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Health Division Program Manager Wins Dr. John E. Worden Award

UNR School of Community Health Sciences makes the selection

Carson City – Julia Peek, manager of the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE) for the Nevada State Health Division, was selected as winner of the second annual Dr. John E. Worden Award at the Masters of Public Health (MPH) hooding ceremony in mid-May. Named after Nevada’s first State Health Officer who served between 1936 and 1939, the award recognizes a person or program that has contributed to improving public health in Nevada.

Ms. Peek is a native Nevadan who attended UNR as an undergraduate on the State’s Millennium Scholarship and the University of Washington where she received her Master’s Degree in Health Services Administration with a focus on rural and underserved populations. Ms. Peek returned from Washington to pursue a career with the Nevada State Health Division. She has been with the Division for 7 years.

The John E. Worden Award is voted on by the University of Nevada, Reno School of Community Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students. Ms. Peek was nominated for the efforts she has made to create internship opportunities for undergraduates and graduates at UNR, and for seeking collaborative opportunities between the Health Division and Nevada System of Higher Education.

“It is truly an honor to be recognized through this award by UNR. I love UNR and this program, and it is my pleasure to be able to work with such an amazing group of students and faculty,” Peek said when she accepted the award.

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