Dear colleagues,

For the college basketball fans among us, the recently concluded March Madness was an exciting and memorable event, or not, depending on how well your team did this season. This was my first year to fill out a bracket on paper and my top picks did not do well…but we will be back next year! Regardless of how far your teams went, it has been exciting to watch some of the best on-the-edge-of-your-seat basketball and teamwork players implement each game to get to where they are today.

I guess you could say that the department’s first quarter of the calendar year is similar to March Madness in that we are all coming together to make a play for that final game. The end of spring semester holds graduations for many of our students and trainees and offers a less hectic summer schedule for some. We also begin working together to prepare for the next academic year by forecasting the budget, planning class schedules, prioritizing grant applications, and so much more. All of this could not be accomplished without the team we have in the department. We all play a role in making it through the hectic start of the year. Just like the dream teams that have pulled through the NCAA tournament to reach the final games, we work together to make our department a top tiered place to work and grow professionally.

As you thumb through the pages of this quarter’s newsletter, know that each of you play a pivotal role in the accomplishments and accolades listed in the pages. We are all here to help provide the assist for the three pointer or play defense to keep those ever looming obstacles out of the way as you prepare to take your next shot at success and accomplishment. While we are not playing in a nationally televised basketball tournament with millions on the edge of their seat as they watch the outcome, we are an inspiring team made up of four division with missions that all contribute to expanding the possibilities of health. This feat can only be done together. I thank each of you for your willingness to bring your time and talents to our department. In my book, we are the Cinderella team of our own tournament that keeps looking for the next opportunity to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Kola

Congratulations to each of you for helping to make the department a dream team. I look forward to continuing to read about your successes and accomplishments throughout the year. I believe there is nothing our department cannot do without a little team work.

Sincerely,

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We extend a warm welcome to our readers of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine newsletter. The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine was founded in 1970, making it one of the oldest and most established family medicine departments in the country.

The department houses the Divisions of Family Medicine, Physician Assistant Studies, Public Health, and Occupational and Environmental Health, each of which upholds the department’s values and mission of improving health in communities across the world.
DEPARTMENT VISION

Expanding the Possibilities of Health
The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine

EDUCATE
- Educating health professionals from every community

DISCOVER
- Discovering and addressing what optimizes health

INCREASE
- Increasing evidence-based practice

IMPROVE
- Improving access to care and prevention

PROMOTE
- Promoting wellness as the foundation of health
Welcome!

We would like to welcome all of those who joined the department during January - March 2019. We are excited to continue to get to know you and have you as part of our team. Welcome!

Hailey HAFFEY
Division of Family Medicine

Keely LATHAM
Division of Public Health

Mackenzie PERKETT
Division of Public Health

Rebecca PHILLIPS
Division of Family Medicine

April SANDERS-ABOULILA
Division of Public Health

Camie SCHAEFER
Division of OEH

Hailey Haffey, PhD, is a post-doctoral scholar in Family Medicine working on Science Writing and Oncology. Haffey received her PhD in English at the University of Utah in 2018, and has also studied at the University of Calgary and Montana State University.

She is an award-winning scholar who has presented her research at national and international conferences. Haffey frequently teaches on topics relating to writing and gender studies, and she has academic interests in the crossroads of religion, technology, childhood, and gender.

Keely Latham joins our department to work with Dr. Sunday Azagba as a research analyst. Keely graduated with a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh in December. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Charleston.

Prior to and during graduate school, Keely worked on multiple projects as a psychiatric research assistant at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and as an intern and graduate student research assistant at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Mercy Hospital.

Mackenzie joins us as a clinical research coordinator in Dr. Kelly Baron’s Behavioral Sleep Medicine Laboratory. Originally from Lake George, NY, Mackenzie moved to Salt Lake City in June of 2018 after graduating with her M.S. in Health Promotion from the University of Delaware.

