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HELIX



*Alumni Newsletter for The
University of Texas Genetic
Counseling Program*

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Update



I hope this note finds you doing well and engaged with the things that bring you joy as we inch closer to the endemic stage of the pandemic. In Houston we are fortunate to be experiencing a bit of fall in addition to rooting our Astros on in the World Series. With every change of season, we welcome new genetic counseling supervisors to the fold, support those making career changes, and get reinvigorated by the energy of new students. A special thank you goes out to Malorie Jones for her time serving the UTGCP, as she has stepped back from her Assistant Director of External Rotations position. A huge thank you to Meagan Choates for stepping up to assist in the interim with extra duties on top of her Assistant Director of Research role, and a hearty welcome to Leslie Dunnington stepping into the Assistant Director of External Rotations position this November.

In an effort to expand our supplemental offerings in line with our strategic plan and to provide more options for students, they will get two supplemental units as a part of their supplemental rotation. These will include tried and true clinical favorites, as well as synchronous hybrid options and asynchronous self-paced units. I hope you will read through the Helix to learn more about new innovations at the UTGCP and send us your supplemental ideas. Next up on the horizon is a new set of Practice Based Competencies from ABGC that will cause a cascade of changes with how we evaluate students.

For admissions this year, we will be conducting interviews virtually for all interviewees. We will also host two visitation days, one virtual and one in person. All interviewees attending in person visitation will have hotel expenses covered and may also ask GSBS for airfare coverage. We hope the two visitation options allow flexibility and equity as best as we can. If you have great ideas for interview season or would like to participate on an alumni panel, please reach out.

I hope to see many of you in Nashville or at an upcoming meeting in 2023. It has been too long!

- Claire Singletary

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Congratulations!

ACCREDITATION THROUGH

2030

The UTGCP was approved for full accreditation for 8 years, the maximum time allowed for programs! Reviewers noted the "student first" culture of support, as well as the timely implementation of feedback from students and faculty.

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to everyone involved!

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Announcing the **new**
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
EXTERNAL ROTATIONS**

Leslie Dunnington

Thank you for all that you do!

GSBS UPDATES

Following Dr. Michael Blackburn's decision to step down as Dean of MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, GSBS faculty member Sharon Dent, PhD, has been appointed the school's dean ad interim.

"Dent joined the Graduate School's faculty in 1993 and she is affiliated with the Program in Genetics and Epigenetics. She served as president of the GSBS faculty in 2006-2007 and has served on several major standing committees. Over her tenure, she has mentored 20 students and 23 postdoctoral fellows."



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston has been renamed to UTHealth Houston. *Much shorter!*

NEW FACES & SUPERVISORS OF THE UTGCP

**We've had many wonderful new additions to the UTGCP,
so we reached out to get to know them better.**

Ayisha Hawkins



What is your role?

I am the program coordinator for the Genetic Counseling Program. My duties include coordinating program activities, supporting students and faculty, managing program budget, and handing administrative responsibilities.

Where are you from/what were you doing before this role?

I'm from the Lake Jackson area. I transferred from UTMB.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of the UTGCP?

I enjoy helping and seeing the students reach their goal in becoming Genetic Counselors. I look forward to seeing each group of students grow while they are in the program!

Luana Goulet, MGC, CGC

What is your role?

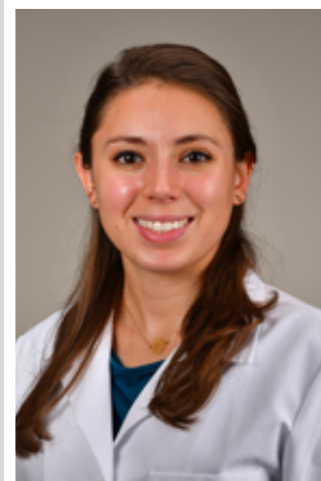
My role as a supervisor is to help students navigate different prenatal indications as well as support them in developing their genetic counseling style.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

Though originally from central Pennsylvania (think Penn State), I came from Baltimore, Maryland where I attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore Genetic Counseling Program.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the UTGCP and/or any fun fact you'd like to share?

