



**Connecting Students to Careers, Professionals to Communities,
and Communities to Better Health!**

Sending Our Beloved 2021 - 2023 Scholars on Their Way!

We are delighted to announce and celebrate the official graduation of the 2021 - 2023 Southwest Idaho AHEC Scholars. These talented individuals have successfully completed the rigorous requirements of the program and are now ready to embark on their respective healthcare careers. It is with great pride and excitement that we commend their hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving their communities.

The Southwest Idaho Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program is designed to enhance the healthcare workforce in underserved areas and promote interdisciplinary teamwork. This program provides scholars with unique opportunities for education, training, and real-world experiences. Over the past two years, these scholars engaged in comprehensive learning activities focused on core topics such as cultural competency, interprofessional collaboration, behavioral health integration, and social determinants of health.

Without further ado, let us introduce the esteemed graduating class of Southwest Idaho AHEC Scholars:

- Karlee Black, DO
- Rebecca Gomez, DNP
- Hunter Gray, DO
- Amneh Natouf, PharmD
- Julia Nguyen, DO
- Laura O'Brien, MSN
- Hilarie Perez, DO

- Madison Summers, DO
- Lydia Webb, SLP MS
- Stephanie Wyler, PA

These remarkable individuals have not only demonstrated academic excellence but have also exhibited a genuine passion for improving healthcare outcomes and addressing the diverse needs of their communities. Throughout their journey as AHEC Scholars, they have actively participated in community-based projects, clinical rotations, and interprofessional collaborations to gain a comprehensive understanding of the healthcare landscape.

Their achievements go beyond the classroom, as they have engaged in outreach initiatives, health education programs, and advocacy efforts to promote health equity and reduce disparities. By committing their time and energy to these important endeavors, these scholars have exemplified the core values of the Southwest Idaho AHEC program.

As they enter the next phase of their careers, we are confident that these scholars will continue to make significant contributions to the field of healthcare. Their dedication to improving the lives of individuals and communities will undoubtedly have a lasting impact. We commend their perseverance, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of society.

On behalf of Southwest Idaho AHEC, we extend our warmest congratulations to Karlee Black, Rebecca Gomez, Hunter Gray, Amneh Natouf, Julia Nguyen, Laura O'Brien, Hilarie Perez, Madison Summers, Lydia Webb, and Stephanie Wyler. We are immensely proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the success in your future endeavors.

Happenings at SW ID AHEC Medical Education!

Do you have expertise in a particular healthcare topic? Do you know an expert? We want you to join our 2023 - 2024 Grand Rounds series! SWIDME Grand Rounds aims to educate physicians on timely and relevant topics through presentations by industry experts. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting, please contact Jacelyn at jlawson@jannus.org.



We are looking for industry experts dedicated to educating practicing physicians on timely and relevant topics

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CME Offerings

We will present the seventh in a series of eight seminars, Putting the Mouth Back in the Body, on May 17th. The session, *Medical-Dental Collaboration: Working Together to Improve Patient Outcomes* will be presented by Patricia Braun, MD, MPH, FAAP. Join us via Zoom using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89820322773>, and enter the following passcode: IOHA

MEDICAL-DENTAL COLLABORATION

Working Together to Improve Patient Outcomes

Session Seven of the Eight-Part Series, Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: How Oral Health Affects Whole Patient Care

SPEAKER :

Patricia Braun, MD, MPH

*Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health
Rocky Mountain Network for Oral Health/Project Director
Denver Health/Eastside Family Health Center*



Wednesday

July 11, 2023

Time

12:00 PM

LIVE WEBINAR

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Boise State University News

New Doctor of Philosophy in Public and Population
Health Leadership Program to Launch Fall 2023



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

The College of Health Sciences and School of Public and Population Health recently received approval from the Idaho State Board of Education to launch the new Doctor of Philosophy in Public and Population Health Leadership for fall 2023. The program will be a first for Idaho — benefiting public health in the region and throughout the state. The degree in public and population health leadership was designed by Doug Myers, a professor in the School of Public and Population Health, and Mike Mann, the school's director, along with a team of colleagues. [Read More.](#)

Genetic Counselors are in Demand

The demand for genetic counselors is steadily increasing, and institutions all over the country are turning out roughly 550 graduates a year to address the 18% expected growth from 2021-2031, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. One of the programs trying to meet this demand is the genetic counseling program here at Boise State, with a higher than average number of graduates at 12 students per year.

