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**Community Collaboration:**

The [2023 Junior League of Salt Lake City Community Assistance and Resource Event (CARE) Fair](#) was held at West High School on July 28-29, 2023. At the CARE Fair, families accessed routine medical, dental, and vision services, and learned about assistance available within the community. Numerous community agencies and medical service providers provided free care at one time and in one place. On both days, College of Nursing volunteers participated in various activities. Faculty volunteers...
included Dr. Valerie Flattes, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, Dr. Frances Johnson, Dr. Brenda Luther, Dr. Jennifer Macali, Dr. Gillian Tufts, and Dr. Andrea Wallace. Prelicensure student volunteers included Emma Kelzer, Ashlee Nelson, Kaitlin Walton, and Annie Williams.

Students who participated in an Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake youth camp took a field trip to the College of Nursing Simulation Center on July 20, 2023. Dr. Van Gip-Duran, Simulation Center faculty and staff, and camp leaders provided an excellent experience for students. Donna Baluchi, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion librarian, provided a tour of the amazing study materials and exhibits that are available in the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library.

The Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake held a Back-to-School Fair on July 29, 2023. Volunteers included Dr. Van Gip-Duran, Danielle Puri, and Doctor of Nursing Practice students Lesley Hemphill and Amber Schmidt. Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson provided information about pursuing a career in nursing, and informed the community about her University of Utah Vice President for Research funded study in which she is collaborating with midlife American Indian and Alaska Native women to adapt an integrative group medical visit intervention – MENOGAP – for peri-menopausal women.

**College of Nursing Exhibit:**

For the past 75 years, the College of Nursing has unified and inspired educators, scientists, clinicians, staff, and students to design, lead, and achieve improvements for the well-being of all. Mindy Francis led work to create a special College of Nursing exhibit that is on display on the first floor atrium of the J. Willard Marriott Library through October 9, 2023, as well as a digital exhibit. During hours in which the library is open to the public, the exhibit enables visitors to experience the evolution of the College through captivating images, from past and present. The following people contributed to designing, preparing, and publicizing the exhibit:

- Mary Wheeler and Miriam Lovin
- J. Willard Marriott Library faculty and staff, including Special Collections – Dallas Alder, Allison Allred, Gabriell Barker, Scott Bigler, Heidi Brett, Sara Davis, Ian Godfrey, Alex Goff, and Sadaf Rahimi
- Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library staff – Bryan Hull, Carin Smoot, Peter Strohmeyer, Mike Thelin, and Elaine Thornton
- Vianney Alcala
- Debbie Boulter
- College of Nursing Professor Emeritus Dr. Beth Vaughan Cole
- Katie Cummock (editor)
- Sonja Jensen
- Ben Jones
- DeAnna Lynch
- Carrie Radmall
- Jacque Scheider
- Exhibit Contributors – Dr. Beth Vaughan Cole, doctor of nursing practice student McKenna Craig, prelicensure students Emily Izazaga and Jennifer Paxton, Dr. John Nerges, Carrie Pike, Caroline Twitchell on behalf of the late Rear Admiral Maxine Conder, Dean Marla De Jong, the College of Nursing Simulation Center, and Student Services
Presentations:

The College of Nursing was well-represented at the Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium held on August 3, 2023. The following students presented posters:

- **Nestor Chavez**: An Analysis of Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, and Resilience in Prelicensure Nursing Students During a Global Pandemic (Research mentor: Dr. Paula Meek)
- **Alycia Colunga**: Online Cancer Information Seeking and Feasibility of Web-Monitoring Among Cancer Patients (Research Mentor: Dr. Echo Warner)
- **Danielle Gambino**: Motivations to Participate in the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Among Overweight and Obese Women Planning Pregnancy (Research Mentor: Dr. Sara Simonsen)
- **Irene Liang**: I'm at the Mercy of the Cost of Food: The Impact of Inflation on Financial Toxicity in Cancer Immunotherapy Patients (Research Mentor: Dr. Djin Tay)
- **Rowan Neill**: Primary Care Modules: An Effective Nursing Educational Model? (Research Mentor: Dr. Linda Edelman)
- **Mya Thomas**: Building Partnerships in Uganda to Improve Cervical Cancer Prevention (Research Mentor: Dr. Deanna Kepka)

Faculty presented at the 2023 Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Conference (ADCES) in Houston, TX.

- **Dr. Shinduk Lee**, Dr. Sara Simonsen, and Bryan Gibson presented a poster titled Social Influence on Individual Decisions to Participate in a Diabetes Prevention Program.
- **Dr. Michelle Litchman**, Dr. Nancy Allen, Lorne Farovitch, Dr. Shinduk Lee, and Dawn Noe delivered an oral presentation titled How the Broken American Sign Language Interpreter System Impacts Diabetes Education.
- Michelle Boakye, Dr. Nancy Allen, and Kristen Yehl delivered an oral presentation titled Transitioning into Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support: Experiences of Adults Newly Diagnosed with T2D.
- **Karissa Mirus**, Dr. Michelle Litchman, Ryan Layton, Susan Layton, Dr. Shinduk Lee, and Dr. Nancy Allen presented a poster titled Developing Diabetes Education Videos for Deaf Populations Who Communicate Using American Sign Language. Accepted for the Distinguished Poster Showcase, team members also delivered a 10-minute oral presentation.
- Dr. Allyson Hughes, Dr. Michelle Litchman, and Dr. Lisa Golden participated on a panel presentation titled Employ Best Practices for Working with People with Diabetes and Disabilities.

Publications:


**Academic Appointment:**

Dr. Ann Butt has accepted the position of Co-Director of Simulation Based Experiential Learning, reporting to Dr. Wendy Hobson-Rohrer, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Education. In this role, which complements her role as Executive Director of Simulation and Experiential Learning in the College of Nursing, Dr. Butt will help plan and direct the Center for Interprofessional Simulation-Based Experiential Learning: Key responsibilities include, but are not limited, to:

- Defining and directing the strategic vision and mission for simulation and experiential learning.
- Providing health professional and simulation expertise in developing and designing simulation activities to support U Health’s professional education curriculum, and enable students to achieve professional competencies.
• Creating effective teamwork by leading, managing, training, and engaging with faculty, staff, and students.
• Liaising with faculty, advisors, administrators, and staff from Health Sciences colleges and schools, main campus, and community partners.
• Directing and leading special interdisciplinary projects, and participating on teams and committees that have an impact on the overall operation, strategic direction, and success of the Office.

Professional Development:

Dr. Anna Alder completed a 5-day Evidence Based Practice Immersion Course – a foundational course for leading evidence-based practice and evidence-based quality improvement in practice and academia. The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare offers the course to leaders, educators, and clinicians.

Dr. Sara Bybee was selected for the 2023 cohort of the Compass Leadership and Management Training and Mentoring Program. The NIH-funded program provides researchers with the training and mentoring that will help them be intentional about managing scientific projects, writing grant applications and papers, supervising people, and addressing other topics that will help them successfully launch their careers.

University Service:

Dr. Linda Edelman was selected as a coach for the Mid-Career Coaching Program within the Utah Coaching and Advancement Network (UCAN). UCAN provides opportunities for trainees, faculty, and staff to promote professional effectiveness, career advancement, and a culture of caring and collegiality through coaching. Dr. Edelman will coach the Fall 2023 cohort of faculty who participate in the Mid-Career Coaching program, which is for faculty members who are interested in pursuing leadership roles or exploring a new direction, and structured around three conversations: 1) Who am I and who do I want to be?, 2) Where do I want to go?, and 3) How do I get there? What is the next step?