The Houston Helix

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“We are #UTGCPstrong.”

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A Note from the Program Director

Claire Singletary, Program Director

This spring we graduated our first class of 10 students and our alumni number reached almost 150. It is amazing to consider how much we have grown since our founding in 1989. That means that we welcomed the 30th genetic counseling class to Houston this year. We love the energy that they bring to campus. The second years have returned from their summer adventures, ready to cycle back through the main disciplines on advanced rotations and solidify their future career paths. ACGC has some changes on the horizon for countable cases that will make it even easier for students to explore various genetic counseling paths, and the summer and supplementary experiences make us well poised to take advantage of new opportunities.

With the support of our institution given our larger class size, we were able to add to our team. Chelsea Wagner has joined as the Coordinator of Thesis Research and spends one day per week working with students on their projects and facilitating in Approaches to Research. We also plan to add a Coordinator of External Rotations this year to help with summer and supplementary rotations, so let us know if you are interested. In addition to these new roles, with Sarah Noblin leaving UT for industry, we asked Meagan Choates to step into the role of Coordinator of Recruitment and Outreach. We could not provide the outstanding UTGCP education that we do without the support of these individuals as well as the many faculty who coordinate courses, head rotations, give lectures, and provide supervision. Please see the articles that highlight these individuals later in this issue, including our 2019 Outstanding Supervisor, Blair Stevens.

Starting in 2020, we will form committees to assist with our self study for reaccreditation. We anticipate that our report will be due in the summer of 2021, with a site visit in the fall of 2021, for anticipated reaccreditation in 2022. Be on the look out for surveys to fill out and ways to volunteer.
The curriculum continues to evolve. The shift to our new Psychosocial Issues I and II format is complete this year. Psychosocial Practicum provides a forum once per month for first and second years to continue to work on skills together. New this year, ethics has become a stand alone course: Biomedical Ethics for the Genetic Counselor. Lauren Murphy and Rebecca Lunstroth have done an amazing job fine tuning the lecture content and I look forward to hearing feedback from the students on these GC focused discussions.

On a personal note, last week I reflected on the images from Harvey from two years ago and recalled how overwhelmed with gratitude I was at the outpouring of support during a difficult time in Houston. Little did we know that the very next year would bring unexpected health challenges for students and faculty in our family and that we would need to be filled up from near and far again. The empathy, grace, and support has been unwavering. On behalf of those of us impacted, I am forever grateful. I look forward to seeing each one of you and saying thank you, be that at NSGC, ASHG, ACMG or on a fun trip back to Houston. We are #UTGCPstrong.
2018-2019 UTGCP Highlights

The UTGCP has had a fun and busy year!

Graduation

TSGC Annual Conference

Outreach Events

Genetic Counselor Awareness Day

UTGCP Potential Student Day

Thesis Defenses
Mentor-Mentee and Class Bonding Events

Rare Disease Day

Faculty Workshops
Current Status of Supplemental (Elective) Rotations in the UT GCP

Jennifer Czerwinski, Assistant Director

The rotation framework of the UT GCP has shifted slightly over the past few years. While UT students still complete two rotations (introductory and advanced) in each of the three core clinical specialties (cancer, medical genetics and prenatal), they now complete their advanced rotations before winter break of the second year in order to participate in an expanded supplemental rotation and a recently developed industry experience.

All students participate in a lecture series related to non-patient facing/industry roles available to genetic counselors. These classroom interactions are designed to expose students to the multiple roles genetic counselors fill outside of direct patient care. As part of their industry exposure, each student completes two field experiences. These experiences are dedicated interactions with genetic counselors or members of the sales team working in non-patient facing roles.

In addition to the industry experience, each student completes a six week supplementary rotation (formerly called elective rotation) in the spring semester of the second year. The goal of this rotation opportunity is to bolster clinical skills, complement a particular interest of the student and/or enhance understanding of a newer or more specialized genetics realm. Acknowledgement and gratitude go out to UT GCP faculty members Sam Hyde and Sarah Bannon, as they not only developed and implemented the current industry classroom experience, but facilitated placement and coordination of supplementary rotations for spring 2019.

While the design of elective summer rotations remain the same, there has been a change in supervisor/clinic availability across the country resulting in a higher proportion of students to remain in Houston. If you have the bandwidth to support a summer student where you work and you are not already connected to a program, please let us know. While there are enough sites in Houston for UT and Baylor, this was the first year we could not host someone from another program. If you have housing options in your city, this can make it even more accessible for a student to try something new. Thanks goes out to UT GCP faculty member Malorie Jones for coordinating the summer rotations for the classes of 2020 and 2021.

