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# DIRECTOR

We would not be able to provide such a rich educational experience without our preceptors and alumni group.

t is my pleasure to present our first Army-Baylor Program Annual Report. As the program director, my appreciation and admiration of our students, faculty and key stakeholders have grown exponentially from this new vantage point.

The Army-Baylor Program continues to attract and develop high-caliber U.S. military officers and civilians that will excel in the federal health sector. This report will highlight three different classes: graduating (2019-2021), residency (2020-2022) and didactic year (2021-2023). Our diverse student bodies are comprised of interdisciplinary healthcare professionals from the Military Services, Veterans Affairs and federal civilians.

The Army-Baylor Program faculty impressed me when I attended the program from 2008 to 2010. In hindsight, I only saw a glimpse of our faculty contributions and responsibilities as a student. I cannot quantify our faculty's commitment to excellence, selfless service and dedication to this program, our students and the broader healthcare and academic fields. At any given time, the Army-Baylor faculty is managing

multiple student cohorts in and out of the classroom, contributing scholarly research, and serving in various professional organizations such as the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

In addition to our faculty, we are fortunate to have access to talented and successful leaders in the healthcare industry to precept our students. Many of our preceptors are alumni of our Program and continue to give back. The Army-Baylor Alumni Association continues to sponsor programs and social events. We would not be able to provide such a rich educational experience without our preceptors and alumni group.

The Army-Baylor Program is unique from other graduate healthcare management programs. I hope this report showcases this year of the Army-Baylor story.

#### Teresa S. Hinnerichs, PHD

Program Director & Assistant Professor Colonel, U.S. Army

# Class of 2021 Placement after Residency

#### Lt. Kayla J. Abruzzese

SERVICE: U.S. Coast Guard JOB: District 7 Regional Practice Manager LOCATION: Base Miami Beach Health, Safety and

#### **Ensign Angela** Swint

SERVICE: U.S. Navy

#### Maj. Boma Afiesimama

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Deputy Chief, Strength Management Branch LOCATION: Fort Sam

#### Maj. Jared H. Brynildsen

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Operations Office LOCATION: U.S. Army

#### Capt. Ryan W. Buck SERVICE: U.S. Air Force JOB: Group Practice

Manager LOCATION: 633d Medica

#### Ensign Samantha L. Cherry

SERVICE: U.S. Navy JOB: U.S. Naval Medi Center, San Diego,

#### Maj. Derrick A. Davis Jr.

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Executive Officer LOCATION: Tripler Army Medical Center, O'ahu,

#### Maj. James Deacon

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Nurse Methods Analyst LOCATION: Landstuhl

#### Maj. Hung Duong

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Chief, Clinical LOCATION: McDonald Army

#### Capt. Zachary D. Eoute

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Comptroller LOCATION: U.S. Army Medical Research Institute

#### Capt. Samuel C. Erickson

JOB: Chief of Managed LOCATION: Tripler Arm

#### Capt. Trevor A. **Fitzgerald**

SERVICE: U.S. Arm JOB: Chief, Clinica Operations
LOCATION: William
Beaumont Army Medica
Center, Fort Bliss, Texas

# Lt. j.g. Bianca

LOCATION: U.S. Naval

#### Maj. Andrew J. Galdi

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Deputy Command for Health Readiness LOCATION: Desmond

### Maj. Danny L.

Performance Service Line
LOCATION: U.S. Army

# Capt. Jaime L.

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Information Syste Flight Commander
LOCATION: Koritz Clinic

### Maj. John T.

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Executive Officer LOCATION: Defense Health Agency Indo-Pacific, O'ahu, Hawaii

### Maj. Jung

SERVICE: U.S. Army
JOB: Chief, Managed Care

LOCATION: Landstuhl

### Lt. j.g. Katelyn

**SERVICE:** U.S. Navy JOB: 1st Dental

LOCATION: Camp Rendleton, California

#### Maj. Andrew Neubecker

SERVICE: U.S. Army Operations LOCATION: Evans Army ity Hospital, Fo Community Hospit Carson, Colorado

#### Maj. Joseph C. Pecko

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Comptroller LOCATION: 44th Medica Brigade, Fort Bragg, North

#### Maj. Blayne A. Rankin

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Executive Office LOCATION: Irwin Arm

