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ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Omaha ■ Lincoln ■ Norfolk ■ Kearney ■ Scottsbluff



Dean's Message



Dear colleagues and friends,

What does one think about when planning and celebrating a Centennial? This was at the top of mind for me as we planned for the 2017-18 academic year when the College of Nursing was set to celebrate one hundred years of path-breaking nursing education, research, and practice. You will read about the amazing Centennial Planning Committee, led by Associate Professor Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN. The team included alumni, University of Nebraska Foundation staff, McGoogan Library of Medicine staff, students, faculty, and staff. They developed a full roster of ways to celebrate throughout the year, with special celebrations on each campus. Not only did we have a wonderful Gala on Oct. 14, 2017, but we had scholarly events, student-oriented events, and an update of the College of Nursing's history book to include a full one hundred years. The history book, "A Century of Academic Nursing Excellence: Transforming the Future" was edited by a talented writer from the Omaha World Herald, Dan Sullivan and designed by his colleague, Christine Zueck-Watkins. Writers included Audrey Nelson, Nancy Schneckloth (now deceased, but the author of the original College history book), Vicky Cerino, Judith Billings, myself, and my predecessors, Rosalee Yeaworth, Ada Lindsey, and Virginia Tilden. Working on this project amplified in my mind how progressive the College has been throughout the first one hundred years of its development, and the amazing opportunities we have to shape the future of nursing and health care in the course of the next one hundred years. The final event of the year was the White Coat ceremony on the Lincoln campus, in September, 2018 when students heard MSN alumna Sue Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN urge them to remember compassion along with evidence-based practice and never to forget the importance of the human connection.

Our message for you as we share this 2017-18 Annual Report is that we pledge to build all advancements, all transformative innovations, and all growth on a foundation of caring and compassion, and authentic connections with individuals, families, communities, and our global neighborhood.

Let the Second Century commence!

Juliann G. Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor



The mission of the College of Nursing is to transform lives through premier nursing education, innovative research, the highest quality health care, and promotion of health equity.

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Leadership Team

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Dean, UNMC College of Nursing

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Assistant Dean, West Nebraska Division

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Co-Director, BSN-DNP Program

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Chair, General Faculty Organization

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Director, Center for Patient, Family & Community Engagement in Chronic Care Management (CENTRIC)



A CENTURY OF ACADEMIC NURSING EXCELLENCE



Class of 1917



Class of 2017



Centennial Gala

The college has adapted nimbly over time to changing needs. In the 1940s, the college did its part to meet the huge demand for nurses, stateside and overseas, prompted by World War II. In the 1990s and into the new century, it addressed the deep national nursing shortage and the looming crisis of shortfall in nursing faculty.

Our graduation numbers reflect these efforts. More than 15,000 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees have been granted since 1917, with 80 percent of them in just the past 55 years. That figure mirrors America's postwar, Baby Boom growth. It also reflects the college's velocity in nursing science and evidence-based practice and teaching.

Throughout its history, the college has aggressively sought to improve nursing practice for health promotion and disease management. In the 1950's, it prepared nurses for the polio epidemic that threatened children and struck fear in parents. In the 1960s, it addressed an unprecedented increase in communicable diseases, drug use and mental illness – all spurred by a changing social culture and the Vietnam War.

At the end of the 20th century and into the 21st, it targeted the chronic illnesses that shorten the life of Americans – obesity, heart disease and cancer – and it tackled the new problems of the era – pandemic infections and terrorism.



 **View a photo album of the event on flickr:**
[flickr.com/photos/unmc/sets/72157688439356734/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/unmc/sets/72157688439356734/)

OMAHA



PAST Since its inception as a “division” in 2014, the Omaha Division has experienced growth in interprofessional education activities, research, and increases in faculty practice. Faculty and staff working collaboratively to carry out the CON mission have made the Omaha Division successful.

PRESENT Omaha Division undergraduate faculty were fully engaged in using the iWall in the UNMC Visualization Hub as a teaching/learning strategy. Cross-campus iWall learning activities with the West Nebraska Division in Scottsbluff allowed for interactive and hands-on learning for students. Additional activities were developed for graduate students in the LEAD Program.

The Psychiatric Nursing Special Interest Group (Psych Nursing SIG) was initiated in 2018 in collaboration with the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN). Since there is a significant shortage in psychiatric nurses in the workforce, the goal of the SIG is to stimulate interest in psychiatric nursing, particularly in undergraduate students.