In her current role as a research coordinator, she will oversee an NIH-funded R01 that aims to examine the effects of circadian alignment on neurobehavioral measures, dietary behaviors, and cardiometabolic risk factors. In her free time, Mackenzie loves to hike, ski, and play ultimate frisbee.

Rebecca Phillips is an EMDR specialist and employs a client-centered approach for those who are struggling with a variety of issues, including managing depression, anxiety, and more. She is a Utah State certified provider for domestic violence perpetrators and works with youth and clients dealing with addiction issues.

Along with her departmental position, she has greatly enjoyed teaching practice classes at the University of Utah and BYU-Idaho.

Rebecca has a Master’s degree in Social Work and is a licensed LCSW in the state of Utah.

April is the program manager for the Division of Public Health. April oversees all academic programs in the division, including the MPH programs at the University of Utah Asia campus and the Ensign College of Public Health.

April is currently completing her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah. She obtained her Master of Science in Academic Advising from Kansas State University in 2015.

Camie Schaefer joins our department as a senior technical writer in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Health.

She holds a Ph.D in English Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Utah (2015).

She has over ten years of writing, editing, and instructional experience in genres that range from technical to creative writing. Her short fiction and nonfiction have appeared in national print and online publications.
We want to extend a big thank you to everyone that in any way contributed to and helped with latest issue of the department newsletter!

Lingpeng Shan joins our department team as a biostatistician working with Dr. Sunday Azagba on his research projects.

Lingpeng joins us from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio where he was a statistical research assistant for Dr. Abdus Saftar. During his time at Case Western Reserve, he worked on clinical trial studies related to Neural Activity Intervention and HIV in children. Lingpeng received a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Ohio University and a Master’s of Science in Biostatistics from Case Western Reserve University.
Welcoming 11 New Family Medicine Interns

We are excited to welcome our new 2019 Family Medicine Interns! We are eager to get to know and work with each one of them over the next three years. Welcome!

First Year Interns

Kaley Capitano
Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
Academic Interests: Case presentation on sarcoma
Personal Interests: Hiking, skiing, Sci-Fi, travel, swimming, volleyball

Mauli Dalal
University of Texas
Academic Interests: Mindfulness teacher training
Personal Interests: Being outdoors, cooking, running, dancing, reading, meditation, yoga, functional weight training

Britt Hultgren
University of Missouri-Colombia
Academic Interests: Mentored 2 undergrads in sustainable farming project
Personal Interests: Languages, reading, writing, cycling, hiking, climbing, running, furniture building, metal sculpting, family and dog time

Jessica Morales
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Academic Interests: Link between health literacy and hospital readmission
Personal Interests: Spending time with family and friends, Latin dancing, scrap booking, cooking, weight lifting, yoga

Second Year Resident

Nick Molby
Kansas City University
Academic Interests: Spinal/pelvis alignment, limb length, and scoliosis
Personal Interests: Avid runner, triathlete, all-around fitness/sports enthusiast, spending time with family, friends, and dog

Joe Novak
University of Minnesota
Academic Interests: CPR education techniques and in-hospital resuscitation outcomes
Personal Interests: Mountain biking, trail running, hiking and backpacking, rock climbing, classical piano, acoustic guitar, cooking, woodworking, Spanish language, reading

Stephanie Rolon Rodriguez
Florida State University
Academic Interests: Peds neuro/PTSD, skin cancer awareness
Personal Interests: Traveling, collecting pins, softball tournaments, arts and craft

Will Schott
University of Wisconsin
Personal Interests: Ski jumping, mountain biking, banjo, volleyball

Jared Smith
Creighton University
Personal Interests: Golf, running, hiking, camping, dog training

Tory Toles
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Academic Interests: Nutrition/eating behavior, ratings on children’s videos
Personal Interests: Singing, tap dancing, alpine skiing, exploring national parks, environmental nutrition, Chinese medicine, Ayurveda

Lisa Weaver
University of Iowa
Personal Interests: Running, weight training, hiking, violinist

“There are no strangers in here, just friends you haven’t met.”
- Roald Dahl
Recognitions

The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine includes highly motivated faculty, staff, and students. The dedication and accomplishments of many individuals are recognized in the awarding of a grant.