#### Ensign Dylan J. Rich

**SERVICE:** U.S. Navy JOB: Adjutant LOCATION: 2nd Medic

#### Capt. Zachary A. Robinson

SERVICE: U.S. Army
JOB: Chief, Clinical Suppor

LOCATION: Keller Army Community Hospit Point, New York

#### Maj. Jason L. Robinson

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Nurse Methods
Analyst
LOCATION: Tripler Army

#### Capt. Jesse E. Sheldon SERVICE: U.S. Air Force

JOB: Medical Resource Management Flight Commander

#### Dominique K. Sorgenfrei

SERVICE: U.S. Army
JOB: Nursing Operations

LOCATION: Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Bas San Antonio, Texas

#### Lt. j.g. Jeffery J. Svajdlenka SERVICE: U.S. Navy

A. Threet SERVICE: U.S. Arm JOB: Chief, Clinical Suppor

Capt. Anthony

LOCATION: Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Cente

#### Maj. Lindsey A. Umlauf SERVICE: U.S. Army

Physical Therapy
LOCATION: Brooke Arm Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

#### Lt. j.g. Anthony VanLuven

SERVICE: U.S. Navy

# Lt. Samantha

**SERVICE**: U.S. Coast Guard JOB: Deputy Regional Practice Director LOCATION: Samuel J. Call Health Services Center Cape May, New Jersey

#### Maj. Mark R. Wesseler

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Deputy Chief Behavioral Health LOCATION: Martin Army Benning, Georgia

#### Rambalina K. Williams

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: Executive Assista LOCATION: Office of the

#### Capt. Mark A. Workman

SERVICE: U.S. Army JOB: SHS Administrati LOCATION: Blanchfield Fort Campbell, Kentucky

#### Maj. Renata P. Zacarkim SERVICE: U.S. Army

JOB: Healthcare
Administrator (MHS
Genesis Site Lead)
LOCATION: Kimbrough
Ambulatory Care Cente
Fort Meade, Maryland

### Army-Baylor Class of 2021 alumni are employed with the following organizations:

#### ARIZONA

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Fort Huachuca, Arizona

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Naval Medical Center. San Diego, California

#### DELAWARE

Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware

#### COI ORADO

Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado

#### FLORIDA

Health, Safety, and Work Life Department. Miami, Florida

#### **GEORGIA**

Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia

#### HAWAII

Defense Health Agency, Hawaii Market, O'ahu, Hawaii

Desmond T. Doss Health Clinic. Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Tripler Army Medical Center,

#### **KANSAS**

Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas

#### **KENTUCKY**

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

#### MARYLAND

USAMRIID, Fort Detrick, Maryland Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort Meade, Maryland

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

Koritz Clinic, 14th Medical Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi

#### NORTH CAROLINA

44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Samuel J. Call Health Services Center, Cape May, New Jersey

#### **NEW YORK**

#### **TEXAS**

Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

William Beaumont Army Medical Center. Fort Bliss, Texas

#### VIRGINIA

633rd Medical Group - Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Hampton, Virginia McDonald Army Health Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia

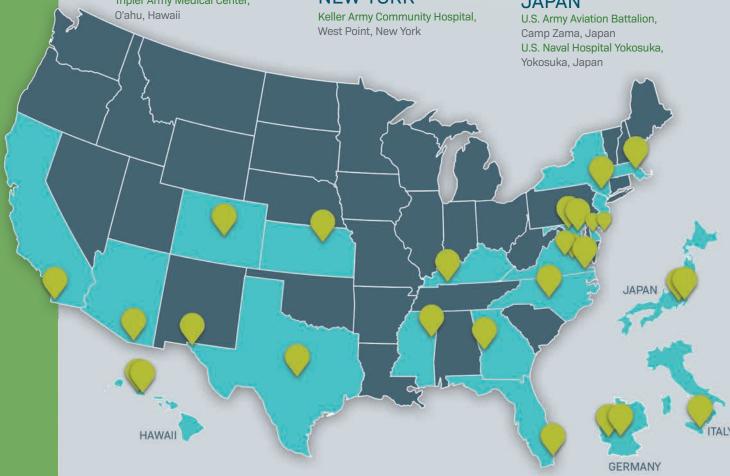
#### **GERMANY**

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Landstuhl, Germany U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Bavaria, Germany

#### **ITALY**

Naval Hospital Sigonella, Metropolitan City of Catania, Italy

#### **JAPAN**



# Residency Placement for Class of 2022

#### Lt. j.g. David P. Ahmadian

SERVICE: U.S. Coast Guard RESIDENCY: St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas PRECEPTOR: Vivky Gulczewski

Capt. Danny C.