The UTGCP is such an incredibly supportive and diligent group who are always learning and encouraging others to strive for their own professional goals. I'm so excited to have the chance to get involved in research and education! A fun fact about me is that I love cooking and trying new recipes. My latest love is homemade pasta sauce which is way easier than I had imagined!



NEW FACES & SUPERVISORS OF THE UTGCP



**Kevi Gerstein,
MS, CGC**

What is your role?

My primary role at MD Anderson is in the leukemia clinic...I work mostly with patients who are under consideration for stem cell transplants from a related donor and get to work closely with them and their families.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

Prior to moving to Houston to attend Baylor College of Medicine's Genetic Counseling Program, I lived in Chicago.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of the UTGCP?

What I enjoy most about being part of the UTGCP is watching the students evolve into genetic counselors as they take on new roles over the course of their training.



**Rachael Shilbauer,
MGCS, CGC**

What is your role?

I am a Clinical Genetic Counselor the MD Anderson HAL in Sugar Land and at the Gynecology Oncology department at TMC.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

I am originally from Wisconsin...I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison's genetic counseling program.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of the UTGCP?

I love being a part of the UTGCP program and working with the students through clinical supervision. I remember how influential my clinical supervisors were during my program and I am looking forward to working with and learning from the students in the future.



**Hiam Abdel-Salam,
MS, CGC**

What is your role?

I currently work at MD Anderson Cancer Center...I primarily see patients in the breast center...and in the GU Oncology Center.

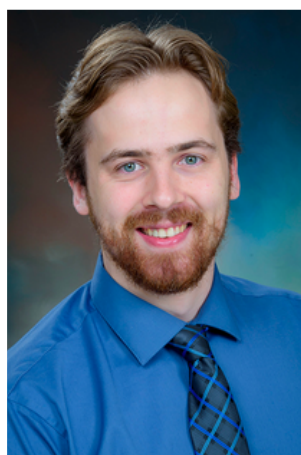
Where are you from/what program did you attend?

I am originally from Dallas, TX...I attended the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program and graduated in 2021.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the UTGCP and/or any fun fact you'd like to share?

Given that UTGCP exists within such a large metropolitan area like Houston, it's amazing as a genetic counselor to be a part of such an extensive network of genetics professionals in a wide variety of specialties. As well, I love that students get the opportunity to do a beginner and advanced rotation in all core specialties, bringing such satisfaction as a supervisor to personally witness students grow in their clinical skills.

NEW FACES & SUPERVISORS OF THE UTGCP



Colin Bixler, MGC, CGC

What is your role?

I am a Prenatal and Cancer genetic counselor at UTMB.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

I graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore program in May 2021 and have been in Houston ever since.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the UTGCP?

I have most enjoyed working with the students and am excited to continue doing so in the future!



Ted Tabor, MS, CGC

What is your role?

I am a prenatal Genetic Counselor and instructor at UTHealth.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

I graduated from Wayne State University's Genetic Counseling program in Detroit, Michigan.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the UTGCP and/or any fun fact you'd like to share?

I enjoy being able to work with such a diverse group. Everyone involved in the program offers a unique and invaluable perspective. I feel as if I learn and grow every day. As for a fun fact, I love hiking. My longest was almost 40 miles and took several days!



Linda Liu, MS, CGC

What is your role?

I am a Genetic Counselor and Clinical Instructor.

Where are you from/what program did you attend?

I attended The Brandeis University Genetic Counseling Program in Waltham, Massachusetts.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the UTGCP?

I love the supervision aspect of my position and being able to help students succeed in their rotations. I also love lecturing and sharing my perspectives.