Connie Miller, inaugural Omaha Division Assistant Dean, completed her final year of leadership and will be retiring at the end of the academic year.

FUTURE Amy Hoffman, PhD, RN was hired following a national search to serve as the next Assistant Dean for the Omaha Division. Dr. Hoffman will be joining us as a full professor, coming to UNMC from Michigan State University College of Nursing. We are excited about welcoming Dr. Hoffman and confident that the future of the Omaha Division is very bright!

LINCOLN



PAST The Lincoln Division opened its doors, of Fairfield Hall, fall of 1974 with 32 students enrolled in the ASN program. The BSN Program was implemented just two short years later. With the addition of the second campus came a new level of necessary communication and coordination for the College of Nursing. Location has always been a hot topic for the Lincoln campus as it was originally a front runner for the first CON campus location. For the last 25 years the division was situated in rental/leased space in multiple locations on the UNL campus and most recently at the Wells Fargo Bank Building.

PRESENT The most momentous moment of 2017-18 for the Lincoln Division was moving to a permanent location in July. The Lincoln Division is now located in a new state of the art building at 550 N. 19th Street on the UNL campus. The building is duly occupied with the University Health Center. The new location houses an iWall, high and low fidelity simulators and mannequins and optimally designed technology-focused classrooms.

FUTURE The Lincoln Division campus has three major goals. First, faculty are working to integrate active learning strategies throughout the curriculum. Second, faculty are learning both how to use all five iWall panels, as well as the high-fidelity manikins in sophisticated and realistic simulations. Third, faculty are keenly aware and cognizant that the BSN, MSN, and DNP essentials as well as the NCLEX-RN and advanced practice certification exams are in the process of being updated. Faculty will soon be making recommendations for curricular changes as indicated.

NORTHERN



PAST The Nebraska Legislature approved a proposal for a facility to be shared by the UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division and Northeast Community College in Norfolk in 2009. The Northern Division opened in the fall of 2010. Since that time, we have had over 250 students complete the traditional BSN program on our campus.

PRESENT During the 2017-2018 academic year, we have benefited from the addition of new human patient simulators; specifically, "Victoria" a high fidelity birthing manikin, for laboratory learning experiences in the undergraduate program. We also added outstanding clinical sites to our robust list of clinical partners, so that our students have optimal learning experiences.

FUTURE We look forward to adding the Accelerated BSN Program in our Division this next year, starting with a new class in January of 2019. We are very pleased that with the Accelerated BSN Program addition, the Northern Division will offer the full complement of degrees that are offered through CON UNMC. This includes BSN, RN to BSN, Accelerated BSN, and all of our Graduate Nursing Programs through the PhD.

KEARNEY



PAST The Kearney campus celebrated our 25th anniversary as part of University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and 40 years since its' inception with Kearney State College. The celebration encompassed a float entry in the University of Nebraska-Kearney homecoming parade, tour of the George W. Frank House, and an alumni luncheon. Many alumni were in attendance, from local to those representing varying regions of the United States.

We said goodbye to two of our Kearney campus faculty this year. Joella Miller retired with 37 years of service and Rita Weber with 12+ years of service. Both became faculty emeriti. We wish them well on the next phase of their life journey.

PRESENT Our multi-taction iWall is up and running! The iWall allows faculty and students to participate in active learning activities across four UNMC CON divisions, providing opportunities for synthesis and application of course concepts. In addition, the iWall fostered engagement with interprofessional learners across Nebraska and beyond to enhance patient safety and improve health outcomes. CON Kearney division continues to work to advance the addition of telehealth in the undergraduate and graduate nursing curricula to meet the needs of rural Nebraskans.

FUTURE The Kearney division continues to foster our community-academic partnerships as we join forces to educate our next generation of nurses. Through our collaborations, learners engage in clinical experiences in acute care, long term care, critical access hospitals, community and leadership. We also added two high-fidelity manikins to our simulation lab to support our growing use of simulated experiences within the curricula to advance knowledge acquisition, critical thinking and prioritization. Simulation provides the opportunity for student learning that parallels, anticipates, or augments patient situations using interactive guided case studies. As we look forward to the upcoming year, the Kearney faculty, staff and students continue our tradition of delivery of quality and excellence in education, research and service.

WEST NEBRASKA



PAST The Scottsbluff Division has humble beginnings that reach back to 1924 when the West Nebraska Methodist Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing opened its doors to four students in the newly constructed hospital. In 1986, the Nebraska Legislature appropriated funding for a West Nebraska Division of the College of Nursing.

