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What advice have you received from faculty that has influenced your success?

My advisor and mentor, Dr. Jennifer Piazza, is constantly giving me great advice. She has told me a few times now, “don’t do something you aren’t interested in. It will just be a waste of your time”. This reminds me that we are not always limited in our choices and that sometimes it’s okay to pass up opportunities if they don’t suit you.

How has the College of Health and Human Development prepared you for your future?

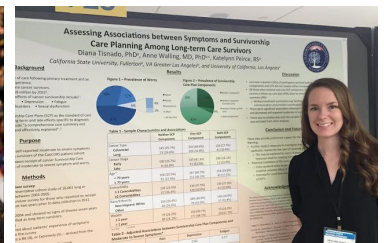
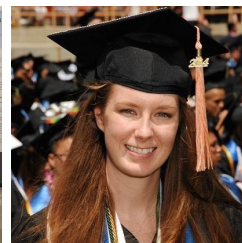
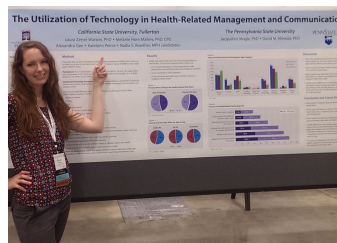
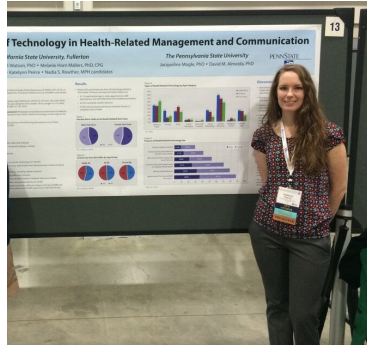
I have been able to connect with and learn from many faculty and staff members within CHHD. Their doors are always open to help guide, support, and encourage students.

What are some challenges you have faced and how did you overcome them?

When I transferred to CSUF as an undergrad, I lacked confidence in myself. I joined the Health Science honor society (ESG) to boost my resume, but it ended up being an amazing opportunity for me. This helped me get even more involved and become more confident!

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Katelynn Peirce is a second year graduate student in the **Masters of Public Health** program, focusing in **Gerontology**. She would like to pursue a doctoral degree and work with various organizations throughout the United States. Katelynn is currently working as a graduate assistant for two Health Science professors. She is also an active member of *Gerontological Society of America*, *American Society of Clinical Oncology*, and *American Public Health Association*. She is a student member of all of these professional associations. Katelynn had opportunities for presenting research, access to new and groundbreaking research, and networking opportunities with other students and professionals through these involvements. Gaining this exposure to different professions within the field of public health has helped Katelynn navigate her future career path.



What are some tips you have for CSUF students?

It's okay to not have a clear picture of what you are going to do with your degree or even what direction your education is going to take. I think most people figure it out as they go.

“It is the mark of an educated mind to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

~ Aristotle

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