As the didactic year for Class 48 came to a close the Physician Assistant Studies Program held a breakfast at the Officer’s Club on Aug. 1 to honor the students for the hard work they dedicated to the first year of their program.

“You have been taught what you need to practice medicine now and you are being taught the skills and attributes you need for a lifetime in your career,” said Nadia Cobb, Associate Professor in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies.

After a welcome, congratulations, and student video was shown, a variety of awards were given to students, faculty, staff, and preceptors for the dedication that was shown throughout the past year.

Class 48 leadership presented awards to Craig Ensign for PA of the Year, Mary Steinmann for MD of the Year, David Morton for Allied Health of the Year, and Nadia Cobb for Core Faculty of the Year.

Upon receiving their awards, each person had an opportunity to extend words of both gratitude and encouragement to Class 48 as they prepare to go into their clinical year of schooling with the knowledge they have gained throughout their schooling thus far.

Try to not let the world beat it out of you,” said David Morton. “The world needs people like you.”

Proceeding faculty and staff awards, Alexa Callison-Burch, Jordan Clemente, Richard Montenegro, and Hannah Stark were then all announced as awardees of the Castle Scholarship, and Amanda Moloney-
Johns, Assistant Professor in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies, welcomed Class 48 into their clinical year with several pieces of advice.

“Put your patients first,” said Johns as she started her list of 12 advice points for Class 48. Johns also reminded the students of the importance of being humble, being open, and taking care of themselves throughout the next year.

Class 48 will spend the next 12 months practicing in clinics throughout communities in Utah and around the world serving in a variety of clinical settings and patient populations.

To learn more about the Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Year of practice, click HERE.

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