PRESENT Fast forward to the academic year 2017-2018, and the installation of the iWall and the integration of its use into each course. Our campus faculty have excelled in the use and have created many interactive learning activities for our students and have shared our knowledge with other campuses.

The Scottsbluff Division is very community focused. The majority of our graduates have stayed in our community and they are part of the UNMC family. Rural nursing is one of our specialties. Each undergraduate student has a rural rotation and graduate students are in rural settings for their clinical practicums. We have provided outreach education to the surrounding critical access hospitals and rural communities.

FUTURE The Scottsbluff campus would love to be a part of a regional simulation center that would include our campus, the community college and area health care personnel. We envision an opportunity to provide continuing education for health care providers in the region through the iWall technology. In addition, as ambulatory care needs rise, we hope to be a part of a comprehensive residency program both for new RN graduates and for new NP/DNP graduates. This would allow us to train graduates in specialties needed in our community.

As we look toward the future we will continue to examine and redefine our "community." Our division has experienced significant growth through its outreach and recruitment to the entire region including Northern Colorado and Eastern Wyoming. We know this regional stretch adds value to our student body and program of work.

Education



Lynette Leeseberg Stamler, PhD, DLitt, recipient of the Visionary Leadership in Education Award, Office of Academic Affairs' 2017 Impact in Education Awards



“One of the biggest benefits of all the educational initiatives is the flexibility we offer to people wanting to become nurses or extend their nursing knowledge and education. This flexibility extends through time, space and delivery.”

– Lynette Leeseberg Stamler, PhD, DLitt

The Visionary Leadership in Education Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the ability to skillfully establish or administer an education initiative or role at UNMC or a national organization.



Accelerated BSN graduates, Lincoln, Dec., 2017



Kearney 40th Anniversary

Education Highlights

College of Nursing's DNP program ranked among best in nation.

RegisteredNursing.org has ranked the UNMC College of Nursing's doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.) program eighth out of 186 schools analyzed.

The UNMC College of Nursing is ranked as one of the nation's Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs by U.S. News & World Report.

In its 2018 Best Online Programs rankings, the college's graduate online nursing program is tied for 58th out of 147 schools, moving up from 61st in 2017 and 73rd in 2016.

UNMC College of Nursing accelerated and traditional bachelor's degree in nursing programs achieved a 96 percent National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate.

The national pass rate is 88 percent. The importance of pass rates goes beyond just showing how much students know. It also reflects nursing program quality.

College of Nursing heavily involved in Interprofessional Academy of Educators

Dr. Culross Named Associate Director of IAE

Dr. Culross, assistant professor and director of the Learning Resources Center for the College of Nursing has been named an associate director of the Interprofessional Academy of Educators (IAE). "We are excited to have Beth join the academy's leadership team," said Geoffrey Talmon, M.D., the academy's director. "Her perspective on the needs of boots-on-the-ground educators focus on simulation, and broad range of talents from clinical practice to her affinity for the use of educational technology will make her an invaluable asset to academy members and all faculty at UNMC."



Beth Culross, PhD

"The IAE allows us, as educators, to learn from each other, share ideas, develop best practices and make sure that the opportunities that we're providing for our students are the best they can be," Dr. Culross said. "We have a lot of different expertise across UNMC and UNO." In her leadership role, Dr. Culross plans to expand the academy's efforts throughout UNMC's 500-mile campus.

Suhasini Kotcherlakota co-chairs IAE Interest Group on Curricular Design, Instructional Methods, Assessment and Evaluation.

The group is looking at ways to improve teaching, testing and grading. Topics grow organically from group discussion, said Dr. Kotcherlakota, assistant professor at the College of Nursing, and have included the ins-and-outs of the new learning management system, testing and evaluation, how to write and apply learning objectives, and – the current topic – how to teach health professionals to communicate with their patients. The interprofessional group will deep dive into the question of "How do the individual schools teach their trainees how to communicate with patients and families?"



Suhasini Kotcherlakota, PhD

Transformational Practice and Partnerships

Continuing Nursing Education

creates engaging continuing nursing education products in Nebraska and around the globe using state-of-the-art technologies and innovative educational modalities to improve patient outcomes.

UNMC has provided continuing nursing education for over

50 years

775

live and online activities on topics covering a broad array of clinical and/or professional nursing practice topics.



