

Medicine

*Marion Cosand M'57

Oro Valley, Ariz., keeps indoors during the hot summer. He says, "we are in good health considering our age."

©Carol Swarts M'59

Crestview Hills, Ky., was awarded an honorary degree from the Board of Regents at Northern Kentucky University in appreciation of her lifetime commitment to improving the lives of countless others. For 50 years, she served as a "true medical missionary/ambassador" throughout the United States, abroad and in Third World countries.

Joel Johnson M'61

Kearney, Neb., received the Kearney Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award.

•Robert Hamilton M'63

Godfrey, Ill., was re-elected to the Illinois State Medical Society Board of Trustees during its annual meeting. Also, he and wife Charlene were honored by Riverbend Head Start and Family Services with the "Circle of Care Award For 2011" for their spirit of caring through their profession, volunteerism and philanthropy.

©Kathleen Bliese-Walk M'67

Atkinson, Neb., recently became part of the West Holt Medical Services' staff and was elected delegate of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians.

Loren A. Olson M'68

Des Moines, Iowa, is a psychiatrist in private practice. He recently published a book titled "Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight."

•Alvin Lee Schlichtemeier M'69

Bryan, Texas, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology in May. He is the medical director of radiation oncology at St. Joseph Regional Cancer Center.

•Joseph P. Drozda Jr. M'70

Chesterfield, Mo., was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American College of Cardiology. He is director of outcomes research at Sisters of Mercy Health System, a four-state regional hospital system headquartered in St. Louis. He retired from Centene as chief medical officer three years ago, but couldn't turn down the research job. His wife says he is "flunking" retirement.

•Van Vahle M'70

Seward, Neb., received the 2010-2011 Marion D. and Theodore H. Koefoot Jr., M.D. Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine Award from UNMC for outstanding teaching and mentoring of medical students while also serving as an exceptional community physician.

©Gary Conell M'71

North Platte, Neb., was honored by UNMC with the J.G. "Jack" Elliott Award for his student mentoring and advocacy to improve the quality of health care in Nebraska. Conell has been a family physician in North Platte for almost 40 years and is the director for the community's UNMC Rural Family Residency Training Program.

Jose Rodriguez II M'74

Quincy, Ill., was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology in May.

Harry Salyards M'74 and

Phyllis Salyards M'74

Hastings, Neb., after practicing together in the Hastings area for 33 years, the couple recently retired and is eager to pursue their hobbies.

J. Michael Adams M'75

Fremont, Neb., was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Physicians in April.

Gene Stohs M'75

Lincoln, Neb., was inducted into the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2011.

C. Stratton Warden M'76

Elizabethtown, Ky., retired from general surgery in 2005 and was recently re-elected to his third term as chairman of the board of directors for ZirMed, Inc., a health care IT company.

Peter Whitted M'79

Omaha, Neb., will take over as chairman of the University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Directors in October.

©James Linder M'80

Omaha, Neb., was appointed senior associate to the president for innovation and economic competitiveness and president of the University Technology Development Corp. by the University of Nebraska. He is CEO of UNeMed, UNMC's technology transfer arm.

Harris A. Frankel M'86

Omaha, Neb., received the eHealth Physician Advocate of the Year Award from the eHealth Initiative. He was cited for his leadership and commitment to technological advancements leading to the implementation of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative, Nebraska's statewide integrator for health information exchange.

Ken Vettel M'89

Grand Island, Neb., partnered with Tim Jones, D.D.S., as co-founder of Doc's Wildlife Blends, LLC., to create a line of minerals, feeds and food plot blends to attract and grow healthier animals.

•Patrik Johansson M'97

Omaha, Neb., was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, Integrative and Public Health. The advisory group is part of the National Prevention Council, which was created through the Affordable Care Act. He is director of UNMC's Rural Health Education Network.

Michele Mulligan-Witt M'98

Valentine, Neb., received the Supervising Physician of the Year Award from the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants at their annual awards ceremony in Kearney.

•David Weeks M'99

Austin, Texas, has been appointed to the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Amanda McKinney M'01

Beatrice, Neb., received the Young Alumnus Award from her undergraduate alma mater, Doane College, for her commitment to excellence in her career. Since 2006, she has practiced at the Women's Health Center in Beatrice.

Marcus Snow M'02

Omaha, Neb., joined Westroads Medical Group in 2009 and works in the new rheumatology clinic in Columbus, Neb.

Nursing

Liane Connelly N'81

Norfolk, Neb., was named assistant dean of UNMC's Northern Division of Nursing in Norfolk.

