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Clinical nutrition student is “people’s choice” – Taren

Swindle, master of science student in clinical nutrition, was the winner of the People’s Choice Award at the UAMS Graduate School’s semi-final 3MT Competition on March 28. Her presentation, “*A Qualitative Exploration of Organizational Facilitators and Barriers to Mealtime and Nutrition Promotion Practices of Early Childhood Educators*,” was selected for the award by audience members attending the competition. **Josh Phelps**, assistant professor in the College of Health Profession’s Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, was Taren’s project advisor, and **Reza Hakkak**, department chair, and **Tina Crook**, director of the Dietetics Internship program, served on her project committee. Congratulations to Taren, Josh, Reza, and Tina.

Taren is assistant professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. She was able to pursue her master’s degree in clinical nutrition with the support of a KL2 grant through UAMS’s Translational Research Institute. Her research focuses on preventing obesity and promoting good nutrition for young children in low-income families. She is interested in increasing the adoption of evidence-based practice and interventions in community settings to reduce obesity and improve nutrition.



This is the first year that UAMS has organized Student Research Day activities around 3MT (Three Minute Thesis), which was founded by the University of Queensland in Australia. Presenters create and present an engaging, clear, and concise three-minute talk intended for a non-specialist audience. The all-campus 3MT competition – the “finals” – is scheduled for April 12, at 1:00-2:15 as part of the UAMS Student Research Day activities. For more information about 3MT, [click here](#).

Timely Matters

For College of Health Professions **Dates to Remember**, bookmark <http://healthprofessions.uams.edu/faculty-and-staff/dates-to-remember/>

April 1 – Deadline for summer and fall textbook lists to be posted (<http://library.uams.edu/library-services/bookstore/>)

April 3-14 – Early Registration – Summer Semester

April 7 – Deadline for Staff Excellence Awards nominations

April 7 – Spring Fling Luncheon for College of Health Professions faculty and staff, 11:30-1:00, Administration West Lobby; hosted by the College of Health Professions Faculty Development and Services Committee

April 11 – Passover / Pesach (Judaism), ends April 18

April 12 – UAMS Student Research Day, I Dodd. Wilson Education Building. [Click here](#) for information on schedule and locations



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