Alumni Newsletter for The University of Texas Genetic Counseling Program
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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
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!

Announcing the new ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL ROTATIONS

Leslie Dunnington

Thank you for all that you do!
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."
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 handling 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!
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.

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?
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.

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.
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 attended?
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 attended?
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 attended?
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.
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.
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 UTCCP 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 Kołodziejski, Carley Brueckner, Maria Hernandez, Laura Gorecki, Disha Patel
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

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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

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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
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

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

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!
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

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

Megan Morand\textsuperscript{1,2} · Michael Roth\textsuperscript{3} · Susan K. Peterson\textsuperscript{4} · Erica M. Bednar\textsuperscript{5,6} · Aarti Ramdaney\textsuperscript{7} · J. Andrew Livingston\textsuperscript{2,8} · Angela Yarbrough\textsuperscript{3} · Jessica Corredor\textsuperscript{5}

2021 Excellence in Publication Award
Megan Morand, class of 2021

2021 Outstanding Alumni Award
Tamara Solomon, class of 2005
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

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

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)
GENETIC COUNSELOR AWARENESS DAY
November 10, 2022
"...help raise awareness and interest about genetic counselors in your communities and institutions"

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
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) Hasksins
Roya Mostafavi
Salma Nassef
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 McDougle
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
Caiqian (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 (Kaufus) 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
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

Class of 2021
Renee Bardini
Grant Bonesteel
Lauren Douglas
Katlyn Frane

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 2019
Peyton (Busby) Nunley
Alexa Bream
Georgiann Garza
Emily (Krosschell) Thoreson
Allison Moats
Samantha Montgomery
Carol Nowlen
Cayleen Smith
Angelica Starnes
Danielle Williams

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