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Cardiovascular Interventional Technologists inject dye into blood vessels and take special images. These images show how well the blood vessel is working, and the techs use them during various treatments.

Clinical Perfusionists run a complicated machine that works like a person's heart and lungs. This keeps a person alive while their heart is stopped for open-heart surgery. The perfusionist also runs equipment that saves and cleans blood during operations.

Computed Tomography Technologists use special X-rays to take pictures of very thin layers of bones and organs inside the body and look for injury or disease.

Cytotechnologists look at cells from various parts of the human body under a microscope. They find different infections, diseases, and cancers.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers use special machines that send sound waves into a patient's body. The sound waves, which are too high to hear, do not hurt the body, but they can make pictures that help understand organs and find diseases.

Genetic Counselors are trained in genetics and counseling. They teach and support people who might get or have a genetic disease.

Health professions educators are scholarly leaders who transfer skills related to interprofessional instruction, the science of teaching & learning and innovative teaching methods to the next generation of educators.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists use a machine with a large magnet connected to a computer. The machine makes pictures of organs and structures inside the body to help find diseases or injuries.

Medical Laboratory Scientists use special equipment to perform many different laboratory tests on fluids taken from a patient. These include blood, saliva, or urine. The tests identify and help treat diseases.

Medical Nutrition Therapists (Registered Dietitian Nutritionists) are experts on food and nutrition. They use nutrition science to assess status, to help people stay healthy, and to treat chronic diseases.

Occupational Therapists help patients who have diseases or injuries get better at the things everyone does every day to take care of themselves. These include eating, bathing, toileting, and working.

Physical Therapists use exercises to help people walk and move better, when they are hurt or have diseases. They use special equipment, strengthening, stretching, and other exercises.

Physician Assistants work with doctors to help patients get better. They do checkups, find illness or diseases, prescribe medicines, help perform surgeries, and talk with patients about their care.

Radiation Therapists give daily treatments to people who have cancer. They use special equipment to give the right amount of radiation to the exact area of a patient's body.

Radiographers use special machines that take X-rays to make pictures of tissues, organs, bones, and vessels inside the human body.

Together in Health

Pledge for Allied Health Professionals

I pledge and commit myself to the ethical, responsible, and diligent practice of my profession. I will respect and uphold the laws that govern my profession and adhere to its ethical principles.

I pledge faithfully to honor the inherent dignity of all, to treat those who depend on my help with respect, consideration, and appreciation for our diversities.

I pledge always to protect the rights and confidentiality of those who seek my help, and to act only for their benefit.

I pledge continually to strive to learn, to further my professional competence, and to share my knowledge with those who seek it.

I pledge always to serve to the best of my ability, to conduct myself with dignity, and to place service to humankind before personal or material gain.

With honor and pride, I commit myself to my profession.

**COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HONORS CONVOCATION**

**CHI Health Center
Omaha, Nebraska
Friday, May 6, 2022**

PROCESSIONAL CAHP Marshals
Lea Lambing, BS, RT(R), RDMS, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Faculty
Mike Wellsandt, PT, DPT, OCS, Physical Therapy Faculty

DEAN'S WELCOME Teresa Cochran, PT, DPT, MA, GCS, FNAP
Assistant Dean, Health Science Education Complex
Kyle P. Meyer, PhD, MS, PT, FASAHP
Dean

RECOGNITION OF CAHP ANNIVERSARY Janice Tompkins, MPH, MT(ASCP)
Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion

PRESENTATION OF CAHP AWARDS Laura Bilek, PT, PhD
Associate Dean for Research
Kim Michael, MA, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
Chair, Wellbeing and Recognition Committee

ALUMNI WELCOME Kevin McGuire, MHPTT, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
President, UNMC College of Allied Health Professions Alumni Engagement Council

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT ADDRESS Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP)
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

STUDENT ADDRESS Ellie Brouillette, Phillip Palmer, Devon Dohrman,
Alexa Harris, Brayden Martin
Class of 2022

PRESENTATION & HOODING OF GRADUATES Tammy Webster, PhD, MPA, RT(R)(M), FAEIRS
Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs

CARDIOVASCULAR INTERVENTIONAL Michael Dutt, MHPTT, RT(R)(MR)
TECHNOLOGY Program Coordinator

CLINICAL PERFUSION Hooded By: Scott Sanderson, MPS, CCP, LP,
Program Director
Amber Lickert, MPS, CCP, LP, Faculty

