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The Duke Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) has named three DUSON students as GWEP Fellows. The fellowship supports adult/gerontology nurse practitioners' transition into practice and expands their leadership skills in the integration of geriatrics into primary care. This year's fellows are: **Annie Cooper, Christian Mikesell** and **Catina Alford**.

Over the course of the year-long fellowship, fellows receive mentoring

and practical experience leading programs focused on community care of older adults. Fellows are enrolled in shared coursework with advanced trainees in geriatric medicine, psychiatry and physical therapy who share a specific focus on community-based geriatric care.

During the GWEP fellowship, fellows are engaged in curriculum that includes didactic and clinical experiences. The fellows were able to take short courses with the

Duke Medicine fellows, including a newly developed course on the social determinants of health, as well as the long-standing, long-term care course. Additionally, they attended interactive lectures given by senior faculty on relevant geriatric issues, completed rounds in local community care centers and community-based organizations and made presentations on geriatric-focused topics of interest to the geriatric medicine fellows and faculty.



■ 2018 Health Equity Academy Scholars

DUSON welcomed the 2018 HEA II Scholars cohort to campus in the Pre-Entry Immersion in Nursing (PIN) program. During the six-week experience, Scholars lived on-campus and worked with Duke faculty, advisors and mentors to develop an enhanced understanding of social determinants of health by exploring health access, health disparities and health equity.

Upon successful completion of the PIN program, the Scholars entered the Pathways to Success in Nursing (PSN) program and matriculated into the DUSON ABSN Fall 2018 cohort. Pathways to Success in Nursing provides academic and social supports to Scholars throughout the ABSN program.

DUSON is committed to investing resources in recruiting and graduating nurses from diverse populations in an effort to build a nursing workforce that reflects society. The Health Equity Academy II (HEA II)—has been one of the programs at Duke created to support minority students in the ABSN program.