We have highlighted a few of their accomplishments and congratulate everyone.

**2018 Blue Ridge Institute of Medical Research NIH Rankings**

The Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research published its “Ranking Tables of NIH Funding to U.S. Medical Schools” in 2018. The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine was ranked #3 out of 43 and 6 of our faculty members appeared on the principal investigator list as top researchers with NIH funding.

- Sunday Azagba
- Mia Hashibe
- Kola Okuyemi
- Charles Rogers
- Joseph Stanford
- Christy Porucznik

Overall, the University of Utah ranked 39th in the nation, and #18 among public institutions.

**HealthInsight Community Clinic Quality Award**

Congratulations to our community clinics for receiving the HealthInsight Quality Award. HealthInsight recognized the clinicians and staff of 11 community clinics for their commitment to improving performance and promoting patient centered care. Thank you to our providers at these clinics for promoting patient care.

**Physician Assistant Studies Scholarships**

By: Kathy Pedersen, PA-C, MPAS

The UU Office of Advancement and the Division of Physician Assistant Studies are happy to report that several alumni of the PA Program have arranged to provide for PA student scholarships. Those scholarships are the Dave Keahey Scholarship, Maggie Snyder Scholarship, and the Marcia Feldkamp Scholarship.

- The Dave Keahey (Class XI) and the Maggie Snyder (Class XIX) scholarships will grow for more than five years into endowments of $25,000. The alumnus has contracted to give $5,000 per year for five years. For the first five years, the scholarship will award $500 yearly. Afterward, the yearly award will be $1000 per scholarship.
- Marcia Feldkamp (Class IX) is providing a $500 PA student scholarship on a year-to-year basis.

**2018 Blue Ridge Institute of Medical Research NIH Rankings**

Kelly Baron, PhD, MPH, DBSM, receives over $2 million in R01 funding for sleep study

Dr. Kelly Baron, PhD, MPH, DBSM, Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah, received R01 funding totaling $2,124,939 from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for a project period starting February 1, 2019 and going until December 31, 2023.

Baron’s project titled, “Circadian and Sleep Pathways to Cardiometabolic Disease Risk: Role of Neurobehavioral Processes,” will help to examine how sleep loss and disruptions in the body’s circadian rhythms affect obesity risk. Baron will be conducting a five year study to examine how individuals’ habitual sleep duration and alignment of their circadian rhythm predict metabolic health and appetite regulation. Participants will be tracked over a one-year period to examine how sleep and circadian alignment predict changes in sleep and weight.

Results of this study will advance knowledge of the complex relationship between sleep/circadian rhythms and probe how sleep contributes to the neurobehavioral mechanisms of obesity, thus providing the basis for new behavioral interventions.

**Division of Physician Assistant Studies ranked #4 in Best Physician Assistant Programs by U.S. News & World Report**

In March 2019, U.S. News & World Report released their top rankings of Physician Assistant Programs in the nation. Our PA division ranked #4 out of 170 programs.

The mission of our Division of Physician Assistant Studies is to promote accessible, equitable, high-quality patient centered health care through innovative and inclusive education, clinical care, leadership, scholarship, health policy and advocacy, and global community partner engagement. Our students, faculty, and staff work every day to make this program what it is and represent the University of Utah in its best light. Congratulations to all in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies.

To read the report and view the ranking’s methodology, please visit usnews.com.
Patent Issued


Department members serves as conference chair in Jacksonville, FL

Congratulations to Karly Pippitt who served as conference chair for the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Medical Student Education Conference that took place in Jacksonville, FL on February 1-3, 2019.

Publications & Presentations

We are proud to be part of a department where many of our faculty, staff, and students are involved in a variety of research projects.

The list of publications and presentations dating back to January 2018 is available for viewing on both the DEPARTMENT INTRANET and DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.