The types of activities include:

- 487** live courses or conferences
- 254** online educational presentations
- 22** interactive live courses
- 15** Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS)



APPROXIMATELY 1,400 hours

of continuing education instruction to more than

14,000 learners



A State-Wide Nursing Education Model for Improving Primary Health Care in Nebraska

Dr. Kate Fiantt, Ph.D., UNMC College of Nursing professor and associate dean for transformational practice and partnerships received the award email weeks sooner than anticipated and it was exciting news! The UNMC College of Nursing (CON) received a four-year, \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration to help meet some of the new demands with a focus on engaging more registered nurses in the management of patients in outpatient settings.

After seeing the Notice of Funding Opportunity, Dr. Fiantt knew immediately she wanted the CON to apply. As a practicing nurse practitioner in primary care, she saw the definite need for specialized primary care training for RNs. Plus, she always keeps tabs on the way the business of healthcare is changing and knows the importance of the role of the enhanced nurse.

The grant will focus on three areas:

- updating UNMC undergraduate nursing curriculum to include primary care context and clinical experience;
- developing a continuing nursing education program for Nebraska nurses interested in enhancing their primary care skills; and
- creating an urban and rural nurse-managed care team to provide an innovative and intensive primary care student experience.



Kate Fiantt, PhD

Juliann Sebastian, Ph.D., dean of the UNMC College of Nursing said it best. "The grant provides an excellent opportunity for the college's three missions – education, clinical practice and research – to intersect. We are very excited to be part of this national initiative and to be able to provide our students with an innovative clinical primary care experience."

Join Us! April 5, 2019

Pursuit to Excellence: Wound, Ostomy, and Contenance Management

Scott Conference Center | 6450 Pine Street, Omaha
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 6.0 contact hours



Using its various live and distance modalities, the CON CNE serves the entire state of Nebraska, all states throughout the nation, and even international audiences.

Morehead Center for Nursing Practice

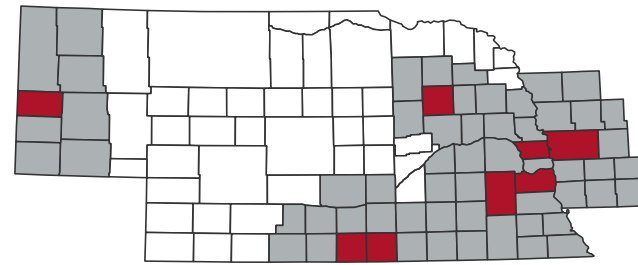
provides clinical practice as part of an academic appointment

10,500 hours of clinical and consultative practice by **26 UNMC CON faculty members** with Faculty Practice involvement on all 5 CON Campuses.



Katherine Hoffman, MSN, APRN, CPNP, BC-FNP
Instructor and Practicing Faculty

Presence statewide at 27 community and clinical agencies



Estimated
20,000 patient encounters

International Programs

assists students and faculty to develop through international experiences and visiting scholars and students.

20 UNMC nursing students visited (all together)

2 continents,
5 countries, and
6 Universities worldwide



International students having dinner with the Dean

Research and Grants

The Use of Social Media as a Recruitment Tool in Rural Nebraska

Christine Eisenhauer, PhD, APRN-CNS, PHCNS-BC, CNE, associate professor at the Northern Division of UNMC College of Nursing was supervising a clinical nursing event in rural Nebraska when she got a call from a research mentor in Omaha. Good news, her research study titled, "Engaging Rural Men with Mobile Technologies for Weight Loss. A Randomized Controlled Trial" had been funded!

At its simplest, the "Rural Men's Health Study" is a weight loss program that assists men, between the ages of 40 and 65, in self-monitoring their eating and activity through the privacy of their smartphone using an app, daily text messages, and a smart scale. Interested men will complete a health screening questionnaire by phone in determining their eligibility. Men who are enrolled in our study will be randomly selected to one of two groups.

- Half of the men will have access to the mobile technology intervention described above for 3 months.
- The other half of the men will receive the commercially available basic weight loss app only to track their eating and activity over the 3 months.
- All men will receive three in-person assessments to track their health progress over the study at baseline, 3 months, and 6 months.

Now comes the hard part, finding the interested men.

The grant's original recruitment period was set for six months using common recruitment practices like outreach to community leaders, posting flyers in communal areas such as gas stations, grocery stores, churches, job sites, schools, agricultural businesses, radio announcements, newspaper advertisements and clinician referral.

