

## Alumni, friends reunite at Arizona event

Nearly 80 UNMC alumni and friends gathered in Scottsdale, Ariz., recently to celebrate their alma mater.

The UNMC Alumni Office and the University of Nebraska Foundation hosted the second annual “UNMC Alumni & Friends in the Valley of the Sun” on Feb. 29 and March 1.

Activities included a reception with the deans, continuing education sessions, golf outing and luncheon program. During the reception, college deans presented a brief update on their respective colleges.

## UNMC alumni associations host annual ‘Blast at the Blatt’

Nearly 200 UNMC alumni and friends gathered May 13 for the fourth annual Blast at the Blatt event at Omaha’s Rosenblatt Stadium. Alumni and friends enjoyed a picnic dinner before attending the Nebraska-Creighton baseball game.

Attendees waved their red and white pompoms as the Cornhuskers beat Creighton 8-1.

## Engage for life – join your alumni association

It’s easy to join your alumni association and renew your membership – just visit [www.unmc.edu/alumni](http://www.unmc.edu/alumni) and click on the “Join Your Alumni Association Here” link or the “Renew Your Membership” link. You also can call our office at (402) 559-4385, or e-mail [alumni@unmc.edu](mailto:alumni@unmc.edu).

Along with being a member of your respective alumni association, you also can join the growing number of white coat sponsors.

## Launching new alumni chapters

The UNMC Physician Assistant Program, with the assistance of the UNMC Alumni Office, recently launched the UNMC Physician Assistant Alumni Chapter. The purpose of the UNMC PA Alumni Chapter is to foster career and patient referral networking, host reunions and social activities for alumni and students, and promote professional advocacy and community service.

To join the PA Alumni Chapter or become a white coat sponsor, visit [www.unmc.edu/alumni](http://www.unmc.edu/alumni) and click on the “Join Your Alumni Association” link. Alumni chapters for Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical Technology) and Radiation Science Technology Education will be established in the future.

Contact the Alumni Office at (402) 559-4385 or toll free (888) 725-8664 if you have any questions or want to help with your alumni chapter.

## Air Force Surgeon General visits alma mater

The surgeon general of the Air Force returned to his home state in August during Air Force Week in the Heartland.

Lt. Gen. James Roudebush, M.D., visited the UNMC College of Medicine where he graduated in 1975.

The Air Force’s top doctor also met Heartland medics to discuss the strategic partnership between the Air Force and the medical school and how medical airmen are



Lt. Gen. James Roudebush, M.D., '75, left, and Maj. Gen. Linda Hemminger, MSN '85, visited UNMC in August.

making a difference in the war on terrorism.

During his campus visit, the Gering, Neb., native spoke to physicians and students, toured the new Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education and visited the only civilian biocontainment unit in the nation.

“The education I received here was of such quality and so well-rounded – with the rural rotations – that it really prepared me for further training and experience in the Air Force. It’s served me very well,” Dr. Roudebush said. “UNMC is a preeminent medical center. It was then and is now. It makes Omaha and Nebraska an exceptionally well-served community.”

He also applauded the UNMC family practice residency program partnership with the Air Force.

“It is one of the premier residency programs for us in the Air Force,” Dr. Roudebush said. “The relationship has been very positive, both in the quality of training and the breadth and the scope of training...to provide really high quality well-trained family physicians able to do the mission wherever we find ourselves around the world, and we find ourselves in some pretty challenging places.”

## Alumni on a mission

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