CHANGES COMING TO THE **SUPPLEMENTAL ROTATION EXPERIENCE**

Jennifer Czerwinski shares updates coming Spring 2023

The UTGCP class of 2023 will be the first class to take part in the newly designed Supplemental Rotation. Supplemental rotations for Spring 2023 will consist of two, three-week blocks. Most students will complete three weeks of a synchronous experience and three weeks of an asynchronous module. Depending on their individual interest and need, some students may elect to participate in two synchronous or two asynchronous experiences. Synchronous experiences will predominantly take place in person and be patient facing, similar to what supplemental rotations have looked like in previous years. Synchronous block options will include experiences in core specialties and subspecialties such as, infertility/IVF, clefting, fetal center, teratogen counseling, neurogenetics and research. Asynchronous block options will include modules in business of healthcare, industry, cardiology and neurology, among others.

The anticipated benefits to the new design include two students being able to participate in a given synchronous experience, and additional flexibility during the asynchronous blocks for students to work on their thesis project. The new rotation design also aligns with current UTGCP strategic plan initiatives; most notably, to develop additional opportunities for students to gain more exposure to genetic counselors in a variety of roles and to include outside experts to teach big picture, business-of-healthcare topics. We are excited that Leslie Dunnington, MS, CGC has joined the UTGCP leadership team as the Assistant Director of External Rotations. In this role, Leslie will oversee supplemental student placements and overall supplemental rotation logistics. The UTGCP extends its gratitude to the students, alumni, faculty and other community stakeholders for providing feedback, developing modules and/or hosting students for their supplemental rotation. All contributions are appreciated and necessary to remain a leader in the education of genetic counseling students.



JEDI

Committee Updates

from Chair, Myla Ashfaq

UTGCP's Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (JEDI) Committee was created in 2021 with its mission to graduate a student body that consistently includes underrepresented groups in genetic counseling, to nurture and grow an inclusive environment for all genetic counselors, to actively make the profession of genetic counseling accessible and equitable to all interested students and to continue learning from our mistakes to ensure this commitment.

Under the leadership of its first chair, Aranza Gonzales, the JEDI committee created and distributed a survey to the UTGCP alumni to garner feedback about their experience regarding diversity, inclusion, and cultural competency in the UTGCP. Results were analyzed and shared with the program leadership and to provide recommendations for the program to continue to grow and improve.

As chair, Aranza helped organize the first Genetic Counseling Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Educational Event created by Baylor DEI and the UTGCP JEDI committees on August 29th. Dr. Malmberg from the BCM Office of Institutional DEI provided an enlightening and well-received talk on non-visible diversity to UT and Baylor genetic counseling faculty and staff.

In Summer 2022, Aranza stepped down as Chair and Myla Ashfaq took her place. During the August 2022 meeting, the committee gathered several new members, making it 20 strong. The members divided up into small working groups: Alumni Survey, Curriculum, Fundraising, Website/Social Media, Outreach and Admissions. Each working group has their goals and missions outlined and the progress of each group is discussed at the bimonthly JEDI meeting.

If you have ideas or projects that you feel the JEDI committee should address, or if you would like to be a member of the committee, please reach out to Myla Ashfaq (myla.ashfaq@uth.tmc.edu). We will work together to make the UTGCP culture more diverse and inclusive.



From left to right, top to bottom: Emma Billings, Jordan Steffen, Nicolette Murphey, Kiki Risgaard, Rachel Notestine, Mindy Kołodziejewski, Carley Brueckner, Maria Hernandez, Laura Gorecki, Disha Patel

MEET THE CLASS OF 2024

Emma



Where are you from?

Davis, California

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I worked as a Senior Research Associate at a biotechnology company in Southern California.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"No Scrubs" by TLC

Carley



Where are you from?

Independence, Kentucky

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I worked as a Genetic Navigator in the Precision Medicine and Genomic Health Department at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. My role was to provide administrative and clinical support to the genetic counselors.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

I have many go-to karaoke songs, but a top contender is "Before He Cheats" by Carrie Underwood



Where are you from?

Bensalem, Pennsylvania

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I worked as a GCA at Geisinger splitting my time between the prenatal and cancer clinics.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"The Climb" by Miley Cyrus

Laura

MEET THE CLASS OF 2024

Maria



Where are you from? Houston, Texas

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school? I went to the university of Texas at Austin for my undergrad where I majored in Neuroscience. After graduation I worked a few different jobs. I was briefly a behavioral therapist for children with Autism, then I was an intraoperative neuromonitoring technician where I monitored people's nervous system during surgery, and then I finally became a genetic counseling assistant at the UT Southwestern cancer center.