These experiences, combined with the core rotations and established laboratory rotations, ensure each student has the opportunity to see various roles a genetic counselor can fill at the same time they continue to develop their skills and meet their goals of becoming confident, well-rounded and capable entry level counselors.

Thank you to all the supervisors near and far that host our students on their core, summer, lab, industry and supplementary rotations. The UT GCP and its students would not be where they are today without your support.
Congratulations to

Blair Stevens

2019 Outstanding Clinical Supervisor

Excerpts from her nominations by the Class of 2019:

Blair is an excellent supervisor. Students feel very supported, encouraged, challenged and trusted when working with Blair. She gives balanced feedback, gets to know what areas the student is working on, and works to create a counseling plan that enables the student to achieve their goals. Students feel comfortable making mistakes around her because they know they will be addressed in a respectful manner that empowers them to make improvements in their counseling. For these reasons, students always felt encouraged and confident to take on new challenges. Each time a student is supervised by Blair, they are able to make big improvements in at least one area of their counseling skill set. She truly cares about the students’ growth as genetic counselors.
New Roles for a Growing Program

_Chelsea Wagner, class of 2017, has stepped into the new role of Thesis and Research Coordinator for the UTGCP._

The UTGCP has experienced tremendous growth over the past two years, expanding incoming class sizes to ten students a year. Additional leadership opportunities within the program have also expanded with growing class sizes. With ten thesis research projects being conducted in each class, a network of over 50 faculty members, physicians, and genetic counselors is needed each year to help mentor students and serve as committee members while they complete their thesis. This demands additional involvement and oversight to ensure our student's success - which is where my role comes in. As the Thesis and Research Coordinator for the UTGCP, I will assist in reshaping the research curriculum, coordinating the Approaches to Research class along with Dr. Hashmi, providing study design and statistical input on student thesis projects, overseeing the thesis process, and supporting students throughout their thesis journey. Call me crazy, but I enjoy the research process. I came from undergrad with an extensive research background and looked for programs with rigorous thesis requirements, which is one of the many reasons I was attracted to the UT program initially. Completing a publication-worthy research project in a short year and a half is no easy feat - seeing your name in print on a piece of scientific literature that can have a major impact on your profession makes all of those sleepless nights redoing your stats, formatting your manuscript, and crying silent (or loud) tears all worth it. I am most excited to bring a fresh perspective to the current thesis process and introduce innovative and creative solutions that make the thesis journey less intimidating and more enjoyable (or at least bearable) for students. I am looking forward to supporting our students’ continued growth and academic excellence and am so grateful for this unique opportunity to give back to the program.

_Meagan Choates, class of 2016, was named as the new Coordinator of Recruitment and Outreach following the departure of Sarah Noblin from this position._

Check out the following page for different ways to follow along with updates from the UTGCP all year long!
Search/Follow the public Facebook page: “University of Texas Genetic Counseling Graduate Program”

Join the closed Facebook group (for UTGCP alumni only): “UT GCP Community”

Follow us on Instagram: @UTGCP

As you post on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, use #UTGCP so we can see what you are up to for all things program/alumni/genetic counseling related!
Review of 2018 Award Winners

2018 Outstanding Alumni Award:
Salma Nassef, class of 2012

“I am so honored to have been selected as the 2018 outstanding alumni recipient. This past year has been a crazy busy one- both personally and professionally-with the start of the new BCM program (onboarding both a first and second year classes), developing and implementing a new self-pay service (Consultagene), and settling into married life following my wedding at the end of 2018. I am so thankful to be part of an awesome program that is supportive of its current students and alums. A special shout out to my always supportive GC coworkers (and UT alum) Sandra Darilek, Sarah Huguenard, and Tammy Solomon; my officially unofficial program mentor Jen Czerwinski; and my grad school sisters/best class ever (2012- Nevena, Carolyn, Roya, Katie, Ann, and Sam)! “

Comments from Salma’s Colleagues:

“Salma is the kind of genetic counselor who is loved by her patients, her colleagues, her supervisors, and her students. She is always ready to volunteer when help is needed, to go out of her way to advocate for a patient and to be there to teach and support the students she is working with.”

