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Dear Team,

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

The month started out on a positive note as we received notification that the College of Public Health was re-accredited by the Board of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) for seven years, the maximum period of renewal. This is an important milestone in the success of the College and we should all be proud of this collaborative accomplishment of the College of Public Health. Special thanks to Dr. Kendra Schmid, Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, and Ms. Aleta Gaertner, Administrator of Evaluation and Program Coordination, as well as the other members of the Self-Study Steering Committee: Ms. Stacey Coleman, Dr. Brandon Grimm, Dr. Mo Siahpush, and Ms. Jessica Tschirren.

Dr. Brandon Grimm and Ms. Analisa McMillan were highlighted in an episode of “Under the Microscope” with Chancellor Gold to discuss the College’s highly ranked online public health courses. Our College was recently awarded the top 13 program by The Best Schools magazine in the category of The 30 Best Online Master of Public Health Degrees. Some of the criteria for this ranking are academic excellence, return on investment that we give our students. Thank you to our faculty, Analisa, Student Services and other who take the time to build a great community with our students.

Congratulations to Drs. Kendra Schmid and Fang Yu who were promoted to Professor; Dr. JoEllyn McMillan who was promoted to Associate Professor and Dr. Armando DeAlba Rosales who was promoted to Assistant Professor. These are all well-deserved promotions and recognize the outstanding contributions to research and education in their fields and to our communities.

Congratulations to Dr. Drissa Toure, the College’s July 2017 Silver U awardee. Drissa’s work in the Center for Reducing Health Disparities as the Community Clinical Research Coordinator is invaluable, in particular with the success and growth of the Bridge to Care program.

I hope everyone is getting as excited I am for the new semester! Fall Orientation is August 17 and I know we will all give a warm welcome to our new and returning students!

Always listening,  
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