RESIDENCY: Brooke Army

Medical Center, Joint Base

PRECEPTOR: COL Steven

Capt. Jaime J.

RESIDENCY: Brooke Army

Medical Center, Joint Base

PRECEPTOR: COL Steven

Rodriguez

SERVICE: U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

Cooper

SERVICE: U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

#### Capt. David T. Attanasio

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts PRECEPTOR: Sally Mason

Ensign Jose L.

Delgado

Lambert

SERVICE: U.S. Navy

RESIDENCY: CHRISTUS

PRECEPTOR: Ms. Angie

1st Lt. Steven

SERVICE: U.S. Air Force

**RESIDENCY**: Methodist

Hospital, San Antonio, Texas

PRECEPTOR: Mr. Dan Miller

A. Ryan

Health, San Antonio, Texas

#### Christopher I. Bennett

1st Lt.

SERVICE: U.S. Air Force RESIDENCY: VA Health System, San Antonio, Texas PRECEPTOR: Mr. Chris

**Ensign Lazarus** 

**RESIDENCY**: Naval Hospital

PRECEPTOR: CDR Tim Coker

Camp Pendleton, Camp

Pendleton, California

M. Gonzalez

SERVICE: U.S. Navy

#### Capt. Allan R. Bishop Ir.

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, PRECEPTOR: LTC Jeffrey

Lt. Christopher

SERVICE: U.S. Coast Guard

RESIDENCY: Brooke Army

Medical Center, Joint Base

PRECEPTOR: COL Steven

San Antonio, Texas

#### Col. Jason Bothwell

**SERVICE**: Department of Emergency Medicine RESIDENCY: Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

Maj. Elizabeth

RESIDENCY: Walter Reed

National Military Medical

Center, Bethesda, Maryland

PRECEPTOR: COL Charlotte

SERVICE: U.S. Army

Hildehrand

#### Capt. Meghan O. Bryant

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado PRECEPTOR: COL Timothy

Capt. Sarah C.

University of South Carolina

McCue

Crawford

SERVICE: U.S. Army

RESIDENCY: Medica

(MUSC), South Carolina

PRECEPTOR: Mr. Tom

Camacho SERVICE: Department of Physical Therapy RESIDENCY: Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Maj. Roy

#### Capt. Oran B. Carroll II

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, PRECEPTOR: COL Paul

#### Daniel Menz-Erb

SERVICE: Dept. of Veteran's **RESIDENCY**: Central Virginia VA Health System, Richmond, Virginia PRECEPTOR: Mr. Ron Johnson

#### **Ensign Matthew** G. Nelson

SERVICE: U.S. Navy RESIDENCY: Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena, PRECEPTOR: Angel Vargas

C. Swinton SERVICE: U.S. Army **RESIDENCY:** Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina PRECEPTOR: COL Hugh McLean

Maj. Christina

#### Capt. Burke **Tervort**

Hepp

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, Arizona PRECEPTOR: Mr. Sean

#### Capt. Tabatha S. Trice

SERVICE: U.S. Army **RESIDENCY:** Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas PRECEPTOR: LTC Stephen Schwah

#### Capt. Jeffrey J. Winfield

SERVICE: U.S. Air Force **RESIDENCY**: Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas PRECEPTOR: LTC Stephen

#### Capt. Nathan H. Wu

SERVICE: U.S. Army RESIDENCY: Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida PRECEPTOR: Greg Beliles

### Army-Baylor Class of 2022 members are employed with the following organizations:

#### ARIZONA

Mayo Clinic, Phoenix

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena

Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. Oceanside

#### COLORADO

**Evans Army Community Hospital** Fort Carson

#### **FLORIDA**

Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville

#### MARYLAND

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Medical University of South Carolina. Charleston

#### **TEXAS**

Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center. Fort Hood

CHRISTUS Health, San Antonio

Methodist Hospital, San Antonio

South Texas Veterans Health Care System, San Antonio

St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio

#### VIRGINIA



# **New Class** Introduction: Class of 2023



Capt. Patrick S. Anderson SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Healthcare Service PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Kaiser Perm Pasadena, California



Capt. Marie SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Social Worker PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: South Texas Veterans Health Care Sy San Antonio, Texas