“Whatever Salma does, she does it 200%. Salma brings unbridled dedication and a steady compassion to every counseling session and every educational opportunity. Salma never hesitates to reach out to students or to dedicate her time to enriching their experience with genetic counseling through teaching, mentoring, and supervising students.”
2018 Excellence in Publication Award:
Kate Mowrey, class of 2018

Previous Winners of the Outstanding Alumni Award
Inaugural Recipient 2005 –
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

Previous Winners of the Excellence in Publication Award
Class of 2013 — Katherine Dempsey
Class of 2014 — Jacqueline Mersch
Class of 2015 — Sarah (Mayes) Huguenard
Class of 2016 — Theresa Wittman
Class of 2017– Jordan Berg

Winners of the 2019 Outstanding Alumni and Excellence in Publication Awards will be announced at UTGCP Reunion Dinner at the NSGC AEC in Salt Lake City!
Around the Country

Alumni Highlight: Julia Wynn, class of 2006

Julia Wynn is currently in her 11th year at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, prior to this she spent 2 years as a clinical counselor at New York Presbyterian. She was recently appointed to Associated Professor of Genetic Counseling and is course director for the Foundations in Genetic Counseling Research for the new GC Program. As of 2018 she is practicing full time as a research genetic counselor. Her current work includes the Columbia eMERGE project (PI C. Weng) (www.imagenestudy.com) where they are studying self-guided, pre-test education and the experience of receiving genomic screening results, CEER (PI P. Appelbaum) (http://braingenethics.cumc.columbia.edu/ and sparkforautism.org) where they are examining the multifaceted experience of receiving research results related to a diagnosis of autism, Prenatal Seq (PI R. Wapner) where they are assessing the utility and experience of rapid prenatal genome sequencing. She also is working on several other projects related to alternative platforms for genetic education and counseling and how to assess the effectiveness. She, along with her former research intern and now colleague, Becca Hernan, recently published their experiences with video education for exome sequencing to augment genetic counseling (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2019.08.018). This work was funded by the 2016 JEMF. She continues her work with NSGC as co-chair of the Research SIG, a member of the PPC, Research Taskforce and JEMF review committee. She will be attending NSGC AC and welcomes contact by new GCs who are finding their place in our diverse community. jw2500@columbia.edu

Full publication list: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1Pu99y8cSqhk-/bibliography/public/

The Helix caught up with Blair Stevens, class of 2008, for an update from the NSGC Board of Directors

I am currently serving as a Director at Large on the NSGC Board of Directors and my role involves helping the NSGC’s amazing volunteers execute our ambitious strategic plan. Our plan has led to the creation of several new task forces and I am particularly excited to see what comes out of the Diversity and Inclusion task force and Research task force. I am also keeping my fingers crossed our federal efforts to pass the Access to Genetic Counseling Services Act of 2019 will lead to Medicare recognition of genetic counselors! In addition to our strategic plan, I am thrilled to be involved in the NSGC’s efforts to create a leadership pipeline through the NSGC Leadership Development Program as well as Annual Conference workshops. It has been a pleasure to learn how much the NSGC does to support and advance our field and working with so many talented NSGC leaders and volunteers continues to be a humbling and inspiring experience!
The Helix would like to recognize all alumni and students currently serving at the national level.

Sarah Noblin (1999) – co-chair of the NSGCares Task Force and upcoming member of the ABGC Board of Directors

Kaitlyn Amos (current UTGCP student) – member of the NSGCares Task Force


Caiqian Crooper (2015) – co-chair of the NSGC Health IT Special Interest Group

Katie Sagaser (2015) – co-chair of the NSGC Prenatal Special Interest Group

Lauren Murphy (2009) – member of the NSGC Ethics Advisory Group

Special acknowledgement of Katie Sagaser, class of 2015, who is the recipient of the “New Leader” 2019 NSGC Leadership Award!

From us at the Helix, thank you for all of your meaningful work to grow and better our field!
Hi everyone! My name is Meaghan Mones and I grew up in a small city of Southwest Michigan called Portage. I moved eastward to the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan; where I graduated with my B.S. in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan a few short months ago in May of 2019. I spent my college days delving into the extensive research community in Ann Arbor, where I eventually found my passion working on the Risk Evaluation and Education of Alzheimer’s Disease (REVEAL-SCAN) study. Outside of research, I spent my time facilitating a support group for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence at SafeHouse Center, volunteering at a therapeutic riding center, and working as a caregiver for a child with intellectual disabilities. In my free time; I love to cook and bake, garden on my tiny apartment balcony, compete in triathlons, and try all the new (to me!) restaurants in Houston. With that said, I am elated to be in Houston pursuing my degree in Genetic Counseling in such a rich medical community.
Welcome to Houston, Class of 2021

KATLYN FRANE
I’m from Wisconsin and am a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. I spent most of my time in Madison in lab studying viral replication complexes, volunteering with a local domestic abuse shelter, and working within the University’s Women in Science and Engineering learning community. I will NOT miss being frozen most of the year. I’m passionate about finding cheese curds (WI favorite) in Houston and will be exploring the various eats available in addition to enjoying the warm weather! In my free time I’m either reading or partaking in a variety of sports including skydiving, cliff jumping, hiking, hunting, and the list goes on. If it’s outdoors, and slightly dangerous, I’m probably into it. The UTGCP provides a wealth of support, knowledge, and opportunities for students within a diverse community. I’m beyond excited to officially be part of this program as I explore my interests and develop the necessary skills for becoming a Genetic Counselor!