We want to thank those who invested time and effort in gathering and organizing the presentations; we look forward to seeming more.
Did we miss an important event? Would you like to feature your awards, research, and more?

Please email Kristen Steiner at kristen.steiner@hsc.utah.edu for future newsletter submissions.
Events

January 2019 - March 2019

The department’s four divisions include individuals who create opportunities to connect us all. We are highlighting some of the events and projects that department members have been involved with over the past few months.

Physician Assistant White Coat Ceremony
January 10, 2019

On Jan. 10, the Division of Physician Assistant Studies held the Class 49 White Coat Ceremony at the University of Utah Guest House. Dr. Kola Okuyemi, the department chair and ceremony keynote speaker, opened the program with words of encouragement and congratulations to PA Class 49.

After hearing from other faculty members, 62 PA students from both the Salt Lake City and St. George campuses lined up to receive their white coats and celebrate this momentous next step in their schooling and career.

To view pictures from the ceremony, you can visit the PA Facebook Page.

Dr. Rogers interviewed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to discuss African American health disparities
January 19, 2019

Dr. Charles Rogers, PhD, MPH, MS, CHES®, was interviewed by Fox 13’s, “The Place,” in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He was able to share his research and thoughts on health care in African American communities.

“Since 2004, Dr. Rogers has been utilizing research and community engagement techniques to eliminate inequities in health. Notably, a large portion of his career has examined the phenomena of colorectal cancer (CRC) disparities among African-American men.”

He has been working to eliminate health disparities here in Utah with the #CuttingCRC study, which was funded for nearly $900K for five years by the National Cancer Institute. After spending much of this last quarter recruiting people to help with his CRC study, Dr. Rogers is continuing to develop the next phase of his study, including participant recruitment.

To watch the interview, click HERE.

Sarah Hawley Candlelight Vigil
February 4, 2019

At the beginning of the year, it was with great sadness that we lost Dr. Sarah Hawley. Dr. Hawley was a light to those she worked with and many members in the department.

A candlelight vigil was held Feb. 4 to honor Sarah; it was an opportunity for people to gather and remember her wonderful smile, friendly countenance, and the indelible impressions she left. Fellow residents, Family Medicine staff and faculty, department members, and community members gathered to pay their respects and recount the amazing memories that they had of Dr. Hawley.

We thank everyone who was involved in making the event possible and to all those who lent support when and where it was needed as we dealt with and then tried to begin healing from this tragic loss.

Dr. Hawley was a first-year resident in our Family Medicine Residency program and was a member of the clinical team at the Madsen Family Clinic. Dr. Hawley was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California Berkeley and her medical degree at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Her medical interests included full-scope family practice, from pediatrics to geriatrics. Beyond her other accomplishments, she had a love for her community and the people around her.

Several funds have been created in her honor to support causes she cared and worked for; to make a donation to one of those causes, click HERE.

Department guest lecturer discusses breast cancer mortality rate in minority populations
February 12, 2019

On Feb. 12, the department welcomed Justin Moore, PhD, MPH, Post-Doctoral Research Scholar for the Division of Public Health Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine as a guest lecturer. Dr. Moore’s lecture focused on exploring geographic and racial differences in breast cancer mortality in minority populations. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Moore with us at the department and we look forward to hosting future guest lecturers.

PA Day on the Hill
February 13, 2019

By: Jared Spackman, MPAS, PA-C

On Feb. 13, the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants, in cooperation with the University of Utah and Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, participated in the third annual PA Day on the Hill. This event was held in the Utah State Capitol and involved students, community physician assistants, and partner physicians advocating for physician assistant practice in the state of Utah.
Students began the day with a breakfast held in the Capitol Rotunda where they were favored with several invited speakers. UAPA President, Dan Crouse, MPAS, PA-C (Utah ’80); Legislative Chair, Bob Bunnell (Utah ’87); MPAS, PA-C; and Executive Director, Brad Pace, MPAS, PA-C, (Utah ’95) spoke on behalf of the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants and discussed the history of legislative efforts to improve PA practice.

