Two DNP students, Brady Skjervem and Justin Kahlich, attended the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) Assembly of School Faculty meeting, where Skjervem was selected to participate in the student mentorship program for future faculty.

The following DNP students received Women’s Council Graduate Assistance Fund Awards: Amy Arndt, “Using Nurse Practitioner Coordinated Group Visits to Improve Diabetes Outcomes in a Primary-Care Practice”; Debbie Pankau, “Presentation of Evidence-based Practice Project, ‘A Comparison of Live Face-to-Face and Online Teaching Methods for DNP Students’”; and Marcia Walmer, “The Infusion of Geropsychiatric Nursing Competency Enhancements in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Education: Curricular Interventions to Improve Nursing Skill and Impact Patient Health”.

Five DNP students – David Bates, Stephanie Dilley, Travis Hamm, Shrunjali Patel, and Tia Shomber -- attended the AANA Mid-Year Assembly in Washington, DC. Dilley was honored as a participate in the student mentorship program at the event.

Two PhD students made poster presentations at the 2016 Nursing Education Research conference this past April in Washington DC: Kendra Ericson, “The Effect of Simulated Tutorials on Clinical Competency for Nursing Students”; and Natalia Thilges, “Effects of Formal Remediation on Program and Student Outcomes”.

DNP student Cynthia Brown attended the Student Policy Summit during the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) Annual Spring Meeting in Washington DC.

Student poster and podium presentations at the Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Spring Meeting were made by the following DNP students: Tory Richmond, “Time to Suction: How Long is Too Long?”; Melody Clevenger, “PONV Algorithm”; Christopher Williams, “Non-narcotic Analgesia in the THA Patient: Does Ketamine Decrease Narcotic Consumption and Pain Scores?”; Jeffry Porter, “Intravenous Lidocaine Infusion for Abdominal Surgery: Creation of a Clinical Guideline”; and Justin Kahlich, “Benefits of the Adductor Canal Block”.

DNP student Jason Lee has had his work, “Transitional Care Intervention to Reduce 30-day Readmission Rate”, accepted for a poster presentation at the 9th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference this coming October in Baltimore, Maryland.

Podium presentations at the spring 2016 MOKAN Perianesthesia Nurses Conference included the following DNP students: Andrea Coats, “Cognitive Aid Use to Improve Detection and Treatment of Anaphylaxis”; and Brady Skjervem, “Capnography Utilization in the PACU Setting”.

The following PhD students presented research at the Midwest Nursing Research Society’s (MNRS) annual conference this past March in Milwaukee, WI: Kimberly Kennel, “Persistence: A Psychometric Tool Development”; Wendy Woolston, “Academic Bullying: Perceptions of Nursing Faculty in Faith-Based Institutions”; Patricia Kelly, “Psychometric Analysis of the Nurse Faculty Teaching inventory Tool”; Sarah Prichard, “Reluctance to Fail”; and Gena Coomes, “Impact of Post-Simulation Structured Debriefing on Clinical Reasoning Skills Among Nursing Students”.

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Scholarship (Based on Student Work) Among Recent Graduates
May 2016, BSN-AT graduate Garrett Matlick was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest collegiate honor society in the country, and won the UMKC Chapter’s $500 award as their nomination for the National Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. He was also awarded the Fran and Donald Bower Scholarship from the Bloomberg School of Public Health ($20,000) and $10,000 from the School of Nursing as the only MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner/Master of Public Health student in the Occupational & Environmental Health Nursing program.