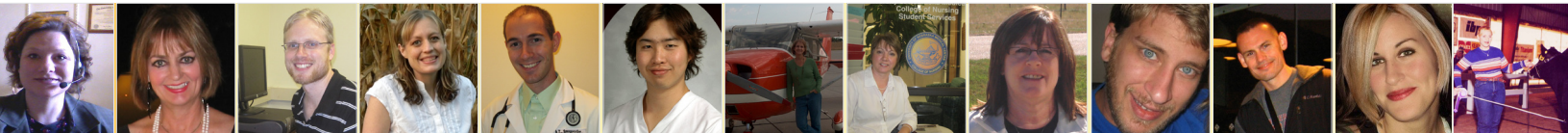




# PIPN Achievements

## 2009-2010



The PIPN program is proud to recognize the following 13 students for their recent achievements. *Currently 42 students are enrolled in the Primary Integrated Psychiatric Nursing (PIPN) graduate nurse practitioner training program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing. PIPN is a federally funded three-year grant to meet the shortage of mental health providers in the state of Nebraska.*



**Lesa Angley**  
**Bloomfield, Nebraska**  
**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Lesa Angley grew up in Bloomfield, Neb., where she currently resides in her childhood home with her two children and several dogs. She has been a psychiatric nurse since 1995 and has worked at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk and for the Nebraska-Western Iowa VA Health System PTSD clinic. She intends to practice as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in rural northeast Nebraska after completing the program.



**Dani Eveloff**  
**Council Bluffs, Iowa**  
**2009 APNA Janssen Scholar**  
**Featured in The Daily Nonpareil: "Alzheimer's Face of the Day"**

Dani Eveloff lives in western Iowa and is completing a post-master's certificate in psychiatric mental nursing and will graduate in December 2010. Her MSN is in gerontological nursing and management. Her nursing experience has been in adult inpatient psychiatric, emergency room, medical-surgical and nursing education. In August 2010, she was featured in the Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil for her work with Alzheimer's patients. She is married with two sons.



**Nicholas Guenzel**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**2010 APNA Janssen Scholar**  
**2010-2011 PIPN Graduate Assistant**

Nick Guenzel grew up and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has been a nurse for five years and worked in mental health at BryanLGH for three years. Nick is a psychiatric NP student and graduate assistant at UNMC College of Nursing. He recently started the Global Mental Health Partnership, a non-profit organization seeking to promote the exchange of information and resources. Nick will graduate in December 2010 and plans to work in adult psychiatry.



**Erica Ferrell  
Fairfield, Nebraska**

**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Erica Ferrell is originally from Shickley, Neb., and now resides in Fairfield, Nebraska. She currently serves as a family nurse practitioner at Broadstone Memorial Hospital in Superior, Neb., where she has worked for three years. She plans to provide psychiatric services to the south central region as there are currently no providers in the area. She is married and has an 18 month old son.



**Ryan Manson  
Papillion, Nebraska**

**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Ryan Manson grew up on a farm in rural eastern South Dakota. He graduated with his BSN in Nursing in May 2007 and returned to school that fall to obtain his MSN in the integrated Psychiatric Nursing/Family Practice program through UNMC. During his time at graduate school he has worked as a nurse in psychiatric nursing and urgent care. Manson plans to provide integrated care to populations in either rural South Dakota or Nebraska. He is married with no children but looks forward to starting a family soon.



**Kosuke Niitsu  
Omaha, Nebraska  
PIPN Graduate Assistant**

Kosuke Niitsu is an international student from Chiba, Japan. He received his BS in Biology from UNL in December 2007 and a BSN from UNMC College of Nursing in May 2009. He worked as a psychiatric nurse at Lasting Hope Recovery Center in Omaha, before continuing his training towards a MSN. He plans to continue his education in a doctoral program while practicing as a PMHNP in Nebraska and hopes to contribute himself globally as an ultimate goal.



**Murlene Nollmeyer  
Wood Lake, Nebraska  
Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Murlene Nollmeyer grew up in eastern Montana on a sugar beet farm. After she and her husband purchased a ranch near Wood Lake, she moved to Nebraska in 2004. Her nursing interests are geriatrics and psychiatry. She hopes to serve the rural populations in the sandhill region once she completes her MSN. She has eight children, her youngest attending a small country school. She milks a cow, flies with her husband in their small plane, does Hardanger embroidery, loves to eat muskmelon with ice cream, and is a pro at thrift store shopping.