Susan Gust N'86

Nashua, N.H., earned her master's degree from Riverside College in 2005 and is a family nurse practitioner.

Kelly A. Fields N'97

Lincoln, Neb., was named 2011 State Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Jennifer Hoebelheinrich N'01

Lincoln, Neb., is director of long term acute care at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, where she provides direction, leadership and oversight of the hospital's nursing education.

Chandra (Boshart) Kuhl N'04

Omaha, Neb., received the DAISY Award (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) for the month of April at the UNMC wound clinic in Omaha.

Sabrina Reed N'08

Lincoln, Neb., joined Lancaster Manor Rehabilitation Center as the director of Nursing Services.

Pharmacy

• **Patrick Woster P'87**

Charleston, S.C., has been named professor and South Carolina Center for Economic Excellence Endowed Chair in Medicinal Chemistry at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. His appointment is in the department of pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.



Michael Holcomb, Pharm.D., Class of 1990, of Broken Bow, Neb., (center) was recognized as UNMC's Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year. Class of 2011 President, Branden Nemecek, (left) and Courtney Fletcher, Pharm.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy, stand with him.

Troy Ruffner P'98

Plattsmouth, Neb., was honored by the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce as 2010 Businessman of the Year. In 2003, he opened Ruffner Pharmacy in Plattsmouth and in 2007 added another location in Glenwood, Iowa.

Dentistry

Richard Schilling D'57

Loveland, Colo., published "Portraits of the Prairie: the Land that Inspired Willa Cather," a collection of his watercolor paintings and ink sketches depicting Nebraska scenes that relate to Catherland. Selected by Publishers Weekly as one of the top 10 books of 2011 (art and architecture category), the book's paintings and sketches are now part of a traveling exhibit in Nebraska and Colorado. The book can be purchased through the University of Nebraska Press.

George Schlothauer D'69

Gering, Neb., now retired from private practice, was honored by the Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska for helping start its dental center. The center served more than 3,000 patients in 2010.

Sami Webb D'00

Scottsbluff, Neb., owner of Webb Orthodontics, has been named the 2011 Nebraska Dental Association Outstanding Young Professional.

Tim Jones D'02

Aurora, Neb., joined Ken Vettel, D.D.S., as co-founder of Doc's Wildlife Blends, LLC, which blends science and wildlife nutrition to attract and grow healthier animals.

Matthew Ames D'07

Fargo, N.D., taught orthodontics at UNMC before he joined Harvey Orthodontics of Moorhead and Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Physical Therapy

• **Patricia Hageman PT'79**

Omaha, Neb., was appointed to a three-year term on an external advisory committee for the Health Resource Services Administration by Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services.

• **Mike Bartels PT'88**

Papillion, Neb., recently was certified in postural restoration.

• **Jeffrey Creal PT'88**

Lincoln, Neb., earned his doctorate in physical therapy from the University of South Dakota. He has worked for Lincoln Physical Therapy Associates since 1994.

Erika Lee PT'95

Omaha, Neb., in July 2010, founded Prestige Premium Homecare which provides companionship and personal services to individuals in their homes.

• **Jason Paladino PT'96**

Peoria, Ariz., moved to Peoria to start a church six years ago. He is clinical director for Physiotherapy Associates in central Phoenix. He has three children, ages 12, 10 and 7 and likes to bike, hike and swim.

Lana Svien PT'02

Vermillion, S.D., received the Dr. Ronnie Leavitt Award for Leadership in the Promotion of Social Responsibility in Physical Therapy by the Global Health Student Interest Group in recognition of her work as professor and chairwoman of physical therapy at the University of South Dakota.

Physician Assistant

Douglas Hadden PA'95

Bridgeport, Neb., joined the staff at Garden County Health Services in Oshkosh, Neb., in addition to working at Quick Care Medical Services in Scottsbluff, Neb., as a physician assistant and clinic manager.

Diane Fitch PA'02

Sioux City, Iowa, recently became a part of Siouxland Community Health Center's medical staff.

Dawn Nolan PA'02

Sioux City, Iowa, joined the staff at Siouxland Community Health Center and serves patients in behavioral health care.

• **Jill Selzle PA'05**

Omaha, Neb., works at UNMC in thoracic surgery and serves on the 2010-2011 PA Alumni Chapter Board of Directors.

• **Amanda Bond PA'10**

Bellevue, Neb., is an orthopaedic surgery physician assistant with Nebraska Orthopaedic Associates.

• **Michaela Duggan PA'10**

Omaha, Neb., joined Adult and Pediatric Urology.