What is your go-to karaoke song? I would probably do "Como la Flor" by Selena

Mindy



Where are you from?

Saint Paul, Minnesota

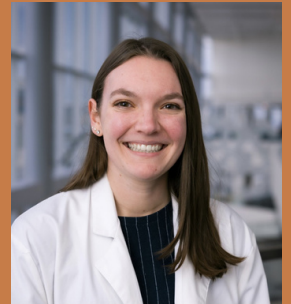
What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I graduated in 2021 with my BS in Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. I then worked for a year as a GCA at the Allina Health Cancer Institute in the Twin Cities for a year before moving to Houston.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"Subaru Crosstrek XV" by Hobo Johnson

Nicolette



Where are you from?

San Diego, California

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

After graduating with my bachelor's from Florida Institute of Technology, I moved to Dallas, TX and spent a year working as a genetic counseling assistant with the wonderful cancer genetics team at UT Southwestern.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"Dancing Queen" by ABBA

MEET THE CLASS OF 2024

Rachel



Where are you from? Cincinnati, Ohio

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school? For the past 5 years I've lived in Columbus, Ohio. I graduated from Ohio State University in May 2021 and then worked full-time as a research GCA for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

What is your go-to karaoke song? "You Belong with Me" by Taylor Swift!



Disha

Where are you from? Columbus, Ohio

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school? I was in undergrad at (The) Ohio State University and then had a 6-month gap where I wrapped up my genetic counseling internship and worked as a grader for a standardized testing company.

What is your go-to karaoke song? "Call me maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen



Kiki

Where are you from?

Neenah, Wisconsin

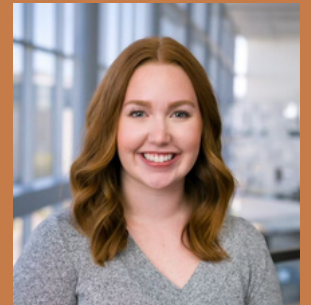
What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I attended The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

I would pick "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"!

Jordan



Where are you from?

Crystal Lake, Illinois

What was your background coming into genetic counseling school?

I worked as a genetic counseling assistant at UT Southwestern in Dallas Fort-Worth (DFW).

What is your go-to karaoke song?

I would sing "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey!

MEET THE CLASS OF 2024

THESIS UPDATES

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CLASS OF 2023

Madeline: "Clinical Expectations & Psychosocial Concerns Impact on the Diagnostic Odyssey of Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (hEDS) Patients"

Chair: Kathryn Leal

Jasmine: "Impact of Recent Abortion Legislation on Patient Trust in Healthcare Providers "

Chairs: Aarti Ramdaney and Samantha Montgomery

Jordan: "Saliva Kit Returns after Consenting for Genetic Cancer Testing in a Genetic Counseling Setting"

Chair: Maureen Mork

Jack: "Perceived Utility of Genetic Carrier Screening in Diverse Patient Populations"

Chair: Blair Stevens

Latonya: "Pregnant Black/African Americans' Experiences with Prenatal Genetic Counseling"

Chair: Claire Singletary

Emily: "Investigation of Teratogenic Concerns in the COVID-19 Era"

Chair: Myla Ashfaq

Erin: "Perceived barriers to cascade testing of at-risk relatives located in Latin America"

Chairs: Aranza Gonzalez and Amanda de Leon

Tessa: "The Impact of Treatment with Palynziq on Quality of Life for Individuals with PKU"

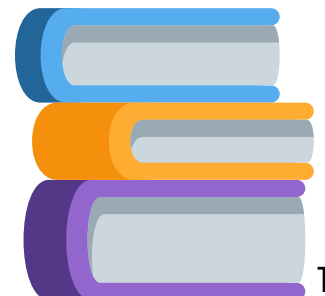
Chair: Kate Mowrey

Yusra: "The Need for Racial and Ethnic Health Disparity Curriculum in Genetic Counseling Programs"