CYTOTECHNOLOGY Maheswari Mukherjee, PhD, MSc, BPT, CT(ASCP)^{CM}
Program Director

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY Kim Michael, MA, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
Program Director

GENETIC COUNSELING Hooded By: Holly Zimmerman, MS, CGC
Program Director
Sara Fisher, MS, LCGC, Faculty

HEALTH PROFESSIONS TEACHING Hooded By: Tanya Custer, MS, RT(R)(T)
AND TECHNOLOGY Program Director
Kim Michael, MA, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS, Faculty

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING Stephanie Vas, MA, RT(R)(CT)(MR), MRSO
Program Director

MEDICAL IMAGING & THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES Tanya Custer, MS, RT(R)(T)
Program Director

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE.....Karen Honeycutt, PhD, MEd, MASCP, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}MS^{CM}
Program Director

PHYSICAL THERAPY Betsy Becker, PT, DPT, PhD, CLT-LANA
Program Director
Hooded By: Megan Frazee, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, FAAOMPT, Faculty
Ka-Chun (Joseph) Siu, PhD, Faculty

RADIATION THERAPY Jana Koth, MPH, RT(R)(T)
Clinical Education Coordinator

RADIOGRAPHY Alisha Wright, MHPTT, BS, RT(R)
Interim Program Director

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Reba Benschoter, PhD
Professor Emeritus and Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions (1985-1995)
Mary Haven, MS
Professor Emeritus and Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions (1995-2006)

PLEDGE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP)
PRESENTATION OF CLASS

College of Allied Health Professions Award Recipients

Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award

James Janzen, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, SH(ASCP)^{CM}

Clinical Coordinator – Hematology/Coagulation

Medical Laboratory Sciences, Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, & Therapeutic Sciences

The Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award recognizes a clinical preceptor who has demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching and has made significant contributions to the educational development of future allied health professionals.



Excellence in Teaching Award

Kevin McGuire, MHPTT, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Assistant Professor and Chemistry Coordinator

Medical Laboratory Sciences, Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, & Therapeutic Sciences

The Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes a faculty member who is outstanding in the areas of directing learning, advising students, facilitating human relations, and promoting improvement of educational quality.



Outstanding Service to the Allied Health Professions

Michael J. Kozak, M.Ed

Instructional Designer

UNMC Academic Technologies

The award for Outstanding Service to the Allied Health Professions honors individuals whose contributions have been significant to the education of allied health professions students as well as the advancement of the professions.



Significance in Research Award for a Junior Researcher

Jana Ponce, PhD, RD, LMNT

Associate Professor

Medical Nutrition Education, Department of Medical Services

The Significance in Research Award for a Junior Researcher honors a junior faculty member whose research has added emerging knowledge to the scientific, clinical, and/or educational community.



Innovative Scholarship Award

Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Interprofessional Academy of Educators Team:

Kate Wampler, MA, RT(R), RDMS, RVT
Clinical Education Coordinator and Assistant Professor
Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, &
Therapeutic Sciences



Christopher J. Smith, MD
Associate Professor
Division of Hospital Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, UNMC
College of Medicine



Tabatha Holtz Matthias, DO
Assistant Professor
Division of Hospital Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, UNMC
College of Medicine



Kim Michael, MA, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
Program Director and Professor, Anderson Distinguished Professor
Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, &
Therapeutic Sciences



The Innovative Scholarship Award honors faculty who demonstrate ingenuity and creativity in the development of new methods or ideas resulting in the revision or improvement of a process or the creation of a new educational, clinical, or scholarly product.

Academic Regalia

Academic Hood

Hooding is a special recognition for candidates receiving masters or doctoral degrees. The placement of the hood on the graduate is symbolic of their success in completing the rigorous requirements of their graduate educational program. Hoods date back to early medieval academic attire. The colors of the hood indicate the academic area in which the degree is held as well as the academic institution awarding the degree.

Academic Cord

An academic cord is awarded to graduates to represent academic or non-academic achievement or membership to a group or society. There are two types of academic cords represented in our ceremony today.

Students wearing the green cord have completed a post-baccalaureate certificate, having entered UNMC with an undergraduate degree already. The green color indicates the academic area in which the certificate is awarded.