The PA Day on the Hill event was an opportunity for advocacy and engagement with legislators. Over 100 students were in attendance, having contacted constituent representatives ahead of time. Messages were handwritten and delivered to legislators on the house and senate floor, and several came out to speak with constituents about pending PA legislation.

First Culturally Aware Mentor training held at University of Utah February 27, 2019

On Feb. 27, the University of Utah held its first full-day Culturally Aware Mentoring (CAM) training in the Williams Building. Two external facilitators were brought in to teach the course. With many in attendance, the group had a day of discussion of how to mentor both represented and underrepresented populations within everyone’s field of work, as well as how to improve mentoring relationships and skills. Philip Cheng, PhD, an Assistant Scientist at the Henry Ford Health Systems, and Kelly Diggs-Andrews, PhD, Founder and CEO of Diggs-Andrews Consulting, LLC., came to Utah to teach the full-day CAM training where participants were able to spend the time identifying their personal assumptions, biases, and privileges that may operate in their mentoring relationships. Through group discussion, case studies, and role play, participants had the opportunity to learn and practice culturally aware mentoring skills.

Student Free Run Clinic Conference March 7 – 8, 2019

Drs. Backman and Bennett, and students from the PA, MD, and pharmacy programs, attended the Student Run Free Clinic conference in Kansas City, March 7-8. There were two department student posters presented and the conference served as a great opportunity for the many students and faculty that attended.

Spring Research Mentor Training March 19, 2019

On Mar. 19, employees from around the University gathered for a full-day mentor training facilitated by Maureen Murtaugh, PhD, an Internal Medicine Professor; David Turok, MD, MPH, Division Chief of the Division of Family Planning, and Jan Abramson, Sponsored Projects Officer in the Office of Sponsored Projects.

This evidence-based, interactive training engages mentors in collective problem solving and connects them with resources to optimize their mentoring practices. Participants have the opportunity to practice mentoring situations in role plays, discuss case studies, and practice mentoring skills and talents.

DSU Dental Clinic March 22, 2019

Root for Kids, a local nonprofit serving kids age 0-5 in the Washington County area, has partnered with the Dixie State University Dental Hygiene Program for many years to offer free dental care to children and their families four times a year. This year, four of our PA students and a couple of faculty members were invited to the event where they got to foster interdepartmental relationships, perform medical tasks, and observe advanced dental pathology. A big thank you to all who were involved and for letting our students take part in a great community event!

Physician Assistant PASSED BBQ March 26, 2019

We thank all who were able to attend or who donated at the PASSED BBQ that was held on Mar. 26. Throughout that entire week, PA students were able to collect donations and raised more than $1300. Those donations went towards buying food to pack in more than 300 weekend backpacks for Sandy Elementary students.
Do you have an upcoming event you would like highlighted in the newsletter? Please send the details to kristen.steiner@hsc.utah.edu.

Upcoming Events

University of Utah Asia Campus Ceremony
June 14 (MPH celebration will take place on May 6)

Division of Public Health
Thursday, May 16, 6:00 PM
Rice Eccles Tower Varsity Room

Division of Occupational and Environmental Health
Thursday, May 16, 6:00 PM
This is the Place Heritage Park

Ensign Campus
July 2019
Exact date, time, and location to be determined

Division Physician Assistant Studies Class 48 Graduation
August 2, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Rice Eccles Stadium, Scholarship room

Family Medicine Residency Graduation
June 28
Exact time to be determined
Cottonwood Country Club

Do you have an upcoming event you would like highlighted in the newsletter? Please send the details to kristen.steiner@hsc.utah.edu.

Upcoming Graduation Events

PrEP Event
June 13 - Preconference
June 14 - 15 - Conference
Salt Lake Community College
Click HERE for more information and to view Conference PRICE REDUCTION!

