



Commencement of David N. Sundwall Lectureship

On Oct. 25, 2017, the University of Utah's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and Division of Public Health hosted the first annual David N. Sundwall Lectureship in Public Health Policy at the Monson Center to celebrate David N. Sundwall's contribution and legacy in the public health field.

Dr. Sundwall, a faculty member in the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah and public health pioneer, will be retiring at the end of the 2017 – 2018 academic year. The lecture series, as well as the endowment started to support it, was created to remember Dr. Sundwall and his successes and contributions throughout his career.

"We set up the lecture series to continue Dr. Sundwall's legacy in public health policy and to bring distinguished policy experts to honor that legacy," said Kimberley Shoaf, a professor and associate division chief in the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Sundwall himself gave the lecture for the evening's event where he spoke about how he started out in public health, his experiences throughout his career, and 15 principles that he has developed throughout the course of his career.

More than 100 students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends and associates of Dr. Sundwall attended the lecture to not only support him and his many achievements, but to support the development of the endowment and lecture series as well.



"Everyone loves Dr. Sundwall," said Anne Berger, administrative assistant of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. "He is a colleague, a family doctor, a legislator, and it was so nice to hear of the accomplishments of his career."

Dr. Sundwall has been a contributing member in the public health field for over 30 years. After serving 24 years in Washington D.C. in multiple government and private health sectors, he returned to Utah. Since returning to the west, he has served as Director of the Utah Department of Health and continued work with the School of Medicine at the University of Utah. Dr. Sundwall still maintains his clinical connections by volunteering weekly at the Utah State Health Clinic.

While a future lecturer list is still in the developmental stages, the Division of Public Health and the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine looks forward to bringing in guest speakers at a local, national, and global level to discuss current issues in health care and public health. These speakers will include a broad range of experts in public health and health care policy, such as policy makers, academic experts, community and political leaders, and more.

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