KATIE HUANG
Hi all! I’m Katie Huang from the small town of Ocean Springs, Mississippi near Biloxi on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For undergrad, I went to Louisiana State University — Geaux Tigers! After undergrad, I worked at Tulane University in New Orleans as a lab tech in developmental biology then moved back home for an advocacy position at Moore Community House, a non-profit focused on providing affordable childcare and workforce training for low-income single moms and families in Mississippi. My experience at MCH helped me transition from research to a more client-centered career towards GC, and I gained incredible insight and inspiration from my coworkers and families!

Now, in graduate school, I am most looking forward to getting to know and learning from the genetic counseling community in Houston! I am also enjoying exploring restaurants in Houston — I come from a huge family of Chinese restaurant owners, so food has always been a huge part of my life! My family is also from the Chinese province, Canton, where dim sum primarily originated, so I am really excited to try all of the dim sum here! Aside from eating, I love my cat, playing ultimate frisbee, and going to concerts and museums!

MEGAN POPE
I am from Durango, CO and went to Texas A&M University for undergrad. I love watching Aggie football and St. Louis Cardinals baseball. I am really excited about being in the Texas Medical Center and getting to learn from such a diverse patient population. I am also looking forward to getting to explore all the food options Houston has to offer!
GRANT BONESTEELE

Hello! I was born and raised in Tustin, California before heading to University of Colorado-Boulder for my undergrad. I spent five years researching cancer, RNA biology, and metabolic disease. After hanging up the lab coat, I spent most of my time volunteering for communities like the Seany Foundation, or interning with genetic counselors in the Southern California Area. In my free time I also enjoy rock climbing, hiking, and riding motorcycles with my father.

RENEE BARDINI

Hi y'all! My name is Renee. I am from Sacramento, California. I went to UC Davis for my undergraduate. After graduation I worked as a clinical researcher before making my way to become cancer genetic counseling assistant at UC Davis. I am very excited to call Houston my home for the next 2 years. While in graduate school I am looking forward to getting to hangout with my fellow classmates and the opportunity to do my rotations at UT and MD Anderson. While in Houston I am excited to catch as many Astros games as possible, go to the Rodeo in March, and become a southern bell. In my free time I love to run, hike, do yoga, and ski (although won't be able to do that while in Texas).

LAUREN DOUGLAS

Hi everyone, I’m Lauren! I’m from the Minneapolis metro area. I’m not your typical hardy, cold-loving Minnesotan (nor do I have the stereotypical Fargo movie accent) so I’m very excited to spend the next two years where it’s warm all year round.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2016. After graduation, I was a genetic counseling assistant at the University of Minnesota; splitting my time between laboratory and clinical work.

I’m excited to be a part of the UTGCP family and the diverse Houston community. I love being outdoors and spending time in or around any body of water. I also enjoy watching sports and learning about and caring for plants. Lastly, I’m a novice, mediocre watercolorist and brush calligrapher.
EMILY MARTIN

Hi everyone! My name is Emily and I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. I completed my undergraduate degree at The University of Alabama studying biology and food and nutrition. As an undergraduate, I participated in research involving gene annotation and gene expression for *Drosophila melanogaster*. I've volunteered as a crisis counselor with Crisis TextLine and with DREAM Alabama, a mentorship program that pairs volunteers with at-risk middle school students. After graduating, I moved to Texas to work as a genetic counseling assistant with a large team of cancer genetic counselors. In my free time, I love being with my dog, Niko, cycling, hiking, and trying out new recipes! So far, I've enjoyed exploring the different parks around Houston. As a genetic counseling student, I'm most looking forward to rotating through all of the different clinics throughout the medical center.

KATIE SHIELDS

Hi everyone! My name is Katie Shields and I'm coming to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri. I graduated from Truman State University in 2015 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health and Sociology. After graduating I started working at the Washington University School of Medicine as a Clinical Research Coordinator in pediatric genetics, which is where I discovered my interest in genetic counseling! I'm excited to be a part of this program and feel very lucky to have to have the opportunity to learn from the amazing faculty here!