Ensign Eunice A. SERVICE: U.S. Navy AOC: HC Admin PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California



Capt. Jacob R. Bell SERVICE: U.S. Army
AOC: HC Administration PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Cleveland Clini Cleveland, Ohio



Capt. Victoria A. Blackwood SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Health Services Of PHASE II RESIDENCY



Capt. Blair E. Boler SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Health Services Of PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Methodist Ho Fort Sam Houston, Texas



Castellon

Maj. Lennin I. Maj. William C. Cave SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: HC Administration PHASE II RESIDENCY SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: HC Administratio PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: University Hospital University of Texas Health, San Antonio, Texas ASSIGNED: San Antonio Military Health System, San Antonio, Texas



Capt. Kenneth A. Chesney SERVICE: U.S. Army
AOC: Human Resource
PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Scripps Medical Center, San Diego, California



Maj. Johnathan M. Courage SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Pharmacy Officer
PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Cer Ambulatory Surgical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San



Maj. BabaJide O. Fagbemi SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Pharmacy Office PHASE II RESIDENCY



1st Lt. Joshua D. Fritzsche SERVICE: U.S. Air Force AOC: HC Admin
PHASE II RESIDENCY



Lt. Anna E. Funk SERVICE: U.S. Coast Guard PHASE II RESIDENCY
ASSIGNED: UCLA Medical



Capt. Joshua M. Huey SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Hth Svcs Plans, Opers Intell, T&S PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg



Maj. William R. Kirby SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Pharmacy Office PHASE II RESIDENCY



Capt. Trov A. Lambert SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Medical/Surgical Nurse PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San



Maj. Jeremy W. Lewis SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Vet Preventive Med PHASE II RESIDENCY



Maj. Michael P. Lynch SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Human Resource PHASE II RESIDENCY **ASSIGNED:** 31st Medical



Maj. Kristy 1st Lt. Tiffanie K. Martinez M. Morehead SERVICE: U.S. Army SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Social Worker PHASE II RESIDENCY AOC: HC Admin
PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Mayo Clini Jacksonville, Florida **ASSIGNED:** CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, Sa Antonio, Texas



Capt. Audrey J. Mosley SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Health Services Officer
PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Mayo Clinic Phoenix, Arizona



Capt. Brandon Z. Nesrsta SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Hth Svcs Plans, Opers Intell, T&S PHASE II RESIDENCY



Maj. Eric M. Neutkens SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Aeromedical Ev PHASE II RESIDENCY
ASSIGNED: Brooke Art Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas



Lt. Cmdr. Liezl A. Nicholas **SERVICE**: U.S. Coast Guard PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Kaiser Permane Roseville Medical Center, Roseville, California



Capt. David-Capt. Gary C. Jeremy Orate Piontek SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Physical Therapist PHASE II RESIDENCY SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Health Services O PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Baptist Health System, North Central Baptis Hospital, San Antonio, Texas ASSIGNED: Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis



Capt. Christopher L. Powell SERVICE: U.S. Army
AOC: Health Services Officer
PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Landstuhl Regio Medical Center, Germany



Capt. Trent J. Reece SERVICE: U.S. Army
AOC: HC Administration PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, Californ



Capt. Dillon O. Robinette SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: Healthcare Service O PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Emory Healt Atlanta, Georgia



Ensign Adrienn T. Tavasz-Baker SERVICE: U.S. Navy AOC: HC Admin PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: Kaiser Pe Pasadena, California



Capt. Brian D. Tilly SERVICE: U.S. Army AOC: HC Administration PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: St. Luke's Baptis
Hospital, San Antonio, Texas



Capt. Felicia K. Williams SERVICE: U.S. Air Force AOC: HC Admin PHASE II RESIDENCY ASSIGNED: San Antonio Military Health System, Sa Antonio, Texas

# Researcher of the Year Award

# Faculty Research Spotlight

t. Col. Stephen Schwab received the 2021 Faculty Researcher of the Year Award, recognizing his contributions to the study of health care coordination.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, Schwab completed three research papers. "The Value of Specific Information: Evidence from Disruptions to the Patient-Physician Relationship" and "Power Dynamics in the Doctor-Patient Relationship: Evidence from the Military"—the latter co-authored by Manasvini Singh of the University of Massachusetts—focus on the doctor-patient rapport in a military setting.