Students wearing the blue, green and white cord are Nebraska AHEC Scholars. The Nebraska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program is a competitive two-year program for health profession students who want to practice health care in rural or underserved areas. AHEC Scholars participate in over 80 hours of didactic and community-based training. AHEC Scholars gain lifetime connections with health professionals in a variety of disciplines and work as an interdisciplinary team to gain access to real world experience beyond the classroom, preparing them to better serve the rural and underserved communities across Nebraska.

Honors Medallion

Students wearing medallions are graduating with academic honors. These honors designations are awarded based on the student's cumulative GPA for professional coursework completed as part of their current UNMC professional program and are calculated during the semester in which they graduate. Students graduating with honors will be wearing a medallion, indicating one of three tiers of exceptional academic performance. The color of the ribbon holding the honors medallion signifies the various levels of distinction, as detailed below:

Distinction (GPA: 3.7-3.79) is signified by a solid red ribbon, High Distinction (GPA: 3.8-3.89) is signified by a solid white ribbon, Highest Distinction (GPA: 3.9 & above) is signified by a red and white ribbon.

Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

The Alpha Eta Society is a national honor society for the allied health professions. The intent of the Society is to promote and recognize scholarly and clinical excellence, leadership, and potential for contributions to the allied health professions. The Society's motto, "Together We Serve," is a reflection of the collective role and value of the allied health professions. The honorary society was founded in 1973, and the then School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center established a Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society in 1994.

Application to the Alpha Eta Society is a highly competitive process contingent upon strong academic performance while at UNMC. Candidates for membership must demonstrate leadership, sustained excellence in both academic and clinical studies, and a capacity for achievement in their chosen allied health profession. No more than 20% of any graduating class may be inducted into the Society in any given year. Inductees are awarded a special pin and certificate, and can be considered for one of the society's awards presented annually.

2022 Graduates by Program

(In order of presentation)

Cardiovascular Interventional Technology Education

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Cardiovascular Interventional Technology

Briggs Bowen (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Council bluffs, Iowa

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska Medicine CVIT Sponsorship

Briggs would like to thank his family for their support throughout the program.

Clinical Perfusion Education

Master of Perfusion Science Degree

Joshua T. Baxter

Hometown: Nibley, Utah

Joshua would like to thank his parents, friends, and classmates for their ongoing support.

Riley T. Baxter

Hometown: New Plymouth, Idaho

Michael Allyn Bohn

Hometown: Ravenna, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
ACCP Student Ambassador - Secretary

Michael would like to thank his wife Jessica and his family for believing and supporting him.

Breanna Cullar

Hometown: Lakewood, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Breanna would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Hannah Eloise Davies

Hometown: Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Welsh Home Scholarship

Hannah would like to thank her friends and family: Harry, Ruth, Alyssa, and Jake for their support.

Kelley A. Fuller

Hometown: Daytona Beach, Florida

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Kelley would like to thank her family and friends for all the love and support she received.

Clinical Perfusion Education continued

Francesca Grace Henrichs

Hometown: DuBois, Pennsylvania

Francesca would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Donald R. Johnson

Hometown: Richfield, Minnesota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Donald would like to thank his biggest supporters, Lora and Brooks.

Emily Look

Hometown: Saint Louis, Missouri

Emily would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Brayden Martin

Hometown: Middleton, Idaho

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Brayden would like to thank his family, especially his wife Jessica, for their love and support.

Kalli Milestone

Hometown: Racine, Wisconsin

Kalli would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Nicole Christine Ohlde (High Distinction)

Hometown: Linn, Kansas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Nicole would like to thank her family for all their support throughout her education.

Macoy A. Rasmussen (High Distinction)

Hometown: Elkhorn, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

National Perfusion Society Scholarship

Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Macoy would like to thank his parents for their support.

Julia Christine Robson

Hometown: Pickerington, Ohio

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Clinical Perfusion Education continued

Megan Melissa Roth

Hometown: Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska Perfusion Society Scholarship

Rachel Ann Schultz

Hometown: Mankato, Minnesota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Rachel would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

Tyler Fredrick Wieland

Hometown: Naperville, Illinois

Tyler would like to thank his wife, Colleen, for her continuous love and support.

Cytotechnology Education[†]

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Cytotechnology

Dala Ahmed

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Sepideh Asgari

Hometown: Berkeley, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Sepideh would like to thank her son for allowing her to pursue her interest in science.