In my free time I like to spend time outside, make things (knit/sew/build), and play with my cat. I'm excited to explore Houston and continue getting to know my great classmates!

ROSEMARY ROGERS

I am from Rochester, MN and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I double majored in genetics and genomics and psychology. I love the outdoors and am a huge fan of camping and hiking. I also love traveling and have been to over 15 countries! I am very excited to be living in a large and diverse city for the first time! I look forward to meeting all of the amazing genetic counselors in Houston, getting to know my classmates, and exploring the Houston food scene.
Poll! Featuring the Class of 2020

We polled our second years on some of their favorite things about the UTGCP & Houston!

Q: What are you most excited about in your second year?

- Brad: NSGC because it means I will get to spend time with classmates, see friends from other programs, and explore a new city. –Brad
- Addison: More advanced psychosocial roles in clinic. –Addison
- Caroline: I'm most excited for recruiting participants for my thesis project by talking to families in the NICU! –Caroline
- NSGC: 34%
- Advanced Clinic: 33%
- Job Hunting: 22%
- Thesis: 11%

Top: Brad, Kaitlyn, Wendi, Autumn, Emily
Bottom: Sarah, Addison, Aranza, and Caroline
Poll! Featuring the Class of 2020

Q: What specialty would you choose if you had to choose now?

Q: Favorite H-Town Restaurant?

- Undecided 45%
- Cancer 22%
- Prenatal 11%
- Cardio 11%
- Neuro 11%

Check out the UT GCP Facebook page or Instagram (see page 9 for info on how) for details on where the Class of 2020 spent their summer rotations!
Around the Country

Take a look at where our new grads (class of 2019) landed!

Emily Krosschell: Lab GC at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN)

Alexa Bream: Cancer GC at MD Anderson at Cooper Health (Camden, NJ)

Danielle Williams: Cancer GC at St Joseph Health (Orange County, CA)

Cayleen Smith: Prenatal GC at Maryland Perinatal Associates

Peyton Busby: Cancer GC at the University of SC GCP (Columbia, SC)

Sam Montgomery: Prenatal GC at UT Prenatal

Carol Nowlen: Prenatal GC at UT Prenatal (St Joseph’s and LBJ)

Angelica Starnes: Cancer GC at Rocky Mountain Cancer Center (Colorado Springs, CO)

Georgiann Garza: Cancer GC at Dan L Duncan Cancer Center (Baylor)
Join us in Salt Lake City!

UTGCP Alumni Dinner

UTGCP: (713)201-1347

Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 PM

Squatter’s Pub  147 Broadway, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

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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 Ybarra

Class of 1998
Erika (Martin) Miller
Joylnn Swantkowsi
Melissa Trant-Kline

Class of 1999
Sara Cooper
Ashley (Nelson) Solomon
Michelle Streckel
Sarah Jane (Tew) Noblin

Class of 2000
Saleen Chesnover
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

Class of 2003
Jennifer (Seifert) Eichmeyer
Sandra Darilek
Emily (Gutter) Burke
Jennifer (Malone) Hoskovec
Carolyn Wilson-Brackett

Class of 2004
Andrea Atherton
Colleen (Buechner) Wu
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
Class of 2009 (continued)
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
Sam (Penney) Douglas
Katie Rock
Ann Simmons

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
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 (continued)
Katy Reese
Chelsea Wagner
Ellen Zirkelbach

Class of 2018
Sarah (Azam) Khan
Taylor Beecroft
Lauren Fleddermann
Ellie Gould
Kate Mowrey
Jess Omark
Annelise Pace
Sara Wofford

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
From the Editors

JORDAN BERG
Class of 2017

It’s been another great year here in Dallas at UT Southwestern (and ever more fun getting to work alongside a few UT grads!). It is always a joy to work with the UTGCP catching up with the current students and learning what our alumni are up to, all via the Helix. I am looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at the AC in Salt Lake City this year!

ANNELISE PACE
Class of 2018

I am excited to have a full year as a cancer genetic counselor under my belt here at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Working on the Helix this year was a heartwarming project. I absolutely love hearing about the hard work and achievements of so many UT grads. With such strong and dedicated leadership, the success that comes out of this program comes as no surprise to me. I am so proud to follow in the footsteps of so many accomplished alumni and I couldn’t be more proud to be a graduate of the UTGCP.

Thanks for catching up with the UTGCP! Stay in touch and we look forward to seeing all of the accomplishments of UTGCP students and alumni over the next year!