

In Memory of MFP-Youth Alumna Trina Houge, PMHNP - BC

The graduation ceremony of our first MFP-Youth cohort was held at the 2016 Summer Intensive Training Institute in Anchorage, Alaska. It was a serene setting, with views of the mountains surrounding Anchorage, to celebrate the accomplishments of the Fellows in that year's cohort of the Minority Fellowship Program.

This particular ITI being the inaugural cohort of MFP-Youth Fellows, the first graduates from MFP-Y were asked to produce short presentations that described their journey to-date and plans for the future. Each graduate who presented provided insight into their motivation to close the health disparity in the communities targeted by the Fellowship, children, adolescents and youth in transition to adulthood (16-25). Each stood in front of the ITI attendees and exuded a passion for the coming years that fit the need for which this program was created and continues.



(Trina Houge, PMHNP-BC, presenting at 2016 Summer ITI, Anchorage, AK)

Trina Houge's [presentation](#) included these elements, but provided an even more salient display and testament of some of the challenges that she and other Fellows overcame to reach that point.

Trina exemplified the passion for serving the most underserved populations. From the first time she contacted the MFP to inquire about the Fellowship, through her application and later involvement in MFP institutes, it was clear that her motivation went far beyond a career, but to a calling. A calling to serve, whether it be as a Psych Nurse Practitioner aiding teens dealing with abuse of cannabis, to her local church and volunteer work.

We send our sincere condolences to her family, friends, colleagues and broader community. She will be missed, but her memory and impact will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

The Office of the MFP