In an effort to connect with her hard to reach target audience of rural Nebraska men, Dr. Eisenhauer, extended her recruitment period and harnessed the power of social media. In what turned out to be her most effective recruitment tool, Dr. Eisenhauer's social media campaign reached over 16,000 individuals in a three month period with a price tag totaling just \$300. Of those 16,000 individuals reached, over 400 of them clicked through the ad to the "Rural Men's Health Study" website. Dr. Eisenhauer's advice to fellow researchers, "seriously consider how far and wide you can reach with a targeted social media recruitment campaign, and don't be afraid to use the technology that your recruits are already using!"

"This research was supported by the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institute of Health under award number R15NR017522".

Publications

85 articles and book chapters published in 68 different journals

45 faculty members listed as an author

4 students listed as author on publications



A complete listing of 2017 publications can be found at:
unmc.edu/nursing/research/research-publications/index.html

Active Research Grants

\$7.6 MILLION in funding for 2017-2018

 **25**
ACTIVE EDUCATION
& RESEARCH GRANTS

 **21** DIFFERENT SOURCES
OF FUNDING
16 external & 5 internal



Trina Aguirre

Research Interest: Obesity, Rural Hispanic and Native American Populations
Primary Funding Source: RFI
Total Award: \$74,647



Ann Berger

Research Interest: Cancer-Related Fatigue, Chemotherapy Related Changes in Neurocognition
Primary Funding Sources: ONS, FPBCC
Total Awards: \$64,277



Windy Alonso

Research Interest: Heart Failure
Primary Funding Source: HFSA
Total Award: \$10,000



Lynne Buchanan

Research Interest: Nursing Practice & Training
Primary Funding Source: HRSA
Total Award: \$1,477,791



Beth Burbach

Research Interest: Simulation Technology
Primary Funding Source: INACS
Total Award: \$1,000



Nick Guenzel

Research Interest: Mental Health Disparities
Primary Funding Source: APNF
Total Award: \$10,000



Claudia Chaperon

Research Interest: Inter-professional Education
Primary Funding Source: University of Minnesota
Total Award: \$50,000



Kathy Hanna

Research Interest: Nursing Practice & Training
Primary Funding Source: Jonas
Total Award: \$10,000



Mary Cramer

Research Interest: Evaluation of Community Based Programs
Primary Funding Source: NIH/CS CASH/IDeA CTR
Total Award: \$341,762



Breanna Hetland

Research Interest: Self-Management in ICU Care
Primary Funding Sources: ANF, AACN
Total Awards: \$59,412



Christine Eisenhauer

Research Interest: Health Promotion, Rural Health
Primary Funding Source: NIH/NINR
Total Award: \$380,556



Suhasini Kotcherlakota

Research Interest: Technology, Simulation
Primary Funding Source: CON Seed, IAE
Total Award: \$8,521

Active Research Grants



Robin Lally

Research Interest: Breast Cancer
Primary Funding Sources: IDeA CTR, FPBCC, Health Disparities
Total Awards: \$120,723



Jill Reed

Research Interest: Weight Loss, Rural Populations
Primary Funding Source: CTR-MSP
Total Award: \$25,000



Rita McGuire

Research Interest: Heart Failure
Primary Funding Source: ANF
Total Award: \$30,000



Nancy Waltman

Research Interest: Postmenopausal Bone Loss
Primary Funding Source: NIH
Total Award: \$2,194,290



Tiffany Moore

Research Interest: Oxidative Stress, Perinatal Stress/Disease
Primary Funding Source: Edna Ittner
Total Award: \$35,000



Susan Wilhelm

Research Interest: Motivation Interviewing, Breastfeeding Support
Primary Funding Sources: AWHONN & CON
Total Awards: \$15,000



Bunny Pozehl

Research Interest: Heart Failure
Primary Funding Source: NIH/NHLBI
Total Award: \$2,640,154



ChiChi Zimmerman

Research Interest: Symptom Management in CABG
Primary Funding Source: Hearst
Total Award: \$150,000

Welcoming New Faculty

Kearney Division

Douglas Haas MSN, APRN-NP, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC
 Carol Wahl, DNP, RN
 Kathryn Wunder, MSN, RN

Lincoln Division

LeAnn Holmes, DNP, APRN-NP, FAANP
 Diane McMurray, MSN, RN
 Sheri Rowland, PhD, APRN-BC, FNP