Chair: Claire Singletary

Cindy: "Monolingual Spanish Speaking Patient Satisfaction and Comfort when Comparing Spanish Speaking Provider to an Interpreter"

Chair: Kathryn Leal



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

UPDATES FROM CLASS OF 2022

Michelle Appel

Cancer Genetics in Jacksonville, FL

Emilyn Banfield

Research Genetics in Bethesda, MD

Katie Baudoin

Pediatric Genetics in Dallas, TX

Mandy Chamberlain

Prenatal Genetics in Boston, MA

Jenny Do

Medical Genetics in League City/Galveston, TX

Jenna Lea

Neurogenetics in Chapel Hill, NC

Émile Moura Coelho da Silva

Medical Genetics & Hematology in Houston, TX



Gina Sanchez

Prenatal Genetics in Houston, TX

Natalie Stoner

Prenatal Genetics in Minneapolis-St Paul, MN

Shelly Zelnick

Allergy/Immunology and Neurology in Houston, TX

2022

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL SUPERVISOR LESLIE DUNNINGTON



**Leslie was selected by the class of 2022.
Here is what her students shared about her:**

"Leslie is the definition of an outstanding supervisor. Leslie is extremely knowledgeable, but also very modest and kind. She uses her expertise to give helpful guidance and is always encouraging. She also takes the time to get to know her students, and modifies her instruction in a way that can accommodate individual student learning. Students feel like they can be open and honest with her, and this leads to very helpful conversations about the philosophy of counseling and what kind of counseling can truly help patients. She is the model of what students want to be when they practice genetic counseling in the future. She is also an excellent course instructor. She coordinates the medical genetics courses and supported students through changes in other faculty instructors. She takes extra time to explain concepts, provides meaningful feedback, and creates a comfortable environment for learning. Leslie is caring, hardworking, and down to earth. We want to recognize her for all the work she does for her students, patients, and the community."

Congrats, Leslie!

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU

2021

UTGCP AWARDS

Factors impacting adolescent and young adult cancer patients' decision to pursue genetic counseling and testing

Megan Morand^{1,2}  · Michael Roth³  · Susan K. Peterson⁴  · Erica M. Bednar^{5,6}  · Aarti Ramdaney⁷  · J. Andrew Livingston^{2,8}  · Angela Yarbrough³  · Jessica Corredor⁵ 

2021 Excellence in Publication Award

Megan Morand, class of 2021

2021 Outstanding Alumni Award

Tamara Solomon, class of 2005



PAST AWARD WINNERS

Previous Winners of the Excellence in Publication Award

Class of 2013 — Kate Dempsey

Class of 2014 — Jacqueline
Mersch

Class of 2015 — Sarah
Huguenard

Class of 2016 — Theresa
Wittman

Class of 2017— Jordan Berg

Class of 2018—Kate Mowrey

Class of 2019— Danielle Williams

Class of 2020 — Sarah Burke

Previous Winners of Outstanding Clinical Supervisor

2018 — Sarah Bannon

2019 — Blair Stevens

2020 — Shannon Mulligan

2021 — Brittanie Morris

Previous Winners of the Outstanding Alumni Award

2005 Recipient — Catherine Wicklund

2006 Recipient — Sarah Jane Noblin

2007 Recipient — Michelle Strecker

2008 Recipient — Jennifer Hoskovec

2009 Recipient — Marianna Raia

2010 Recipient — Jennifer Czerwinski

2011 Recipient — Jamie Chance

2012 Recipient — Blair Stevens

2013 Recipient — Sandra Darilek

2014 Recipient - Carolyn Wilson-Brackett

2015 Recipient — Kaylene Ready

2016 Recipient — Laura Amendola

2017 Recipient— Julia Wynn

2018 Recipient—Salma Nassef

2019 Recipient—Jennifer Eichmeyer

2020 Recipient — Carol Brooks

**The winner of the 2022
Outstanding Alumni
Award will be
announced at the
UTGCP Reunion Event
in November!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

UTGCP ALUMNI REUNION

November 17th, 2022
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM CST

Join us at The Frothy Monkey in Nashville to reunite with old classmates and supervisors, and meet the second year students!

