

## **Emily Dobratz wins the 2022 Tarnai Scholarship Award**

We are pleased to announce that Emily Dobratz, University of Minnesota Office of Measurement, has been awarded the 2022 Tarnai Scholarship by the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). Established in memory of John Tarnai, former AASRO president, the award recognizes an outstanding early-career Survey Center employee with great promise for long-term involvement in and contributions to the field of survey research.

Emily Dobratz began working as a part-time employee in University of Minnesota Office of Measurement (OMS) call center while pursuing her Master's in Public Health with a survey research emphasis. She then accepted a full-time position as a Project Specialist and rose to the position of Project Manager in under two years. During her employment at OMS, Ms. Dobratz has continued to learn and apply best survey practices and educate others in the office of her learnings. She has demonstrated her excellent skills by participating in several large-scale projects such as Student Engagement at the Research University (SERU) and graduate SERU (gradSERU), a customized online undergraduate and graduate surveys for members of the SERU consortia, University of Minnesota's pandemic response survey, an online census of all five campuses (Twin Cities, Morris, Duluth, Rochester, and Crookston) in the University of Minnesota system. Ms. Dobratz often receives exemplary feedback from her clients across the country for her high-quality work, dedication, responsiveness, and innovativeness in obtaining the best possible data to meet their program and other higher education needs.

AASRO applauds Ms. Dobratz many contributions to her center, their clients and students, and encourages her to continue her excellent work in the survey research field.