West Nebraska Division

Barb Nickel, MSN, RN, APRN-CNS

Omaha Division

Windy Alonso, PhD, RN
 Dena Behrns, MSN, RN
 Neika Coughlin, MSN, RN, APRN-NP
 Mark, Darby, MSN, RN, APRN-NP, FNP-C
 AnneMarie DeVoll-Zabrocki, DNP, RN, APRN-NP
 Kristin Dickinson, PhD, RN, OCN
 Margaret Emerson, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC
 Breanna Hetland, PhD, RN, CCRN-K
 Patricia Hotaling, BSN, RN-BC
 Paula Schaefer, MSN, RN, APRN-NP
 Wilma Schuermann, MSN, RN
 Amy Shrum, MSN, RN
 Meyokia Smith, MSN, RN

Honors and Promotions

College of Nursing Promotions (effective 7/1/17)

Janet Cuddigan - Professor

Nipissing University awards honorary doctor letters

Lynnette Leeseberg Stamler, PhD, DLitt.

Heidi Keeler, PhD, RN, Kati Bravo, PhD, RN, Amy Ford, DNP, APRN-NP, WHNP-BC, and Leeza Struwe each were appointed to the UNMC Graduate Faculty.

Kathy Hanna, PhD, RN, Carol Wilson Endowed Chair in Nursing received a UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award for the important research she is doing.

Voluntary faculty appointments were extended to **Theresa Franco, Julie Lazure, Connie Ogden, Shelly Schwedhelm and Dawn Straub**, all nurse leaders at Nebraska Medicine.

Connie Miller, PhD, RN, Associate Professor and the inaugural Assistant Dean for the Omaha Division retired at the end of the 2017-18 year.

Faculty and Staff Awards

College of Nursing Annual Faculty and Staff Awards

Ada M. Lindsey Professional Service Award

Tiffany Moore

Distinguished TEAM Award

Centennial Planning Committee
Audrey Nelson (Chair), Rebecca Keating-Lefler, LaDonna Tworek, Lisa Muschall, John Barrier and Julie Sebastian, Deidra Shephard-Calloway, Amy Thimm, Katherine Hamilton & Catherine Mello, Vicky Cerino, Dawn Nevarez & Tom Waples and John Schleicher

Donna Westmoreland Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

Beth Burbach

Kathryn Sandahl Philp Creativity and Innovation Award

Annette Kasselmann

Pennie Z. Davis Faculty Research Award

Christine Eisenhauer

Spirit of Shared Governance

Teresa Hultquist

Staff Excellence Award

Stacey Powers

Staff Leadership Award

Lori Turner

Staff Spirit Award

Bobbi Hartshorn

The Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award

Rita Weber

The Rosalee C. Yeaworth Excellence in Teaching Award

Susan Wilhelm

UNMC Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mary C. Sullivan

UNMC Alumni Association Nursing Excellence Award

Douglass Haas

College of Nursing Hall of Fame Induction Awards

Kathryn E. Barnard
Susan B. Hassmiller
Beatrice J. Kalisch
Joan M. Lappe
Major General (Ret.) Kimberly A. Siniscalchi
Gladys E. Sorensen
Carol M. Wilson

College of Nursing Dorothy Hodges Olson Chair in Nursing (appointed)

Bunny Pozehl

College of Nursing Emeritus Appointments

Karen Schumacher – July 2017
Marlene Cohen – January 2018
Julie Houfek – January 2018
Connie Miller – July 2018

College of Nursing Making a Difference Staff Awards

Lori Cooley – April 2018
Stacey Powers – April 2018
Lori Turner – April 2018
Juli Bohnenkamp – January 2018
Gloria Geiselman – January 2018
Stacey Powers – January 2018
Barbara Hoover-Schultz – October 2017
Cara Mouw – October 2017
Jill Thewke – October 2017

Journal of Gerontological Nursing Edna Stillwell Writing Award

Marcia Shade

March of Dimes 2017 Top 25 Nurse Award

Connie Miller

Midwest Nursing Research Society Distinguished Researcher Award from the Symptom Science Research Interest Group

Ann Berger

National Association of Neonatal Nurses Clinical Abstract Award

Tiffany Moore

National Rural Health Association Fellow (Accepted into the Program)

Windy Alonso

Nebraska Nurse Practitioner Conference Advocate to Nurse Practitioner Award

LeAnn Holmes

UNMC Interprofessional Academy of Educators (Inducted)