Genetic counseling combines the scientific study of genetics with counseling skills, so a patient can have both an understanding of their genetic conditions, and a medical team with a plan for managing their conditions and what it means for them. Genetic counseling isn't limited to the individual either, so if a diagnosis is made the patient can work with their counselor to talk about the implications of different conditions with their family. Having a genetic counselor can help someone find out if they have conditions such as hereditary cancer syndromes, blood disorders, chromosome abnormalities, or psychiatric and neurological conditions. [Read More.](#)

Idaho State University News & Updates

Community and Public Health Professor Receives \$342,000 Grant to Combat Infectious Disease in Idaho



Idaho State University

Dr. Kristin Van De Griend, assistant professor for Community and Public Health has been awarded nearly \$342,000 to establish the Idaho Collaborative for Infectious Disease Prevention. The grant is funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and runs through December 2023.

The main goals of this program are threefold. First, Van De Griend and others will work to develop and implement an interdisciplinary curriculum geared toward building the capacity of Idaho's workforce to respond to infectious diseases. This includes creating a curriculum map to identify strengths in both the undergraduate education arena and in continuing education arenas, thus identifying places they can form interdisciplinary partnerships with to enhance the curricula. Third, the program focuses on enhancing workforce development. [Read More.](#)

ISU Announces New Rural Health Certificate

Are you passionate about health and well-being in rural communities? ISU's new Graduate Certificate in Rural Health is a 15-credit program designed for graduate students and health professionals who are currently practicing or intend to practice, in rural settings.

You will leave the program with:

- Ability to address real health issues that are unique to rural settings in the western United States.
- Comprehensive knowledge of rural health systems, and public health opportunities in rural health.
- Real experience partnering with rural health organizations to develop and implement health-related projects.

Applications are accepted year-round with a priority deadline of June 30. [Learn More.](#)

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine News & Updates



Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine



ICOM Graduates 147 New Physicians

The Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) celebrated the graduation of 147 new physicians on Saturday, May 19. After four years of study, ICOM faculty hooded the new osteopathic physicians and the College's Class of 2023 was conferred the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree.

In a packed theater at the Morrison Center in Boise, graduates gathered with family, friends, faculty and staff, to celebrate their transition into resident physicians, where they will train in their specialty of choice for at least the next three years. [Read More.](#)

Dr. Richard Sloan Named Fellow of the ACOFP

Dr. Richard Sloan, DO, Associate Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practice at ICOM, has been honored with the designation of Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) during the organization's 60th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars. [Read More.](#)



Dr. Todd Burt Named Fellow of the ACR

Dr. Todd Burt, Chair of Radiology at the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, was honored with the designation of Fellow of the American College of Radiology (ACR) during the organization's 100th annual meeting on May 7, 2023 in Washington D.C. Fewer than 15% of current ACR members hold this credential. [Read More.](#)

ECHO Idaho Announces June Lunch Break Schedule

Scheduled weekly over lunch breaks, ECHO Idaho provides virtual, 1-hour sessions with a panel of subject matter experts to deliver a brief, high-yield presentation on a topic of interest, specific to Idaho healthcare practitioners. Each session includes a real-life case presentation from an ECHO Idaho participant.



ECHO Idaho is always free and participants can earn CE/CME for attending. Visit [their website](#) to view upcoming topics and to register.

Delta Dental Oral Health Diversity Fund Grant Application Deadline: June 12

The Delta Dental Institute launched a new campaign, [Driving Greater Diversity in the Oral Health Workforce](#), to help increase the number of oral health professionals from historically underrepresented groups. Central to the campaign is the establishment of the [Delta Dental Oral Health Diversity Fund](#). This fund will make targeted investments of up to \$1 million in 2023 in comprehensive solutions, innovative pilots, and



scalable models that address barriers that many school-aged children from historically underrepresented groups face in pursuing careers in oral health. Applications are due by Monday, June 12 at 5:00 PM ET.

Delta Dental seeks submissions that address the following:

- Identify solutions to increase the number of youth interested in pursuing oral health careers, targeted toward school-aged children, from historically underrepresented groups
- Submissions to include details on how the concept would be implemented for growth or how an existing program is ready to be scaled at the national level

Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging Seeking Volunteers

The Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging is seeking individuals who may be interested in volunteering in their program. Volunteer Ombudsmen will assist residents in asserting their rights in Long-Term Care Facilities and provide information and resources to aging adults in our communities.



If you are interested and would like more information please contact Mary Bringman-Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator at 208-996-4959 (text also) or mary.bringman@a3ssa.com.

Support Our Center!

SW ID AHEC is a not-for-profit organization. Meaning, that we exist because of the generosity of agencies and individuals. People like you. We know that times are tough but if you find yourself in a stable position and want to support our mission, your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Your Donation Helps To:

- Improve the distribution, diversity, and supply of the primary healthcare workforce
- Educate Idaho's youth about careers in healthcare
- Enhance the education of health profession students
- Offer continuing education to healthcare professionals
- Strengthen community health in rural and underserved areas

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