"The relationship is important, both in military and civilian settings," he said. "One piece of research I did shows that when you disrupt the doctor-patient relationship, you are getting about a 12 percent increase cost. It matters for people who need a consistent provider due to a significant bout of illness."

These two pieces are tightly linked, Schwab said. One study dives into what happens when you break up the relationship, while the other examines the effects of no relationship at allsuch as a trip to the emergency room.

Schwab's third research paper, "Opioid Abuse and Employment Outcomes: Evidence from the US Military," co-authored by Abby

Alpert from the University of Pennsylvania and Benjamin Ukert from Texas A&M University, examines the impact of opioid use within the military. Their findings show that after an opioid prescription, patients are less likely to be promoted or gain security clearance, and the probability of facing disciplinary action vastly increases.

"It is an honor," Schwab said. "I appreciate being in a place that gives me the resources and support to conduct research I think is important."

Schwab also served as the principal investigator (PI) or co-PI for two grants during the year, both being selected for funding. The first grant will fund a study measuring the degree to which primary care practices are shaped by institutional and market forces.

"This will look at variation in primary care specifically from a military context—whether it is better to provide it in the military hospital or send it out to the network," he said.

The second grant will fund research into the economic costs of turnover among nurses and the decision to use temporary nursing staff. "It is an honor," Schwab said. "I appreciate being in a place that gives me the resources and support to conduct research I think is important."



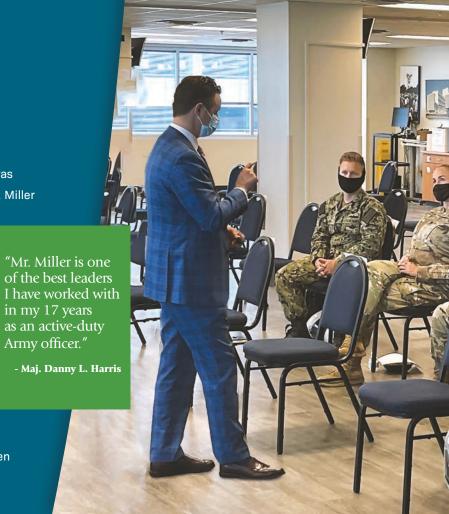
# Dan Miller Preceptor of the **Year Award**

Dan Miller, CEO of Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, was selected for the Dean Toland Preceptor of the Year Award. Miller was nominated by his student, Maj. Danny L. Harris,

during the 2020-2021 residency year. "He strives to build strong relationships throughout the community and his relationship with the military is no exception."

A son of a veteran, Miller continually seeks to find ways to give back to the Armed Forces, including hosting a lunch and leadership forum for the 2021 and 2022 classes of the Army-Baylor MBA/MHA program. Miller has presented lectures on leadership failures, successes and key points to inspire constant development.

Miller served as the preceptor for Air Force 1st Lt. Steven Ryan during the 2021-2022 residency year.



# Daniel Menz-Erb **Director's Chair Award**

Daniel Menz-Erb was named the 2021 recipient of the Director's Chair Award, which recognizes one didactic year student who demonstrated the most potential for future success in the federal health sector.

Menz-Erb, who serves as an administrative resident with Central Virginia VA Health Care System in Richmond, Virginia, was selected for the award by Program Director

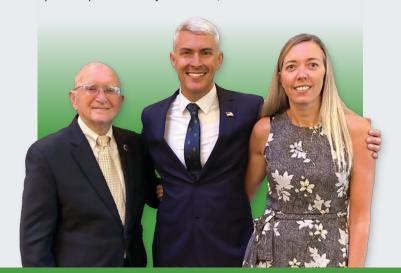
"I already felt grateful for the opportunity to even be in the Army-Baylor Program," Menz-Erb said. "My colleagues were all very smart and experienced, and they pushed me to step up my game."

Before joining the Army-Baylor MBA/MHA Program, Menz-Erb served as a Veteran's Health Administration social worker. With no prior military experience, Menz-Erb appreciated the opportunity to learn about the different military services from his fellow classmates. "I appreciated the diversity and representation of services there," he said. "It was extremely useful because I was able to get a

deeper sense of the similarities and differences between the different branches. Army-Baylor has prepared me in so many ways to go back to the VA and focus on providing world-class patient care to our veterans."

Menz-Erb received a coveted director's chair engraved with the Baylor University seal and personalized with his name. The award is made possible by Brigadier General (retired) Donald B. Wagner, who was on hand to congratulate Menz-Erb.

