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NRHA announces 2021 Rural Health Fellows

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce the final selections for its 2021 Rural Health Fellows program.

After a competitive review process, 16 fellows were selected to participate in this yearlong, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

“We are very pleased to announce this new class of fellows as this program enters its fifteenth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural health expertise,” NRHA CEO Alan Morgan says. “With the successes achieved by the previous classes, we look forward to continuing the tradition of building rural health care leaders through this valuable program.”

The new NRHA Rural Health Fellows are:

Brady Beecham, Lexington Regional Health Center physician, Lexington, Neb.

Julie Bosak, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center certified nurse midwife instructor, Lebanon, N.H.

Trent Bourland, Coal County General Hospital CEO, Coalgate, Okla.

Kelly Braun, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health dental delivery systems coordinator, University Park, Pa.

Vicki Brooks, Texas Christian University FNP coordinator and assistant professor professional practice nursing, Fort Worth, Texas

Courtney Burgin, Newport Pediatrics family nurse practitioner, Newport, Tenn.

Alison Coates, University of Ottawa PhD candidate, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Janessa Graves, Washington State University College of Nursing associate professor and assistant dean for undergraduate and community research, Spokane, Wash.

Jed Hansen, University of Nebraska Medical Center PhD candidate, Omaha, Neb.

Brenda Mack, Bemidji State University assistant professor of social work, Bemidji, Minn.

Alanti McGill, SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare program manager, Columbia, S.C.

Bryan Price, University of Virginia Cancer Center outreach and engagement specialist, Danville, Va.

Elizabeth Ruen, Helmsley Charitable Trust program officer, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Wade Swenson, Lake Region Healthcare medical director, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Heather Whetsell, SIU School of Medicine administrative director, Springfield, Ill.

Whitney Zahnd, University of South Carolina Rural and Minority Health Research Center research assistant professor, Columbia, S.C.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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