RSVP and email
Ayisha Hawkins for details
(Ayisha.M.Hawkins@uth.tmc.edu)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Brought to you by National Society of
Genetic
Counselors

GENETIC COUNSELOR AWARENESS DAY

November 10, 2022

*"...help raise awareness and interest
about genetic counselors in your
communities and institutions"*

**Genetic
Counselor
Awareness
Day**

Partners in Your Genetic Health Care
November 10, 2022

#IAmAGeneticCounselor

More information and scheduled events can be found at:
<https://www.nsgc.org/Education-and-Events/Genetic-Counselor-Awareness-Day>

Interviews for the Class of 2025
will be held virtually next spring.
All interviewees will be invited to
attend an in-person visitation
(March 30, 2023) or a virtual
visitation (April 4, 2023).

Class of 1991

Deb Durand

Class of 1992

Patricia Sculley

Pamela (Nackajski) Welgenhausen

Class of 1993

Becky Finkboner

Marnie Rocklin

Cathy Wicklund

Class of 1994

Fara Etzel

Jennifer McKeand

Cassidy Rodnick

Class of 1995

Melanie Andrews Casal

Robin (McKenney) McGoey

Jill Sawyer

Class of 1996

Heather (Ferguson) Coldebella

CarolLynn (Lockmiller) Crossman

Sadie Ellen (Maynard) Blake

Tricia Zartman Page

Class of 1997

Noelle (Agan) Danylchuk

Ellen (Friday) Steinwachs

Andi Hillard Evans

Class of 1998

Erika (Martin) Miller

Joylnn Swantkowsi

Melissa Trant-Kline

Class of 1999

Sara Cooper

Ashley (Nelson) Solomon

Michelle Strecker

Sarah Jane (Tew) Noblin

Class of 2000

Saleen Chenevert

Angie (Gibson) Jacobson

Amie (Ortman) Blanco

Leslie (Rogers) Evans

Class of 2001

Betsy Clark-Gaye

Kendra Waller

Lauren (Wright) Nelsen

Class of 2002

Valerie Banks

Jennifer Bayliss Saucier

Stephanie (Manzo) Hill

Laura Pine Ellis

Jennifer (Seifert) Eichmeyer

Class of 2003

Sandra Darilek

Emily (Gutter) Burke

Jennifer (Malone) Hoskovec

Carolyn Wilson-Brackett

Class of 2004

Andrea Atherton

Colleen (Buechner) Wu

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Class of 2004 (continued)

Jamie Chance
Carol (Linsner) Brooks
Alice Schindler

Class of 2005

Jennifer LeMoine
Tamara Solomon
Cindy Trotter

Class of 2006

Marianna (Horz) Raia
Gabriel Lazarin
Stacey Miller
Kaylene (Whetstone) Ready
Jennifer (Sherrill) Czerwinski
Julia Wynn

Class of 2007

Jennifer (Defant) Burgess
Alyssa (Knisley) Wright
Erin Salo-Mullen
Cathy Sullivan Crapitto
Catherine (Tipps) Vendola
Amy (Stanford) Wells

Class of 2008

Lauren (McNair) Baggett
Sarah Guerra Seth

Lauren (Spurck) Youngborg
Blair Stevens
Matt Tschirgi

Class of 2009

Laura Amendola
Sarah Colosimo
Jennifer Fowler
Travis Morgan
Lauren Murphy
Rebecca (Sample) Carter
Marisa Vineyard Andrews

Class of 2010

Justine Cooper Pickarski
Carrie Crain
Deanna Darnes
Leslie (Newman) Dunnington
Gina Nuccio
Amy (Sommer) Poole

Class of 2011

Emily Gabitzsch
Laura Godfrey Hendon
Trisha Nichols
Sarah (Swain) Barnett
Laura Panos Smith
Ashley (Henriksen) Woodson