"When I see this chair, it is a call to action to try and live up to the potential they saw in me," Menz-Erb said.



# **Volunteer Service at Army-Baylor**

#### **CLASS OF 2021**

Capt. Samuel Erickson

Capt. Erickson served his local community by volunteering over 80 hours with the Lehigh Valley Healthcare Network COVID vaccination clinic. Through his efforts, Erickson was able to help more than 10,000 members of his community become vaccinated.

#### Maj. John Koehler

Maj. John Koehler served as an advisor to La Frontera de Salud, a student-led organization that provides no-cost medical outreach and medical education resources to indigent populations in the Greater San Antonio area and the Rio Grande Valley. Koehler's team was able to plan and execute three vaccine drives that resulted in the administration of nearly 200 vaccinations to underserved patients in the local area.

#### Maj. Hung C. Duong

When his healthcare organization was critically short on administrative staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, Maj. Duong stepped up to volunteer over 50 hours at UCLA Health's influenza and COVID vaccination efforts. He also coordinated the scheduling for over 50 volunteers at two separate vaccination sites in the Los Angeles area.

#### Maj. Danny L. Harris

Maj. Harris volunteered to direct the Methodist Hospital Emergency Operations Centers during the unprecedented winter storm that left most of San Antonio without electricity. Harris navigated dangerous road conditions to volunteer his time coordinating over a thousand rides for healthcare professionals reporting to work in difficult road conditions, managing a makeshift hotel for recovery in between shifts, and providing emergency updates and guidance as the emergency operations director.

#### Maj. Mark Workman

Maj. Mark Workman volunteered over 50 hours at Lettum Eat!, a hunger relief organization serving Gwinnett and Dekalb counties in Georgia. Workman volunteered weekly, serving a total of approximately 9,000 meals to individuals in his community who were at risk for hunger.

#### Capt. Dominique Sorgenfrei

Capt. Sorgenfrei volunteered 60 hours as a Critical Care advisor at the Strategic Trauma Readiness Center.

Her efforts positively influenced the readiness of Forward Resuscitative Surgical Teams performing trauma surgery in austere environments worldwide. Sorgenfrei also developed a model for analyzing the relationship between nursing turnover and patient outcomes, which was presented at the Army Medical Department Center of Excellence Graduate Research Symposium and the Conference for the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

#### Maj. Derrick Davis

Maj. Davis served as the Incident Commander for the Kaiser Permanente-Central Valley Area COVID response efforts. In this capacity, Davis provided leadership and logistical support for over 4,700 staff and 411,000 members, which resulted in zero documented cases of COVID transmission from staff to patients or from patients to staff. Additionally, he served as an assistant mass vaccination site leader, which led to the administration of 12,863 vaccines to local community members.

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Capt. Meghan Bryant

Capt. Meghan Bryant volunteered over 200 hours with the Saddle Light Therapeutic Riding Center, which provides equine-assisted therapy for wounded servicemembers and disabled adults. Bryant enabled therapeutic services for over 50 disabled children and adults, which helped improve the quality of life for both patients and family members.

#### **CLASS OF 2023**

Members of the class of 2023 performed group community service on Oct. 9, 2021, at the San Antonio Food Bank. Audrey Mosley, Josh Fritzsche, Marie Arceo, and Tamara Johnson-Caswell (incoming class of 2024), helped fill over 900 boxes of food for distribution at the San Antonio Food Bank.

Jonathan Courage and his wife, Celena, regularly serve the San Antonio community through their joint volunteer work with Boysville of San Antonio. Boysville is a group home for foster children in the San Antonio area.

# **Army-Baylor Recognizes Award Winners**

#### Director's Chair Award

Sponsored by Brig. Gen. (Retired) Don Wagner, USAF, MSC, Class of 1960. The program director selects one student that has demonstrated the highest aptitude and leadership potential during the didactic year.

Awardee: Daniel Menz-Erb. Class of 2022

#### Michael S. Franz Alumni Award

Presented to the student whom the faculty deems has best demonstrated academic proficiency, leadership and participation in class and community activities during their didactic year. This award was initiated to honor the memory of Maj. Michael S. Franz, Army-Baylor Class of 2014. Awardee: Ben Carroll, Class of 2022

#### Peter T. Shaul Peer Award

Presented by the class to the class member who in the opinion of the class, has done the most to contribute to the overall welfare of the class during the didactic curriculum. Awardee: Jason Bothwell, ECL Class of 2021

#### Boone Powell Award for Excellence in Student Research

Presented to the student who in the opinion of the faculty, has compiled the most outstanding graduate management portfolio developed during the residency year. The award was initiated by Mr. Boone Powell, a scholar, long-time friend and faculty member of the Program, and is continued by the Army-Baylor University Alumni Club.

