

Grant Awarded For Project Involving Peru State Professors

**(KLZA)-- The Rural Futures Institute has announced nine teaching and research grants worth almost \$400,000--including one involving two Peru State College professors.**

**Peru State College Professor of Business, Dr. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan and Professor of Kinesiology, Dr. Kyle Ryan, are attached to a project based in Nebraska City focused on obesity education for post-secondary students.**

**The Rural Futures Institute noted the project was a collaborative project to combat the epidemic of rural pediatric obesity. University of Nebraska at Omaha Assistant Professor Danae Dinkel and Peru State College Professors Kyle Ryan and Sheri Grotrian-Ryan are working with schools and community-based organizations in Nebraska City to create a service-learning course for undergraduate students.**

**Ryan notes that, even though the obesity epidemic has been well chronicled, many are unaware of the circumstances that make combating rural obesity more challenging.**

**The grants build on RFI's successful Competitive Awards program that so far has funded 50 teaching and research projects in more than 100 Nebraska communities.**

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