Claudia Chaperon
Cathrin Carithers
Beth Culross
Heidi Keeler
Missy Ofe Fleck

UNMC Silver "U" Award Recipients

Beth Beam - June, 2018
Cynthia Skye - January, 2018
Linda Dobson - September, 2017

UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award

Kathleen Hanna

UNMC Visionary Leadership in Education Award

Lynnette Leeseberg Stampler

Student Recognition

March of Dimes Awards Ceremony Student Recognition

Leah Grovijohn – Northern Division
Dhanya Mathew – Omaha Division
Allison Hansen – Lincoln Division

Johnson & Johnson Minority Faculty Scholar

Carli Zegers – Doctoral student

Midwest Nursing Research Society Outstanding Dissertation Award

Windy Alonso (postdoc student)

Midwest Nursing Research Society PhD Student Poster Award (first place)

Dilorom Djalilova

Midwest Nursing Research Society Sally Lusk Dissertation Research Award

Lisa Krabbenhoft

Midwest Nursing Research Society Outstanding Dissertation Award

Pallav Deka

CHI Health St. Francis Good Catch Certificate

Chelsea Wickard – Kearney Division

Society of Behavioral Medicine Meritorious Student Abstract Award

Fabiana Brito Silva

UNMC E-Learning Award

Kaitlin Maasdam
Abigail Simende
Travis Thuringer
Victoria Tran
Emperatriz Bega Morales
Laura Pivovar
Abby Crouch
Dhanya Mathew

UNMC College of Nursing Alumni Council 2017-2018 Academic Year

The College of Nursing Alumni Council is one of seven councils of the UNMC Alumni Association. It is a non-profit organization with a mission to: promote and support the programs and philosophy of the UNMC College of Nursing, to maintain communication and networking with alumni and students of the five campuses of the College, recognize alumni, students and others for outstanding achievements in nursing, encourage promotion of the profession, provide opportunities for students and alumni to network and exchange mutual professional and personal support, preserve the College of Nursing History, including artifacts and the Museum, and enhance the status of the College within the University, communities, and state.

President: Rita K. Schmitz, MSN '83, RN

The 2017-2018 academic year was an exciting one, as the College celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The theme for the year was, A Century of Academic Nursing Excellence: Transforming the Future. Activities were held on each campus with a signature gala held in Omaha on Friday, October 20, 2017.

More than 240 alumni, students, and friends of the college gathered to celebrate and toast to the second century. Two outstanding alumni were honored with awards; Mary C. Sullivan, PhD, RN, FAAN '81 was honored with the Distinguished Alumna Award and Douglass Haas, MSN, APRN-NP, AGACNP-BC, CCRN '09, '15, the Nursing Excellence Award.

The college also created a Hall of Fame and inducted these inaugural members:

- Kathryn E. Barnard, PhD, RN, FAAN '60
- Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN '83
- Beatrice J. Kalisch, PhD, RN, FAAN '65
- Joan M. Lappe, PhD, RN, FAAN '81, '92
- Gladys E. Sorensen, EdD, RN, FAAN '45
- Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi '88
- Carol M. Wilson, MA, RN '51



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Fund will benefit College of Nursing students today and tomorrow

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Nursing has a long and colorful history. From the first class of 13 women in 1917 to the approximately 1,100 students currently enrolled, the college has been at the forefront of the evolution of the nursing profession in Nebraska, the nation and internationally.

With campuses in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk and Scottsbluff, the College of Nursing is the largest and most far-reaching of UNMC's six colleges. It offers comprehensive bachelor's, master's, post-master's and doctoral degrees as well as continuing nurse education.

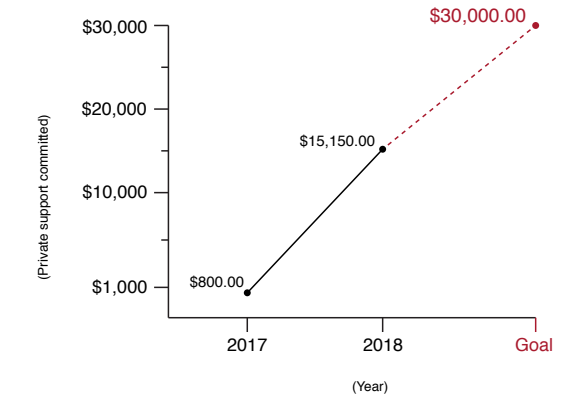
For more than 100 years, UNMC College of Nursing has been a leader, not only in training the nurses of tomorrow but also continuing to educate and help advance the nurses of today. The college has expanded its reach in research, education and practice and is recognized among the top nursing schools in creating, testing and teaching innovative models for excellent nursing and health care.

