



UNMC Reunion Weekend for all alumni

For the first time, the UNMC colleges and alumni associations are working together to host the UNMC Alumni Weekend, One Class - World Class.

Alumni Weekend, for alumni and friends of the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy and the School of Allied Health Professions, will be Oct. 5-6. College deans and the UNMC community are looking forward to welcoming alumni to campus and are ready to roll out the red carpet for a grand celebration.

Although all alumni are invited, special recognition will be given to honor classes '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92 and '97 and '02. The alumni associations will be kicking off the new Half Century Club (those graduating 50 or more years ago).

"We are looking forward to having all UNMC alumni back at the same time," said Kim Cuda, director of UNMC Alumni Affairs. "October seemed to be the most convenient time and, with it being during the academic year, we can involve our faculty and students."

Alumni will have the opportunity to participate in activities related to their specific college, in addition to alumni events offered throughout the weekend. Events include updates from the college deans, friends and faculty lunches, tours, college receptions, Nebraska Football Watch Party, and the Alumni Celebration Dinner, which will be held the night of Oct. 6 at the Omaha Hilton.

Plan to join your fellow UNMC alumni and friends for an exciting reunion weekend.

Visit www.unmc.edu/alumni for more information and details about Alumni Weekend. See who's planning to attend from your class.

Dr. O'Dell named first LeeRoy Meyer Professor of Medicine

David O'Dell, M.D., '84, credits the late LeeRoy Meyer, M.D., '61, for getting him into medical education.



"When I was finishing my residency here, LeeRoy came up and asked me what I was going to do with my life," Dr. O'Dell said. "Then he said, 'I'd kind of like you to stay here.' I listened and all these years later, I'm still here."

Dr. O'Dell recently was named the first LeeRoy Meyer Professor of Medicine. The news was announced at a ceremony to dedicate a new education center named after Dr. Meyer – a legendary UNMC educator who died in 2005 after teaching for more than three decades in the College of Medicine.

Dr. O'Dell said receiving a professorship named after someone he considered a mentor was extremely humbling.

"Those are really large shoes to fill," he said of Dr. Meyer, who during his time at UNMC received scores of teaching awards, including more than 25 Golden Apples from the American Medical Student Association.

Dr. Meyer became a pioneer in medical education in the 1960s and 1970s by employing a small-group, case-based teaching technique that is now used by educators around the nation.

The new center, which is on the fifth floor of the Medical Sciences Building (formerly the UMA Building), will be used by professors, such as Dr. O'Dell, who employ the technique. Support from the professorship award, which lasts five years, will be used to promote Dr. Meyer's teaching methods.

"I really think it's the best way to teach medical students," Dr. O'Dell said.