



Rural Program

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Hello Rural Program Friends!

As we approach the end of another year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible preceptors and community partners across the state. Our faculty recently had the pleasure of visiting two Rural LIC sites, Salida and Gunnison. We have included highlights from the visit below, as well as information about the 2024 Rural and Frontier Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit and other preceptor resources.

We are also thrilled to congratulate Timothy Ghan and Ixchel Salter for receiving student Professionalism Clinical Awards. They were nominated last year by their Rural LIC preceptors and selected as winners among nominees from all the CUSOM LICs. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to their continued success.

Thank you, again, for being an integral part of our community. Your support and dedication have been crucial to the success of the Rural Program. We wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with warmth and happiness.

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Rural Site Visits: Gunnison and Salida

In the last month, Rural Program faculty Mark Deutchman, Roberto Silva, and Liz Gundersen had the opportunity to visit two of our Rural LIC sites, Gunnison and Salida. Many of the people they met with are graduates of the Rural Track and are now teaching current Rural Program students.



Rural Program faculty and students Kathryn King and Henry Haller with preceptors and staff in Salida.



Rural Program faculty and student Jack Duryea with Gunnison Valley Health medical staff



Dr. Deutchman and Dr. Silva also appreciated the opportunity to catch up with Rural Program graduate Drake Sisneros in Buena Vista!

Professionalism Clinical Awards for 2023-2024

We are pleased to announce that two of our Rural Program students were selected as recipients of the CUSOM Student Professionalism Clinical Award for the 2023-2024 clinical year:

Timothy Ghan (Rural LIC Site: Glenwood Springs) and **Ixchel Salter** (Rural LIC Site: Pueblo/Walsenburg)!

Nominated by faculty, residents, and/or other clinicians during clinical rotations, the award recognizes those who have shown outstanding commitment to promoting a culture of respect, integrity, and duty. The Medical Student Professionalism Committee selected 14 winners from this class of students.

Thank you to all those who nominated students for this award! To nominate your current LIC student for a Professionalism Award, you can do so in an Oasis evaluation.

2024 Rural Preceptor Tax Credit

Primary care preceptors who have worked with one of our students for at least 4 weeks during the 2024 tax year may be eligible for the Rural and Frontier Health-Care Preceptor Tax Credit. For eligibility information and instructions, [download the tax credit form](#). If you are eligible for the tax credit, please complete the form and submit to the Rural Program team for certification [here](#). Once you receive your certified form back from our team, please email it to the Colorado Department of Revenue at dor_preceptor@state.co.us. If you receive notification that the credit has been issued to you, you can then claim the credit on your Colorado tax return. Be sure to include the DR 0366 with the return.

For additional information, including an expanded list of health care professionals who may be eligible for the tax credit this year, please visit the [Colorado Department of Revenue website](#).

Resources and Reminders

- **Apply for a Volunteer Clinical Faculty Appointment:** CUSOM's accrediting body requires that all preceptors who have significant contact with students have a volunteer faculty appointment. Please [click here](#) to apply!
- **Supporting Medical Student Education:** To maximize your student's chances of seeing patients, particularly in settings where patients might be reluctant to consent to a medical student being part of their care, we encourage you to print [this flyer](#) for easy reference to some tips!
- **LIC Preceptor Manual:** If you haven't already done so, please check out the [2024-2025 Rural LIC Preceptor Manual](#)! The manual includes benchmarks for student performance throughout the LIC year. We also have other [teaching resources](#) here.

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