A statewide and national shortage of nurses is currently exacerbated by a similar shortage of nursing faculty. And, the race to meet the tsunami demand for nurses brought on by the aging of baby boomers is slowed by an aging R.N. and instructor population.

In recognition of the UNMC College of Nursing's 100th anniversary in 2017 and in preparation for its next 100 years, the college created the Second Century Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation. Gifts to this fund will provide student scholarships and funds to assist nursing students who want to understand global health by studying abroad, as well as technology, improved teaching techniques and faculty training.

Gifts to the Second Century Fund will bring the college closer to its goal of endowing the fund at the required \$30,000 level, thus providing student support in perpetuity. To date, the college's alumni and friends have contributed \$15,150 to the fund.

College of Nursing Second Century Fund Total Giving



Donations will not only positively impact students' academic experiences today, but well into the future, allowing the college to train more faculty and subsequently more nurses, to meet the looming demands for them across the spectrum of health care.

To make a gift, please contact the University of Nebraska Foundation's Cam Bexten at camtrice.bexten@nufoundation.org, 402-502-4138 or 800-432-3216. The College of Nursing is grateful for continued support of our students and future alumni.



In Memorium

Long-time faculty member passes away at age 94.

Muriel Munchrath, an emeritus faculty member of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing died on December 27, 2017 at the age of 94. She was an assistant professor in Continuing Nursing Education from 1970 until she retired in 1990. She served in the United States Air Force as a nurse in active duty and reserves during the Korean and Vietnam wars and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Muriel received her diploma in nursing from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Lincoln in 1947, her BSN from Loyola University of Chicago in 1957 and her MSN from the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago in 1968. She was a strong supporter of the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and was a charter member in the Alpha Beta Chapter and the Gamma Pi Chapter. Muriel will be remembered fondly as a mentor, champion of nursing education and a Nebraska football fan.

UNMC College of Nursing mourns the loss of the following alumni:

1930s

Edythe Moore '39 – December 2, 2017

1940s

Eunice Goldner '44 – August 2, 2017
Betty Dalby '47 – September 13, 2017
Lucille Kennedy '46 – October 9, 2017
Ruth Ann Vogel '45 – October 28, 2017
Irene Traphagan '43 – February 12, 2018
Eleanor Jensen '46 – March 12, 2018
Joan Harvey '46 – March 24, 2018
Martha Eskov '48 – May 3, 2018

1950s

Julie Schaar '59 – August 30, 2017
Louise E. Longnecker '51 – September 1, 2017
Joan Huffer '54 – September 29, 2017
Norma L. Giddings '53 – November 23, 2017
Virginia G. Golodetz '53 – December 17, 2017
Greta L. Chleboun '55 – December 17, 2017
Mary C. Owen '59 – December 27, 2017
Loretta J. Little '58 – January 2018
Frances J. Bauer '51 – January 21, 2018
Beverly Hoagland '53 – February 5, 2018

Nursing Benefactor Audrey Solberg Smith passes away at age 91.

Audrey Solberg Smith, who established the Audrey Solberg Smith Distinguished Lectureship for Teaching Excellence at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, died at the age of 91 on January 14, 2018 in Washington state. Mrs. Solberg Smith graduated with a degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska School of Nursing in 1947, and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the UNMC College of Nursing in 1965. The endowment she established in 2008, at the 60th anniversary of her graduation, provides an annual lectureship to promote learning skills and outstanding teaching at the UNMC College of Nursing.

1960s

Marilyn McCubbin '60 – March 1, 2018

1970s

Richard Harper '76 – January 31, 2018
Donnalee Lewis '72 – March 28, 2018
Lynne Kulisek '72 – May 28, 2018

1980s

Jeanne M. Fox '84 – September 17, 2017
Sheryl A. Hanssen '86 – September 29, 2017
Judith A. Mooberry '86 – October 2, 2017
LaVonne R. Ruley '80 – December 27, 2017
Tracy Sells '89 – March 11, 2018

1990s

Jennifer J. Grosse '96 – December 7, 2017
June E. Dail '92 – January 23, 2018

2000s

Loretta D. Belknap '10 – October 8, 2017





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