• **April Hansen PA'10**

Omaha, Neb., joined Adult and Pediatric Urology.

• **Linnea Hopp PA'10**

Omaha, Neb., upon graduation, accepted a position in Marinette, Wis., at the Bay Area Medical Center Heart and Vascular Center.

• **Kelly Shockey PA'10**

Lee's Summit, Mo., began her career as the new physician assistant with the Johnson County Medical Center and Johnson County Hospital in Tecumseh, Neb.

• **Lea Wells PA'10**

St. Paul, Neb., recently joined the Oakland Mercy Hospital staff as a physician assistant. She sees patients in the Mercy clinics both in Tekamah and Hooper.

Clinical Laboratory Science

Gerard "Jerry" Klein BMT'72

Rock Springs, Wyo., took over as CEO at Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in January.



UNMC alumni at Balad Airbase in Iraq, from left, Capt. Casey Bowen (USAF), M'08; Col. John Aita (US Army), M'01; and Maj. Amber Tyler, (USAF), M'03. Col. Aita is the son of Virginia Aita, Ph.D., associate professor in the UNMC College of Public Health.

Rachel Hippen CLS'10

Crete, Neb., began work at Crete Area Medical Center in May 2010. She helped start a microbiology department in CAMC's laboratory.

Radiation Science Technology Education

*Troy Stockman RSTE'93

Papillion, Neb., became the CEO of the Nebraska Spine Hospital in 2010.

Public Health

• Molly Schlife PH'10

Omaha, Neb., upon graduation began work at CityMatCH, the national membership organization for urban Maternal and Child Health professionals. She works on two major projects: the development of online learning modules focused on "data USE" and a new project in the area of substance-exposed pregnancy prevention, which she will discuss at her first national conference presentation.

In Remembrance...

Robert Ellsworth Lovgren M'39

Harlingen, Texas, Feb. 11, 2011

• Guy Matson M'41

Lincoln, Neb., March 16, 2011

• Helen (LeBaron) Eastlack N'45

Lincoln, Neb., March 6, 2011

William Graham M'45

Omaha, Neb., June 15, 2011

Roger Boulden M'46

Mesa, Ariz., April 3, 2011

Richard E. Geesaman M'46

Boulder, Colo., May 23, 2011

Charles "Chuck" F. Heider Jr. M'47

North Platte, Neb., March 30, 2011

Samuel H. Perry M'47

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3, 2011

• Donald B. Keyser P'51

Omaha, Neb., March 12, 2011

Colin B. Schack M'51

Omaha, Neb., April 2, 2011

James E. Thayer M'51

Sidney, Neb., Feb. 10, 2011

Carl Aschoff M'52

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 2, 2011

• Yloene Ione (Black) Joselyn N'53

Crystal, Minn., Feb. 18, 2011

Leslie Grace M'54

Blair, Neb., Oct. 15, 2010

Marilyn McConnell N'54

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 27, 2010

Harold E. Most D'55

Littleton, Colo., Dec. 24, 2010

Thomas M. Moriarty D'56

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15, 2011

Raymond L. Sprecher D'56

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 19, 2011

Donald Wilkinson M'56

Minatare, Neb., April 16, 2011

Mark E. Crawford M'57

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 17, 2010

Robert K. Fenster D'57

Richmond, Va., Jan. 26, 2008

• Lila Moffat N'57

Oshkosh, Neb., April 25, 2011

Henry Cech D'58

Lincoln, Neb., June 20, 2011

Verlyn Anderson N'60

Concord, Neb., March 11, 2011

Donald R. Otis D'61

Pueblo, Colo., April 12, 2011

Franklin Pratt M'64

Temple, Texas, April 30, 2011

David J. Weingart M'64

Paradise Valley, Ariz., June 19, 2011

Fredrick William Kottmeyer D'65

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 21, 2011

Arthur Croft D'68

Omaha, Neb., May 28, 2011

◦ **Janel Toon Foote P'74**
Hastings, Neb., March 27, 2011

Dorothy "Lourie" (Stay) Johnson N'79
Holdrege, Neb., March 1, 2011

Michelle (McTee) Cassidy M'95
Omaha, Neb., April 22, 2011

Kathryn White, N'96
Lincoln, Neb., May 18, 2011

LeDon Bean, P'07
New Orleans, La., March 1, 2011

Births

◉ **Elizabeth Hermesen P'01**
Omaha, Neb., and husband Michael welcomed son Garrison Paul to their family on March 15, 2011.