Class of 2012

Nevena (Cvjetkovic) Krstic
Carolyn (Garby) Haskins
Roya Mostafavi
Salma Nassef

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Class of 2012 (continued)

Sam (Penney) Douglas

Katie (Rock) Forster

Ann (Simmons) Bunnell

Class of 2013

Allison (Copeland) Ortega

Jessica Davis

Kate (Dempsey) Principe

Michelle McDougale

Nikki Mohrbacher

Brad Rolf

Class of 2014

Amanda Hanson

Andi (Lewis) Ybarra

Jackie Mersch

Shannon Mulligan

Emily (Parham) Nazar

Aarti Ramdaney

Stephanie Thompson

Class of 2015

Lizzie (Baack) Bowdish

Callie (Jenevein) Diamonstein

Carla McGruder

Sarah (Mayes) Huguenard

Katie Sagaser

Haley Streff

Kayla (Vaughn) Rosnau

Caigian (Wu) Cropper

Class of 2016

Torry (Breen) Howell

Katie Chan

Christina Falugi

Meagan (Giles) Choates

Jessie (Ross) Corredor

Ginger Tsai

Victoria Wagner

Theresa Wittman

Class of 2017

Jordan (Berg) Hunter

Maggie (Clifford) Hendrix

Leslie (Durham) Granger

Amanda Gerard

Meagan (Kaulfus) Bolin

Katy (Reese) Winfrey

Chelsea Wagner

Ellen (Zirkelbach) Jarret

Class of 2018

Sarah (Azam) Khan

Taylor Beecroft

Lauren Fleddermann

Ellie (Gould) DeCristofaro

Kate Mowrey

Jess (Omark) O'Shea

Annelise Pace

Sara Wofford

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Class of 2019

Peyton (Busby) Nunley
Alexa Bream
Georgiann Garza
Emily (Krosschell) Thoreson
Allison Moats
Samantha Montgomery
Carol Nowlen
Cayleen Smith
Angelica Starnes
Danielle Williams

Class of 2020

Kaitlyn Amos
Caroline Bertsch
Wendi (Betting) Gill
Sarah Burke
Aranza Gonzalez-Cendejas
Addison Johnson
Bradley Power
Autumn Vara
Emily Stiglich

Class of 2021

Renee Bardini
Grant Bonesteele
Lauren Douglas
Katlyn Frane

Katie Huang

Luke Kruidenier

Emily Martin

Meaghan Mones

Megan (Pope) Morand

Rose Rogers

Katie Shields

Class of 2022

Michelle Appel

Emilyn Banfield

Katie Baudoin

Mandy Chamberlain

Jenny Do

Jenna Lea

Émile Moura Coelho da Silva

Gina Sanchez

Natalie Stoner

Shelly Zelnick



ALUMNI DIRECTORY

EMILY MARTIN

CLASS OF 2021

Meaghan and I were classmates and roommates while at the UTGCP and I have loved being able to team up again to create this year's newsletter. I am currently in my second year as a cancer genetic counselor at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. I have enjoyed watching our genetics group grow with more amazing genetic counselors as well as helping to supervise genetic counseling students from the Emory program.

This past year, my partner and I have enjoyed traveling to new places (including a road trip through Alaska!), teaching our dog how to swim, and hiking through the Appalachian Mountains.

Thank you for taking the time to read this year's newsletter!

FROM THE EDITORS

Emily and I have been looking for an opportunity to work together again since graduating from UTGCP in 2021--and this newsletter was a perfect medium!

For the past year, I have been working as a cancer genetic counselor at BayCare Health System and assistant professor for the USF Genetic Counseling Program in the Tampa area. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our patient population and amazing graduate students.

This past year has been very busy for my family--as I have gotten engaged, purchased a home, and will be getting married this December! We are so grateful for all this year has brought us. Thank you for all of your help, time, and attention as a UTGCP alumni/current member. Enjoy!

MEAGHAN MONES

CLASS OF 2021