Emedi T. Babele

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Catherine Ray Buck*

Hometown: McKinney, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Kaitlyn P. Buhlig

Hometown: Springfield, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Kaitlyn would like to thank her amazing family, friends, and mentors for all of their support.

* In Absentia

[†] Requirements will be completed and degree awarded in August, 2022.

Cytotechnology Education continued

Amber Monique Carreras*

Hometown: Mesa, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Amber thanks her mom and husband for their support and patience.

Marc Centofante*

Hometown: Tampa, Florida

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Samantha Alexis Iguban Chavez*

Hometown: Frisco, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Samantha would like to thank all of her loved ones for their support.

Mariam Fouad

Hometown: Skokie, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Jonathan Mark Garcia*

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Emma Belle Jennings

Hometown: Hartland, Vermont

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Emma is grateful for those who supported her through difficult times and through this career change.

Kelsey Lorraine Klein

Hometown: Lakeland, Florida

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Kelsey would like to thank her late "papa" and family for their love + inspiration. This was for you.

Isabell Kosc

Hometown: Plainfield, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Isabell would like to thank her family for their constant support throughout her program.

* In Absentia

Cytotechnology Education continued

Henry Lam

Hometown: Elk Grove, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Henry Lam would like to thank his family and friends for their never ending support and love.

Savannah V. Lopes*

Hometown: Mansfield, Massachusetts

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Amnah Majeed

Hometown: Katy, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Amnah would like to thank her mom and sisters for their support and encouragement.

Deanna A. Medina*

Hometown: Apopka, Florida

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Deanna would like to thank her family, friends and professors for their support during this program.

Elizabeth Miller

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Liz would like to thank her husband Braidan, family and friends for their support.

Dipakkumar Prajapati

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Dipak would like to thank his family for their support.

Brooke Retherford

Hometown: Cape Coral, Florida

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Brooke would like to thank her friends, family, instructors, and her site coordinator.

* In Absentia

Cytotechnology Education continued

Monique J. Sanderson*

Hometown: Elkhart, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: ASCP Scholarship
Charles R. O'Malley Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Gudmundsen Statewide Scholarship
Springfield Memorial Health Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Monique Sanderson would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support.

Allison Louisa Sedillos*

Hometown: Silver City, New Mexico

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Kelly R. Segerson

Hometown: Tempe, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Kelly would like to thank Val, Chuck, Nick, Julia, and Baby Taylor for all their love and support!

Yasmeen-Kuuipu Foronda Storey*

Hometown: Gilbert, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Heidi Wootten-Douglas

Hometown: Charlottesville, Virginia

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Heidi would like to thank her family, friends, teachers, and classmates for their support.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Education[†]

*Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences*

Lindsey Heather Bates*

Hometown: Eugene, Oregon

Lindsey would like to thank Mathias, Jenny, and Tim for their support and love each and every day.

* In Absentia

[†] Requirements will be completed and degree awarded in August, 2022.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Education continued

Anna Marie Bohling

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Megan Conroy

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Stephanie Ceballos Eddy

Hometown: Republican City, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

Steph would like to thank her friends, family and scholarship for always believing in her capabilities.

Jaiden Einspahr

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Gracie Jae Grote

Hometown: Overton, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Charles R. O'Malley Scholarship
Lucy Menebroker Scholarship
CHI Scholarship
ASRT Professional Advancement Scholarship

Gracie would like to thank her family, friends and the UNMC faculty for their love and support.

Sarah Jo Hawk

Hometown: Ewing, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Wilbur L. & Valerie E. Moon Medical Scholarship

Sarah would like to send a special thanks to Jake, her parents, and her sisters for their constant support.

Bailey Ashley Kachel

Hometown: Albany, Oregon

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: UNMC College of Allied Health Professions Dean's List

I want to thank my family for their never-ending support, love, and encouragement.

Kayla Marie Sanchez

Hometown: Mitchell, Nebraska

Kayla would like to thank God, her family, and her friends for their support throughout this program.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Education continued

Jaidyn S. Zong

Hometown: Springfield, Oregon

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: UNMC College of Allied Health Professions Dean's List

Jaidyn would like to thank Haizlee for being patient during school and sharing her mom. :)

Genetic Counseling Education

Master of Genetic Counseling Degree

Rose Marie Bishop (High Distinction)

Hometown: Great Meadows, New Jersey

Rose would like to thank her family, friends, and classmates for all their support and love!