Maria Michaelis M'01
Omaha, Neb., and husband Mark welcomed Leyton Paige on Jan. 17, 2011. She joins big sisters Lexi, 6, and Laini, 2.

◦ **Dana Jensen P'03**
Bennett, Neb., and her husband, Clark, welcomed a son, Austin Reid, on Aug. 4, 2011. He joins big brothers Christian and Tyler.

Josh Gortemaker M'04
Grand Island, Neb., and wife, Julie, welcomed son, Jacob John, on Feb. 4, 2011.

◉ **Joshua Hite P'06**
Omaha, Neb., and wife, Shannon, welcomed son, Harrison Wesley, to their family on Jan. 20, 2011.

◦ **Tessa Wells PT'06**
Kearney, Neb., and husband, Nate, welcomed daughter, Katie, to their family on Oct. 10, 2010.

Marriages

Stacy Heller DH'09 and Steven Benne
Pender, Neb., were married May 21, 2011.

Sarah Janecek PT'09 and Jed Droge PT'10
Cozad, Neb., were married July 3, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome receptions introducing Bradley E. Britigan, M.D.
New dean of the College of Medicine
Sept. 22
Scottsbluff Country Club, Scottsbluff, Neb.
6 - 7:30 p.m.

UNMC Alumni Husker tailgate party
Nebraska vs. Wyoming
Sept. 24
Laramie, Wyo.

College of Nursing Interdisciplinary Guest Speaker
Larry K. Michaelsen, Ph.D., University of Central Missouri
Oct. 19
Getting Beyond Covering Content: A Key to Student Motivation and Success
Oct. 20
Designing Group Work that Really Works & Turning Good Group Assignments into Great Ones
Continuing nursing education available
www.unmc.edu/motivation2011

Latta Lecture
Oct. 21
Brian Druker, M.D., director of the Oregon Health and Science University Knight Cancer Institute and chairman of leukemia research.
"Imatinib as a Paradigm of Targeted Cancer Therapies"
Eppley Science Hall Amphitheater
Noon
Continuing education available

UNMC Alumni Reunion Weekend
Oct. 21 - 22
UNMC Campus & Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market, Omaha

Reunion - Welcome Back Lunch with the Deans
Oct. 21
1 p.m.
Storz Pavilion

Please visit www.unmc.edu/alumni for a complete listing of class notes. Thank you for your notes.

We love hearing from you! Please send your professional and personal news for Class Notes to:

UNMC Alumni Relations
985200 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-5200

Phone: (402)559-4385
Toll free (888)725-8664
email: alumni@unmc.edu
Web site: www.unmc.edu/alumni

Prefer to receive UNMC Connect electronically?

Send your request and e-mail address to: alumni@unmc.edu
Be sure to indicate if you are a UNMC alum.

UNMC ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

facebook facebook.com/UNMCalum

flickr flickr.com/photos/UNMCalum

LinkedIn tinyurl.com/UNMCLinkedIn

CAMPAIGN for NEBRASKA

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER

\$291,201,853

\$0

\$500 M

88%

of UNMC campaign gifts are from Nebraska households/organizations.



484

new funds have been established during the campaign to support students, faculty, facilities and programs at UNMC.

31%

of donors supporting UNMC during the campaign are UNMC graduates.

12,273

individuals have made donations to UNMC during the campaign. Approximately 54% are first-time donors to UNMC.

95%

of UNMC students apply for financial assistance.

CAMPAIGN for
NEBRASKA
UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA FOUNDATION

campaignfornebraska.org/unmc

All statistics as of July 31, 2011. The Campaign for Nebraska began in July 2005 and will conclude December 2014.

For information on how you can support UNMC, please contact:

UNMC

Amy Volk
402-502-4112
avolk@nufoundation.org

College of Medicine

Meg Johnson
402-502-4107
mjohnson@nufoundation.org

Karen Levin
402-502-4921
klevin@nufoundation.org

Melonie Welsh
402-502-4117
mwelsh@nufoundation.org

College of Dentistry

Susan Norby
402-458-1183
snorby@nufoundation.org

College of Nursing

Kathy Wolfe
402-502-4118
kwolfe@nufoundation.org

College of Pharmacy

Patty Sherman
402-502-4114
psherman@nufoundation.org

College of Public Health

Karen Levin
402-502-4921
klevin@nufoundation.org

Eppley Cancer Center

Tom Thompson
402-502-4116
tthompson@nufoundation.org

Munroe-Meyer Institute

Melonie Welsh
402-502-4117
mwelsh@nufoundation.org

School of Allied Health Professions

Patty Sherman
402-502-4114
psherman@nufoundation.org