Physician Assistant Studies
Stethoscope Ceremony
May 8, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
HSEB 1700

Public Health & Disasters Conference
September 23-24
Viridian Center
West Jordan, UT
University Anniversaries

Congratulations to our faculty and staff for their continued service to the University of Utah. The following department members celebrated service anniversaries with the university during the months of January through March. Thank you to each of you for all that you do to make the department an amazing place.

JANUARY
Osman Sanyer  
Sarang Yoon  
Melissa Pringle  
Dabin Yeum

Crystal Beall  
Dominik Ose  
Julia Fryer  
Ahmad Saeed

Becky Murphy  
Forrest Rhinehart  
Darin Ryujin  
Jenna Praggastis

FEBRUARY
Kurt Hegmann  
Stacey Board  
Darrah Howe  
Matthew Hughes

Virginia Valentin  
Loremil Wood  
Dan Clawson  
Candice Kidd

Kevin Bradshaw  
Shalese Ramirez

MARCH
Doris Dalton  
Kirsten Stoesser  
Karen Mulitalo

Bryce Herrera  
Hannah Elliott  
Jessica Bickley

Marissa Taddie  
Kolawole Okyemi  
April Sanders-Aboullila

Patient Satisfaction
We extend our congratulations to our ten department member and adjunct faculty members for making the top 10% list of providers nationwide for patient satisfaction. We are continually amazed at the work our department members put into their careers and are so grateful for the wonderful representation we have for our department.

Congratulations to each and everyone one of you!

Richard Backman  
Scott Benson  
Johanna Greenberg

Lance Linscott  
Ted Paisley  
Karly Pippitt

Susan Pohl  
Joanne Rolls  
Darin Ryujin

Osman Sanyer  
Erika Sullivan  
Sonja Van Hala
Software of the Quarter

This quarter’s software is Ink2Go. This is free for faculty and staff in the Office Software Licensing store at software.utah.edu.

Ink2Go allows a user to annotate right on their screen, do screen recordings, or provide a digital whiteboard. This software is being used at 421 Wakara and St. George classrooms so that ad hoc annotations and drawings are part of the video conference. Many of the faculty may find this useful in teaching or preparing materials ahead of class.

Students can license this directly from the Ink2Go website for about $20.

Contact the department IT Team today!

Hotline: 801.581.7144  Email: dfpm-it@lists.utah.edu

Utah Area Health Education Centers (UT AHEC) is about to finish its first year of AHEC Scholars. These students have been very busy getting their program hours in by attending events like the HIV PrEP Clinic Presentation, IPE Diabetes Night, Patient Voice Panels, etc. They have also been volunteering at organizations like the Hope Clinic, the AIDS Education Training Center, and the American College of Healthcare Executives Conference, among others. We have some exciting interprofessional opportunities for our Scholars this next year and are looking forward to enrolling our second cohort. For more information on how to apply, please go to the utahahec.org/ahecscholars site, or contact Julie Koldewyn (Julie.koldewyn@utah.com).

The UT AHEC is also in the middle of its opioid programming needs assessment. As part of that study, UT AHEC is interviewing several dozen individuals across the state and surveying healthcare professionals via email. This project will help UT AHEC identify training gaps for healthcare professionals who are involved in treating the opioid crisis and will hopefully lead to a comprehensive directory of opioid programming in the state. If you would like to participate, please email our graduate assistant, Kelbe Goupil (kelbe.goupil@utah.edu).
"Dr. Rolls (Joanne Rolls, PA-C) is the best PA my husband and I have seen and we are so grateful for her. She is kind, asks questions, listens, and takes time to explain my medical options in a way that I can understand. When I feel disappointed by results, she is both compassionate and optimistic. I always walk away feeling positive and in control of my next steps. She cares about her patients’ overall health and well-being.