**LaRae Olsen  
Bellevue, Nebraska  
PIPN Graduate Assistant**

LaRae Olsen was born and raised in Pocatello, Idaho. She moved to the Midwest in 1990. Her passion is working with the mentally ill and particularly those with schizophrenia and veterans suffering from PTSD. Prior to returning to graduate school, she was the Nurse Manager at Lasting Hope Recovery Center in Omaha. She has six children and three grandchildren. She enjoys the outdoors, especially fishing, camping and horseback riding and she is an avid Husker fan.

# PIPN Achievements 2009-2010



**Teri Petersen**  
**O'Neill, Nebraska**  
**Northeast Nebraska Academic Nursing Career Excellence Scholarship**  
**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Teri Petersen lives in a small town in north central Nebraska. She is currently working as a Community Health RN for Central Nebraska Community Services where she has been employed for over four years. She plans to obtain her MSN in Psychiatric Nursing in the spring of 2012 and would like to then provide psychiatric services to rural north central Nebraska. Petersen is married and has three children and twin granddaughters. She loves to spend time with her family and travel.



**Cory Rabe**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Cory Rabe was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from UNL. He then went on to pursue a BSN degree from BryanLGH College of Health Sciences. Rabe now attends UNMC College of Nursing Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program. He enjoys Husker football and spending time entertaining his dogs.

**Scott Reineke**  
**Kearney, Nebraska**  
**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Scott Reineke lives in Kearney and has worked professionally serving children with emotional and behavioral challenges in treatment group home settings and also served as a community support worker helping adults with mental illness successfully transition back home from an inpatient setting. He recently obtained his RN decided to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner. After graduation he would like to stay near Buffalo County and provide outreach services to underserved areas around Kearney. Reineke is married and has a son, age three. He enjoys running and biking.



**Megan Sanders**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**  
**PIPN Graduate Assistant**

Megan Sanders is a registered nurse and artist. Her goal is to use her background in art to enhance her practice in psychiatric services. She has a special interest in expressive therapies, and believes art is an important means of advocacy and a tool for teaching. Megan works at Lasting Hope Recovery Center in Omaha. She lives with her wonderful husband and rambunctious son.



**Jessica Sawyer**  
**Kearney, Nebraska**  
**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

Jessica Sawyer grew up in north central Nebraska. She has been a registered nurse for five years at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, and currently works in the emergency department. Sawyer will complete her MSN in the integrated Family and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program in May of 2011. She then plans to provide primary care as well as psychiatric services in a rural community. Her hobbies include singing in choir, community theatre, cooking, attending Angus cattle events and spending time on her parent's ranch.





# PIP N Faculty *Achievements* 2009-2010



**Michael J. Rice, PhD, APRN-NP, FAAN**  
**PIP N Project Director**  
**Professor, College of Nursing**

2010 Nurse Educator Award, American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)  
2010 UNMC Outstanding Teacher Award  
2010 American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Board of Directors



**Julia F. Houfek, PhD, APRN-CNS, BC**  
**PIP N Project Co-Director**  
**Associate Professor, College of Nursing**

2010 UNMC Chancellor's Silver U Award  
2009 R21 Grant Developing Genetic Education for Smoking Cessation funded by NIH, National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)



**Therese L. Mathews, PhD, APRN**  
**Assistant Professor, Munroe Meyer Institute**

2009 Munroe-Meyer Guild Grant funded for Social Skills Group for Children with High-Functioning Autism and Asperger's Disorder



**Kathleen A. Bickerstaff, MSN, APRN-PMHNP**  
**Instructor, College of Nursing**

2010 Ada M. Lindsey Professional Service Award

### **Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT)**

HRSA's AENT grant is designed to provide financial support through traineeships for registered nurses enrolled in advanced education nursing programs to prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and nurses in other specialties requiring advanced education. Based on financial grant limitations, awards were made to UNMC CON graduate students who plan to practice in rural or medically underserved areas after graduation. Award determinations were based on merit, need and post graduation service area.

### **APNA Janssen Scholarship**

The American Psychiatric Nurses Association - Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC Student Scholarship Program: Only 15 students are selected nationwide to receive this award.

### **UNMC Excellence Scholarship for a Northeast Nebraska Academic Nursing Career**

This scholarship goes to a full-time graduate student in the UNMC CON program who is from northeast Nebraska (24 counties) and is or expresses an interest in becoming a nurse educator.

### **UNMC College of Nursing Graduate Assistant**

Students are selected by the PIP N faculty to assist with research and other various duties of the project for which they receive a stipend.

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