Rachel M. Horstmeyer (High Distinction)

Hometown: Loveland, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alice Friedlander Scholarship

Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship

Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

NSGC Prenatal Special Interest Group (SIG) Grant Award

NSGC Health IT Special Interest Group (SIG) Grant Award

Rachel is incredibly grateful for the support of her family and especially the GC class of 2022!

Ashlynn Kimball Larsen (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Olathe, Kansas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alice Friedlander Scholarship

Ashlynn would like to thank her husband, family, and grandfather for their unwavering support.

Alexandra Gabriel Rezek (High Distinction)

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Peggy (Margaret) Kolodziej Memorial Scholarship

NSGC Pediatric and Clinical Special Interest Group (SIG) Grant Award

Thank you to those who helped her be fearless in the pursuit of what sets her soul on fire.

Hannah Suzanne Steber (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Wentzville, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Hannah would like to thank her parents, sisters, and friends for their support.

Genetic Counseling Education continued

Angela Nicole Vito (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Crystal Lake, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Marjorie Merwin Simons Scholarship
Friedland Family Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Angela would like to thank her family for their unending support throughout her academic journey.

Katelyn Jane Watkin (High Distinction)

Hometown: Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

Kate is grateful for the love and support from her parents, grandma, family, and friends.

Michelle Lynn Willes (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Michelle is grateful for the support of her wonderful husband, Richard, her family, and her cohort.

Health Professions Teaching and Technology *Master of Health Professions Teaching and Technology Degree*

Elizabeth Marie Brouillette (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: York, Nebraska

Ellie would like to thank her family, friends, and co-workers for their love & encouragement.

Krista Skidmore Lewis (Distinction)

Hometown: Valley, Nebraska

Krista thanks her family, friends, peers and students for their patience, encouragement and support.

Sarah Ann Sprinkle (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Sarah would like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement.

Chelsea Zimmerman (High Distinction)

Hometown: Reading, Pennsylvania

Chelsea would like to thank all those who contributed to supporting her through her second masters!

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Education

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Lawrence Boahen (Distinction)

Hometown: Orange, New Jersey

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Hawthorn Foundation Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Lawrence would like to thank his family, friends and the Hawthorn Foundation for their support.

Megan Lynn Capal

Hometown: North Platte, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Abbie and Elmer Gudmundsen Scholarship
Jane V. Kurtiss Revocable Trust Scholarship

Megan will like to thank her family for their support.

Daeja Jo Ford (Distinction)

Hometown: Homer, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Daeja would like to thank her family and classmates for all their support throughout the program.

Caroline Hannah Hahn (High Distinction)

Hometown: Utica, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Caroline would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support throughout the program.

Hannah LaRae Kohl (Distinction)

Hometown: McCook, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Colonel Delbert Townsend Scholarship
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Hannah would like to thank her parents, fiancé, and friends for their support and encouragement.

Kylie Nicole Schnell (High Distinction)

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Kylie would like to thank her family for their profound support.

Saba Ghebrihiwot Solomon (Distinction)

Hometown: Lynnwood, Washington

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
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Saba would like to thank her family for their support.

Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Hayat Ali

Hometown: Silver Spring, Maryland

Marina Bitro*

Hometown: Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Adria Chamas* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Lafayette, Colorado

Ashley N. Johanning* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Bismarck, North Dakota

Hilary Schell*

Hometown: Denver, Colorado

Atosa Tarahom

Hometown: San Rafael, California

Atosa would like to thank Silicon Medical Imaging Center for their support.

Britta Lea Thomforde* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Goodhue, Minnesota

Medical Laboratory Science Education

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Science

Zackary R. Baker*

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Elizabeth Kaye Barnes

Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship

Elizabeth would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

Brianna Butler-Mulligan*

Hometown: Valentine, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Western Pathologists Quality Assurance Association Endowment
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship

* In Absentia

Medical Laboratory Science Education continued

Madison Lynn Coulter

Hometown: Curtis, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
University of Nebraska Medical Technology Founders Scholarship
Dr. Donald P. & Mary Ann Skoog Family Scholarship
in Medical Laboratory Medicine
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship
Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation

Madison would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Devon Dohrman* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Atkinson, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: John R. Schenken, M.D. Medical Technology Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Devon would like to thank his family and friends for their support throughout his time at UNMC.

