coaching Program. The Mid-Career Coaching Program provides coaching to University of Utah Health mid-career faculty to facilitate professional growth, career reinvention, and access to leadership roles. The program has three components: Senior
Leadership Coaching, Peer Coaching, and Leadership Interviews. The Program pairs a senior faculty member in a coaching capacity with a mid-career faculty member to complete a systematic process of assessment and career planning over a three- to four-month period.

**Publications:**


**Presentation:**

Julie Lucero, Linda Nguyen, Lilliam Pinzón, and **Dr. Andrea Wallace** delivered a panel presentation titled *Setting Boundaries across Your Career* at the University of Utah Health Women’s Leadership Day: The Art of Setting Boundaries on June 1, 2023.