Awardee: Bianca Gabriel, Class of 2021

#### Col. Richard Harder Award

This award is presented to the student who submits the top Best Practice from the residency year, as voted on by faculty. The award is named for the former program director of the Army-Baylor program, Col. Richard Harder. Harder's efforts to continually develop the Army-Baylor program are in keeping with the nature of this award—focused on the long-term improvement of the military healthcare system. The recipient of this award will be asked to present at a national forum to be determined.

Awardee: Renata Zacarkim, Class of 2021

#### Dean Toland Preceptor of the Year Award

Awardee: Dan Miller, Methodist Hospital

#### Other Highlights

Capt. Trevor Fitzgerald (Class of 2021) was recognized through the Medical Service Corp Chief's Pride in the Patch program honoring service excellence in MSC officers.

Andrew Galdi, Army-Baylor Class of 2021, is the recipient of the 2020 TSG Physician Assistant Recognition Award.

UCLA Case Competition—Army-Baylor Class of 2022 team consisting of Chris Hepp, Tabatha Trice, Meghan Bryant and Burke Tervort made it to the final four in the UCLA case competition.

LTC Kimberly Decker (Faculty) was awarded the 2022 American College of Healthcare Executives District Six Regents Award for Diversity and Inclusion.

#### **Program Awards**

Higher Education Network Award, presented at the Leon I. Gintzia Commemorative Address (ACHE)

#### Excellence in Residency

Maj. Boma Afiesimama (Class of 2021) was one of four students nominated for the Boone Powell Award for Excellence in Student Research. While serving at Resolute Health Hospital in New Braunfels, Texas, Afiesimama led a project that helped Resolute Health increase its sepsis bundle compliance rate from 62.4 to approximately 70 percent in four months. He also led a project that successfully decreased the acute myocardial infarction/heart failure readmission rate from 16.67 to 13.79 percent over the span of six months.



# Leadership Guest Speaker Series

#### 2021

#### **AUGUST**



- LTC Stephen Schwab, Chief Financial Officer > Brooke Army Medical Center
- **Jody Hall, Vice President for Sourcing** > H-E-B Grocery Stores - Impact of corporate culture, values and corporate citizenship on sourcing decisions and distribution channels

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Matt Wain, CEO, Emory University Hospital, **Emory Wesley Woods Hospital, Emory University Orthopedics & Spine Hospital** 
  - > Emory Health, Atlanta GA Leadership: Perspectives from the Cockpit to the C-Suite
- Chief Nim Kidd, Dr. Emily Kidd > "Whole Community" aspect of disaster relief options

#### OCTOBER

- **David Rubenstein, Major General (Retired)** > Executive Consultant, U.S. Army Medical Command - Leading Through Change
- **Travis Krug, VP Human Resources** > CHRISTUS Health - Performance Management, Performance Appraisal, recruitment and retention of employees
- John LaCurto, JD > University of the Incarnate Word - Legal issues with compensation, employee benefits and ethical consideration of human resources practices

#### **NOVEMBER**

- **Mary Garr, President** > Family Service Association - Social Determinants of Health and their application with population health management
- **COL Mark Swofford** > Vice President, OptumServe - Thoughts on Healthcare, Leadership and Professional Development

#### **DECEMBER**

LTG Ronald Place > Director, Defense Health Agency - National Defense in a Global Crisis: Military Medicine-Roles & Responsibilities

### 2022 **FEBRUARY**

LTC Timothy Decker > U.S. Army North - Mission Command

#### MARCH

**CAPT Ann Case, USN, Commanding Officer** > Naval Medicine Training Support Center

#### **APRIL**

**Dan Miller, Chief Executive Officer** Methodist Hospital and Methodist Children's Hospital, San Antonio, Texas

#### MAY

- **COL Mark Lavin, Assistant Chief of Staff J5** > U.S. Army North - Strategic planning in military versus civilian organizations
- **Christopher Huntley, Vice President** > GE Healthcare - Managing medical equipment shortages during COVID