Oliver Riley Elliot*

Hometown: Auburn, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship

Megan Elizabeth Falconer

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Megan would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Mary S. Geffert*

Hometown: Iowa City, Iowa

Zane Daniel Graham* (Distinction)

Hometown: La Junta, Colorado

Cassondra Marie Griffin

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Cassy would like to thank her friends, family, and especially her husband for their love and support.

Melissa Ann Kapsa*

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Melissa would like to thank her family, husband and son for all of their support given.

* In Absentia

Medical Laboratory Science Education continued

Lauren McKenzie Koetter

Hometown: McCook, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship

Lauren would like to thank her family and everyone that encouraged her through her journey.

Amber Kuss (High Distinction)

Hometown: Crete, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
John R. Schenken, M.D. Medical Technology Scholarship
Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) Great Plains
Chapter Emerging Leader Scholarship

Amber would like to thank her family, friends, and clinical site for their support.

Liam Le* (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Karen & Carl Brasee Scholarship
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Katherine Anne Mason (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Arthur L. Larsen, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Karlee Mae McKelvey

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska Scholarship
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship

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Blaise T. Methe* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

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Medical Laboratory Science Education continued

Cassandra Marie Mohr (High Distinction)

Hometown: Bellevue, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Mary Jean Long Student Leadership Award

Tyler R. Nelsen

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Shanna Nelson

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Tram Nguyen (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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Micah John Pelton*

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Hometown: Madison, Nebraska

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Hometown: Spalding, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

University of Nebraska Medical Technology Founders Scholarship

Arthur L. Larsen, M.D. Memorial Scholarship

Zak D. Sedlak* (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Medical Laboratory Science Education continued

Heidi Rose Snow

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Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Zhiqiang Yang (High Distinction)

Hometown: San Jose, California

Emily A. Yowell

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Physical Therapy Education
Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree

Allison Jo Baker

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Allison would like to thank her fiancé, Cory, and her entire family for their unwavering support.

Austin Ryan Becker

Hometown: Norfolk, Nebraska

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Whitney Leigh Bendorf (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Hometown: Watertown, South Dakota

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Philip I. Mockett Memorial Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Hometown: Gering, Nebraska

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Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Hometown: Plainview, Nebraska

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Courtney Rae Brown

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

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Hometown: Burr, Nebraska

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Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award
Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society

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Hometown: Wayne, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Gabriel E. Fisher

Hometown: McCool Junction, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Scholarship
UNMC Student Success Scholarship
PT Class Vice President

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Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming

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Hometown: Elkhorn, Nebraska

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Danielle Josephine Gruber

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Physical Therapy Excellence in Leadership Award
PT Class President

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Hometown: Changzhi, Shanxi, China

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

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Margaret Herrmann

Hometown: Saint Louis, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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Hometown: Schaumburg, Illinois

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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Kasey Nicole Hohlen

Hometown: Roca, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Hometown: Superior, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: PT Class Secretary

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Jing Hu (High Distinction)

Hometown: Chengdu, Sichuan, China

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Sieu Mei Tu Endowment

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Hometown: Nebraska City, Nebraska

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Hometown: Ralston, Nebraska

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Herb & Lois Potter Memorial Scholarship

Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship

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Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society

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Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Hometown: Valentine, Nebraska

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Kyle Lowery

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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John R. Lysinger

Hometown: Parker, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Hometown: Sidney, Nebraska

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Hometown: Gardner, Kansas

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Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society
CAHP Student Ambassador

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Andréas Remis (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii

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UNMC Student Scholarship
UNMC E-Learning Award
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
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Hometown: Ogallala, Nebraska

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Hometown: Bennington, Nebraska

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Addison K. Thonen (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Janna Vavra

Hometown: Crete, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Zach Welch

Hometown: Ainsworth, Nebraska

Coleman L. Westerby (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Thayer Family Scholarship
Nebraska Medicine Guild Scholarship
Henry & Maria Ahrens Charitable Trust Scholarship
Eugene C. Gross Member Fellowship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

Taylor Ann White

Hometown: Neligh, Nebraska

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Kristin Layne Wyatt

Hometown: Stilwell, Kansas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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Henamari Rasco Ybay

Hometown: Bellevue, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: UNMC E-Learning Award

Hena would like to thank her family, friends, loving fiancé, and classmates for their support.

Physician Assistant Education

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree

Stephanie Guzman* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Kodiak, Alaska

Raymond Santiago* (High Distinction)

Hometown: Palm Coast, Florida

Raymond Santiago would like to thank his wife Debra and kids Brandon and Brianna for their support.

Radiation Therapy Education[†]

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Radiation Therapy

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Julie Ann Andersen

Hometown: Kennewick, Washington

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: ASRT Radiation Therapy Pioneers Scholarship

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Hometown: Fort Collins, Colorado

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Hometown: Gloucester, Virginia

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Allison Margaret Murray

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Radiation Therapy Education continued

Grace M. Roskam

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Hometown: Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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Radiography Education

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Yukihiro Camarillo Agnabo (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Ralston, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship
Earl K. Larson Sr. Scholarship
Eileen P. Weidman Scholarship
Lanphere-Downing Scholarship
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Nebraska AHEC Scholar
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Hometown: Henderson, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship

Krynn would like to thank her family and friends for their support throughout the program.

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Radiography Education continued

Sydney Diane Austin (High Distinction)

Hometown: Missouri Valley, Iowa

Britni Lynn Bandy

Hometown: North Platte, Nebraska

Caitlin Michelle Dahl (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Holdrege, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
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Outstanding Senior Student in Radiography Award

Caitlin would like to thank her family and friends for the constant love and support.

Brooklyn Epp (High Distinction)

Hometown: Henderson, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Shireen S. Fadul (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship
Edna Ogden Anderson Scholarship
Haven W. Hurst Scholarship
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Hometown: Gainesville, Georgia

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Radiography Education continued

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Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Hometown: Farwell, Nebraska

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska Scholarship

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Hometown: South Sioux City, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Hazel V. Emley Scholarship
Outstanding Senior Student in Radiography Award
CAHP Student Ambassador

Monica Mae Murphy

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Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Mai H. Nguyen (High Distinction)

Hometown: Nha Trang, Vietnam

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Hermene K. Ferris Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Kendra Shae Noe (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Cheyenne Wells, Colorado

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Hometown: Wood River, Nebraska

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CHI Health Good Samaritan Foundation Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar

Ellie Rose Wells* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Broken Bow, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Tom Neighbors Scholarship
Pierce Memorial Scholarship
UNMC Faculty Women's Club Scholarship
Joel & Jill Johnson Scholarship
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska Scholarship
Steven Douglas Metcalf Memorial Medical Scholarship
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Aaliyah A. Wilkins (Distinction)

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Keynote Address

Reba Benschoter, PhD

Professor Emeritus

Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions (1985-1995)



Dr. Reba Benschoter served the then School of Allied Health Professions in a variety of roles for over 40 years. She established and administered campus-wide health sciences education media services and as Director of Biomedical Communications, she was a pioneer in two-way closed circuit television systems development. In 1985, Dr. Benschoter was named associate dean, a position she held until 1995 when she stepped down to return full-time to her role as Director of Biomedical Communications, the position she held until her retirement in 2000. Her keen interest in serving the health care needs of rural citizens led to her pioneering work in developing the Rural Health Opportunities Program and the Rural Health Education Network, both created to address the special needs of rural Nebraska by encouraging rural residents to pursue healthcare careers. In 2021, she established the Dean Reba A. Benschoter Scholarship Fund, available to students with a demonstrated financial need pursuing degrees in one of the allied health professions programs who come from Nebraska or Iowa towns of 10,000 or less.

Mary Haven, MS

Professor Emeritus

Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions (1995-2006)



Mary Haven joined UNMC in 1968 as a chemist in the pathology and microbiology department, where she mentored medical technologists and developed new diagnostic tests. She conducted clinical trials on therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressants, while also evaluating new automated analytical instruments. As a researcher, Ms. Haven procured grant funding to support community outreach programs for diabetes care for Native American communities. Upon Dr. Benschoter's retirement in 1995, Ms. Haven was appointed to the role of associate dean, a position she held until her retirement in 2006. Hallmarks of her tenure as dean include expanding distance education programs and developing online degree advancement programs. She directed the development of educational programs for delivery to other universities and worked to make cultural competency an essential part of the curriculum. She continued to teach allied health students while serving as associate dean and played an active role in putting UNMC's first allied health course online. In 2016, Ms. Haven established the Clarence and Nelle Gilg Professorship for Teaching Excellence and Innovation in Allied Health, a fund named in honor of her parents.

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