During physicals and checkups she will ask several different questions about how I’m feeling and how my husband is feeling. It is so nice to have a provider who is taking note of mental and emotional health, my support system, and safety. She is inclusive of all persons and does not make assumptions, for example, she asked my gender and pronoun preference in my first physical with her. She takes my concerns seriously and instructs me on what symptoms to watch for. In many cases, the biggest questions and concerns are the ones that don’t surface until you have a provider like Jo, who creates a safe place to ask or share. We have recommended her to so many friends who have been looking for a new or steady provider. The ONLY disappointment is when she doesn’t have the bandwidth to take new patients. We hope she will be our family provider for years to come."

- Patient comment for Sugar House Health Center

“Dr. Pohl (Susan Pohl, MD) is wonderful! She is always running right on time midway through a busy session, always calm, attentive, listens well, asks appropriate questions about me as a real person, and takes a comprehensive approach to my medical and other concerns. I was in for an annual review without major complaints and she was thorough in her approach to my various chronic problems, wellness needs, and social issues appropriate to my stage in life. I feel so lucky to have her as my doctor!”

- Patient comment for Madsen Family Health Center

“I felt very well taken care of. Ms. Grover (Crystal Grover, APRN, MSN, FNP-C) clearly explained everything, showed compassion, and expressed happiness at the improvements in my health. She made sure I left with no further questions about my care. Excellent experience. The staff were all friendly and professional. Provider is engaged, warm, thorough, and efficient.”

- Patient comment for Madsen Family Health Center
“Dr. Alder was a phenomenal teacher! He cared about the progress and learning of his students and his teaching reflected this. I loved the discussion based format of the course and the experience that he brought. I learned so much from him and I am very grateful!”
- Student comment regarding Stephen Alder, PhD

“Dr. Benson clearly stated his goals and more importantly the reasoning behind his goals. There was never a project that did not have a clear purpose for our lives after our college careers. Dr. Benson is a fun teacher who expects you to accomplish the tasks set before you, but also gives you all of the tools and excitement to accomplish that ask. He is involved in the field he teaches and that translates into very effective teaching techniques.”
- Student comment regarding Scott Benson, MD, PhD, MPH

“Professor is patient and professional.”
- Student comment regarding Marlene Egger, PhD

“An effective choice of book and teacher who seems to genuinely care for students in their mastery of the material are a great receipe for success, and this course achieved both of those with flying colors.”
- Student comment regarding Lisa Gren, PhD

“Dr. Godin is a great professor! He respects and cares about the progress of his students! I appreciated the constant feedback on my projects and the wealth of knowledge that he brought to the course. I appreciated how on the first day he set the tone and got equal participation from everyone – even those who are quieter in class. It led to an environment that facilitated learning for all. He is one of my favorite professors to learn from.”
- Student comment regarding Steve Godin, PhD, MPH

“Dr. Hashibe is clearly very knowledgeable and does a good job of encouraging participation from students.”
- Student comment regarding Mia Hashibe, PhD

“Dr. Lopez truly cared about me as a student and professional. She is very meticulous which encouraged me to be a better writer.”
- Student comment regarding Ivette Lopez, PhD

“The real world examples of both triumphs and trials were helpful in learning and hearing about Dr. Porucznik’s experiences in the field as well as a student helped us relate. I liked that she encouraged people to speak up and called on people when the usual ones didn’t speak up. That helped hear many others’ opinions and thoughts.”
- Student comment regarding Christy Porucznik, PhD, MSPH

“Dr. Singh’s passion was the best thing about this course. His urging us to pick a topic we’re passionate about and go for it really helped me dram big for my thesis project. I am now planning on doing something I never thought I could do. Thanks Dr. Singh for your passion and excitement!”
- Student comment regarding TP Singh, BDS, MDS, MPH

“Dr. Shoaf was an excellent teacher that was extremely knowledgeable about the subject matter. She was easy to talk to and promoted class participation.”
- Student comment regarding Kimberley Shoaf, DrPH, MPH

“The feedback Dr. Stanford provided on my written assignments was probably the best, most instructive that I have ever had from a course. You could tell he was thoughtful in making comments and corrections.”
- Student comment regarding Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH