



College of Allied Health Professions

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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.

Cytologists 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.

Respiratory Therapists work closely with physicians to evaluate and treat patients with heart and lung diseases or injuries. They also teach patients to use equipment that helps them breathe better.

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**

**Baxter Arena
Omaha, Nebraska
Friday, May 3, 2024**

PROCESSIONAL CAHP Marshals
McKenzie Behrendt, OTR/L, OTD, Occupational Therapy Faculty
M. Nicole Martino, PhD, OTR/L, Occupational Therapy Faculty

WELCOME Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP)
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Kyle Meyer, PhD, MS, FASAHP
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

PRESENTATION OF CAHP AWARDS Mariah Jackson, MMN, RDN, LMNT
Co-Chair, Wellbeing and Recognition Committee
Kim Michael, EdD, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
Co-Chair, Wellbeing and Recognition Committee
Laura Bilek, PhD, PT
Associate Dean for Research

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)
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

STUDENT ADDRESS Julio Esteban Martinez, Emily Everswick, Brienne Fanta,
Holly Kuhr, Emily Leahy, Ryan Reil
Class of 2024

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Kellie Clapper, BSOT, OTR/L
Inpatient Rehab Services Manager, Nebraska Medicine

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

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

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

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

HEALTH PROFESSIONS TEACHING Hooded By:
AND TECHNOLOGY Karen Honeycutt, PhD, MEd, MASCP, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}SM^{CM}, Faculty
Kim Michael, EdD, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS, Faculty

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

MEDICAL IMAGING AND Kim Michael, EdD, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES Faculty

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

PHYSICAL THERAPYGreeted By: Betsy Becker, PhD, DPT, PT, CLT-LANA
Program Director
Hooded By: Sara Bills, DPT, PT, GCS, Faculty
Ka-Chun (Joseph) Siu, PhD, Faculty

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Greeted By: Nancy Krusen, PhD, OTR/L
Program Director
Hooded By: Stacy Smallfield, DrOT, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA, Faculty
Leah Stade, OTD, MHPTT, OTR/L, Faculty

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT Hooded By: Shaun Grammer, DMSc, PA-C
Program Director
Shaun Horak, DMSc, PA-C, Faculty

RADIATION THERAPY Lisa Bartenhagen, MS, RT(R)(T)
Program Director

RADIOGRAPHY Ashley Balliet, Med, RT(R)(M)
Program Director

PLEDGE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS Betsy Knobbe, HPTT Class of 2024
Lauren Wobken, OT Class of 2024

PRESENTATION OF CLASS Kyle Meyer, PhD, MS, FASAHP
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

College of Allied Health Professions Award Recipients

Excellence in Teaching Award

Megan Frazee, DPT, PT, OCS, MTC, FAAOMPT
Assistant Professor
Physical Therapy, Department of Health & Rehabilitation 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

Brian Anderson, MEd, MBA
Senior Director of Development
UNMC, University of Nebraska Foundation



Jessica Janssen Wolford, MBA, CFRE, CFRM
Senior Director of Development
UNMC, University of Nebraska Foundation

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.



Innovative Scholarship Award

Vicki Kennel, PhD
Assistant Professor
Physical Therapy, Department of Health & Rehabilitation
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.



Significance in Research for a Junior Researcher

Vicki Kennel, PhD
Assistant Professor
Physical Therapy, Department of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences

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.

Keynote Address

Kellie Clapper, BSOT, OTR/L

Inpatient Rehab Services Manager
Nebraska Medicine



Kellie Clapper is a seasoned healthcare professional with 30 years of experience in the field of occupational therapy. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Creighton University in 1994.

She initially embarked on her professional journey in the post-acute care setting before transitioning to the inpatient acute care environment in 1998. Since then, she has served as the Inpatient Rehab Services Manager at Nebraska Medicine, where her leadership is defined by her dedication to driving positive change for both her team and the patients they serve.

Kellie's passion lies in safe patient handling and mobility. Recognizing the critical importance of early and progressive mobility in patient recovery, she has spearheaded initiatives to introduce patient handling equipment, implement a mobility assessment tool for nursing, and incorporate mobility aides into the inpatient care delivery model. Through these efforts, Kellie has significantly advanced patient safety protocols creating a safer environment for both patients and staff alike.

Beyond her clinical responsibilities, she is actively involved in supporting the future of occupational and physical therapy education. Kellie was a member of the planning team for the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). Additionally, she serves as a valued member of the UNMC OTD Advisory Board, where she continues to support and guide the program.

Kellie's dedication to enhancing the student learning experience led her to collaborate with the faculty of the UNMC Doctor of Physical Therapy program, resulting in development of the Early Acute Care Service Experience (EASE) program. This innovative initiative provides students with an invaluable hands-on experience in the acute care setting, fostering their growth and preparing them for successful clinical rotations.

Her commitment to improving patient outcomes, advancing healthcare practices, and supporting the next generation of therapists makes her an inspiration to those around her.

Despite her busy schedule, Kellie's personal life is enriched by her love for travel and experiencing the world alongside her family. Another particularly special aspect of her life is her son Brandon who also shares her passion for healthcare. Brandon serves as a respiratory therapist at Children's Hospital, embodying the family's commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

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.

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.

Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society for Physical Therapists

The Delta Phi Tau National Physical Therapy Student Honor Society was established by the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) in 2018. The intent is to recognize current Doctor of Physical Therapy students who demonstrate excellence, integrity and professionalism in areas of academic achievement, leadership, service or research, and demonstrate strong moral character, ethics and the core values of the PT profession. The ACAPT is a not-for-profit association dedicated to excellence in physical therapist education programs as a whole. Their core purpose is to lead physical therapy in the pursuit of academic excellence. ACAPT member institutions are champions of innovation, inclusion and inquiry in academic physical therapy.

Application to the Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society is highly competitive as applicants must be ranked in the top 25% of their class and in good academic standing. There are criteria for service or research as well. Inductees receive a certificate, a lapel pin and recognition on the ACAPT website.

2024 Graduates by Program

(In order of program presentation)

Cardiovascular Interventional Technology

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Lawrence J. Dandridge**

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Clinical Perfusion

Master of Perfusion Science Degree

Christian Banker

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Solomon M. Chee

Hometown: Lexington, Nebraska

Megan S. Crider (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Jefferson City, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska Perfusion Society Scholarship

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

Emily Everswick (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Paige M. Fellers

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Team Heart Rwanda Mission Trip Scholarship

Paige would like to thank her family, especially her husband and two boys, for all their support.

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Clinical Perfusion continued

Jennifer L. Gavin-Veyna

Hometown: Collingswood, New Jersey

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
AmSECT Safety Essay Award

Jen would like to thank her wife, family and friends for their support in pursuing her dream.

Sheffer Harbert

Hometown: Aberdeen, South Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Sheffer would like to thank his parents, Tom and Lisa, for their endless support.

Casin Ray Hill

Hometown: Abilene, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Casin would like to thank his wife, Emily, and his kids for their support throughout the program.

Reid Samuel Homann

Hometown: Pipestone, Minnesota

Reid would like to thank his family and professors for their continued support through this program!

John M. Ingram

Hometown: Key West, Florida

John would like to thank his wife Star for all her patience and support during this process.

Andrew Lee Lawrence

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska Perfusion Society Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

Andrew would like to thank his wife and two small children for moving to Omaha to support his dream.

Madeline Love

Hometown: Norfolk, Nebraska

Madeline would like to thank her fiancé, family, friends, and professors for all their support.

Dylan C. Marin

Hometown: Pittsford, New York

Clinical Perfusion continued

Nicole Morency (Highest Distinction)**

Hometown: Sacramento, California

Nicole dedicates this achievement to her grandmother, Glenda Morency, for her love and support.

Stephanie Pal

Hometown: Sterling Heights, Michigan

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
David Holt Student Scholarship

Stephanie Pal would like to thank her friends and family for their support and their attendance.

Nicole Marie Schaefer

Hometown: Adams, Wisconsin

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
UNMC Student Scholarship
Herbert Kilgore Scholarship

Nicole would like to thank her husband, children and family for their support and encouragement.

Carolyn Taylor Troester (High Distinction)

Hometown: Overland Park, Kansas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
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Taylor would like to thank her parents, friends, Taylor and the Kansas City Chiefs for their support.

Valyssa A. Varney

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Valyssa would like to thank her husband, family, and friends for their unwavering support.

Cara L. Weigel (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Mandan, North Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador
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Cara would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous, unwavering support.

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Diagnostic Medical Sonography[†]

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

Ashley Anne Anthony*

Hometown: Junction City, Oregon

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Philip I. Mockett Memorial Scholarship
Parker Family Allied Health Scholarship

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

Kesha Kay DeGroff

Hometown: Broken Bow, Nebraska

Kesha DeGroff would like to thank her family for all their support.

Desyre D. Dewberry

Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Ashlyn Doiel

Hometown: Mondamin, Iowa

Brienne Lee Fanta*

Hometown: Creighton, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Hagan Scholarship
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Brienne would like to thank all of those who have continuously encouraged and supported her!

Marly Gallegos

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Nancy Ho**

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Britni E. Kirkland

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

Britni would like to thank her friends, family, husband, and all of her animals for their support.

[†] Requirements will be completed and degree awarded in August, 2024.

* Virtual Participant

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Diagnostic Medical Sonography continued

Sarah Lindner

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Alexandra Medina-Ortiz

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador

Alex would like to thank Josh, her parents and siblings for their love and support.

Destiny Jade Navarro

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Leandra Kay Schupbach

Hometown: Ottosen, Iowa

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship

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

Ava Marie Weiner*

Hometown: Wymore, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

Ava would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering support during this time.

Anna Zygmunt-Zak*

Hometown: Leżajsk, Poland

Ania would like to thank Pawel for being the most patient and caring husband.

* Virtual Participant

Genetic Counseling

Master of Genetic Counseling Degree

Isabel Grace Bullock

Hometown: Parker, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Philip I. Mockett Memorial Scholarship
UNMC Student Scholarship
UNMC Faculty Women's Club Scholarship

Isabel would like to thank her husband, family, classmates, and friends for their support.

Kylie Marie LaBouvé (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: De Pere, Wisconsin

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Friedland Family Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
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Kylie would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support during her time at UNMC.

Mitch McElfresh (Distinction)

Hometown: Jefferson City, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Friedland Family Scholarship

Mitch would like to thank his family, friends, and genetic counseling faculty for their support.

Elizabeth Anne Reese (High Distinction)

Hometown: New Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Friedland Family Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador
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Lizz would like to thank her partner, family, friends, and faculty for their unending support!

Marisa Justine Ruwe (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Hooper, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Charles R. O'Malley Scholarship
Friedland Family Scholarship
Parker Family Allied Health Scholarship
Peggy Kolodziej Memorial Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

Genetic Counseling continued

Taylor Thomas

Hometown: Falls City, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Taylor would like to thank her husband and family for their support and encouragement.

Karli Workman

Hometown: Blair, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Peggy Kolodziej Memorial Scholarship

UNMC Student Senator

Karli would like to thank her family, friends, and cohort for their incredible support.

Health Professions Teaching and Technology

Master of Health Professions Teaching and Technology Degree

Karin Lynnette Bellows (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: ASRT Education & Professional Growth Scholarship

ASRT Leadership Academy

Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologists President

Karin would like to thank her husband Paul and children Alexis and Ayden for all their love and support.

Betsy Rae Knobbe (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Elkhorn, Nebraska

Betsy would like to thank her family and colleagues for their support throughout the program.

Ryan Lomen* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

* Virtual Participant

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

*Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences*

Liberty Marie Geiss (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Liberty would like to thank her family and friends for their support during this program.

Jenna Rose Karn (Highest Distinction)**

Hometown: Holdrege, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Jenna would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support.

Sydney Kerr (Highest Distinction)**

Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Sydney would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support.

Holly Beth Kuhr* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Leigh, Nebraska

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

Alex Mantone (Highest Distinction)**

Hometown: Aberdeen, South Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador

Emily D. Schmidt* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Emily would like to thank her family and friends for their support during the course of the program.

Keiley Jo Tisthammer (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Albion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Keiley would like to thank her family, and friends for their support during her educational career.

* Virtual Participant

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Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Igbal Elmahdi Abdalla

Hometown: Sudan

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Virginia Hospital Center Scholarship

Igbal would like to thank her husband and kids for all the love and support throughout the college years.

Ashley Nicole Barry* (High Distinction)

Hometown: Rockwall, Texas

Ashley would like to thank her kids and boyfriend Gabe for being her constant inspiration and support.

Sheri M. Carrasco Orozco**

Hometown: Fresno, California

Antony Hernandez** (High Distinction)

Hometown: Ely, Minnesota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Elio "Leo" DelVecchio Scholarship

Evan J. Marx** (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Evan would like to thank all those who supported him, especially his wife Amanda.

Julie M. Schultz (Distinction)

Hometown: Rising City, Nebraska

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

Medical Laboratory Science

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Science

Kossi Holali Amoussou (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: West Nebraska Blood Center Scholarship

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Kossi would like to thank the MLS faculty for their constant guidance, support, and valuable insights.

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Medical Laboratory Science continued

Grace Laney Anderson

Hometown: Merriman, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Stewart Support Scholarship
Booth-Englert Families' Scholarship

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

Frederick Azalekor (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Stewart Support Scholarship

Courtney Kay Bybee (High Distinction)

Hometown: Falls City, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alvin B. Rakow Scholarship
Arthur L. Larsen, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Western Pathologists Quality Assurance Association Endowment

Courtney thanks Levi, their families, and Community Medical Center for all of their help and support.

Julio Esteban Martinez (High Distinction)

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Karen & Carl Brasee Scholarship
Stewart Support Scholarship
University of Nebraska Medical Technology Founders Scholarship
UNMC E-Learning Award

Julio le quiere dar gracias a sus papas por todo su apoyo desde lejos.

Skyler W. Gebers

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Skyler would like to thank his family for their support through the years that led up to this day.

Taeler J. Gee (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Genoa, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Mary Jean Long Student Leadership Award
UNMC E-Learning Award

Taeler would like to thank her family, friends, and pets for their support.

Medical Laboratory Science continued

Lauren Hart**

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Western Pathologists Quality Assurance Association Endowment
ASCP Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) Great Plains
Chapter Emerging Leader Scholarship

Lauren would like to thank her family for all their support during this past year.

Paige Elizabeth Johnson (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Paige would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support in pursuing her dreams.

Julia Bernice Martinez (High Distinction)**

Hometown: David City, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Julia would like to thank her husband, daughter, parents and family for their support.

Guadalupe B. Martinez

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship

Guadalupe would like to thank her family and friends and late uncle for all the amazing support.

Alvin Nguyen

Hometown: San Jose, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Schenken Medical Technology Scholarship

Daisy Patel

Hometown: Missouri Valley, Iowa

Tanis A. Sack**

Hometown: North Platte, Nebraska

Christian K. Salinas Luna (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lima, Peru

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Christian would like to thank his parents and family for their support, and UNMC for the scholarship.

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Medical Laboratory Science continued

Carrie Schumacher

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Binita Shakya

Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Medical Technology Founders Scholarship
Arthur L. Larsen, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
Stewart Support Scholarship
Regional West Scholarship
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Binita would like to thank her husband U-pen, Ayaan, Mom, her family, and friend Dinesh for their support.

Adam Starzec

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

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

Adam would like thank his family for their love and support.

Jamie Stewart**

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Medical Technology Founders Scholarship
Stewart Support Scholarship

Paxton Paul Terry

Hometown: McCook, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Anjelo Paolo Tulio (Distinction)

Hometown: Newark, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Stewart Support Scholarship
Schenken Medical Technology Scholarship
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Anjelo would like to thank Jing, Benjie, Benica Tulio, and Raquie Go-Oco for their support.

Ahmad M. Tumeh (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Ahmad would like to thank his family and friends (especially team MLT) for their incredible support.

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Medical Laboratory Science continued

Richard K. Whitehead (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Rk (Richard) would like to thank his family, friends, and Christian brethren for their support.

Occupational Therapy

Doctor of Occupational Therapy Degree

Danielle E. Adams

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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

Allison Mae Bos (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Occupational Therapy Personal & Professional Development Award
Occupational Therapy Occupation for Health Award

Shayleigh Rene Clarkson (Distinction)

Hometown: Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Frank C. Knaack Scholarship
CAHP Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Occupational Therapy Translational Science Award

Shayleigh would like to thank her family and friends for all their support over the years.

Josie Jo Cox (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: North Platte, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Nora Parker Linn Scholarship
Joel & Jill Johnson Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Occupational Therapy Personal & Professional Development Award
Occupational Therapy Translational Science Award

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Occupational Therapy continued

Cherokee Leigh Ferguson

Hometown: Springview, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Thayer Family Scholarship
UNMC E-Learning Award

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Clancy D. L. Hesseltine

Hometown: Halsey, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Thayer Family Scholarship

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Joe P. Heun (High Distinction)

Hometown: Portsmouth, Virginia

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Occupational Therapy Translational Science Award

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Delaney Joy Hill (Distinction)

Hometown: Gretna, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador

Savannah Luree Jacobsen (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Callaway, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Occupational Therapy Translational Science Award
Occupational Therapy ITEACH Values Award

Savannah would like to thank her incredible husband and her family for their continuous support.

Emily E. Leahy (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Occupational Therapy ITEACH Values Award

Emily thanks PJA, DMAJP, DM, TK, EE, family and friends for all the love and encouragement! We did it!!

Occupational Therapy continued

Lauren L. McCormick (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Occupational Therapy ITEACH Values Award

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Sean James McFadden (High Distinction)

Hometown: Ravenna, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Murphy Porter

Hometown: Elliott, Iowa

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Occupational Therapy Translational Science Award

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Hometown: Crofton, Nebraska

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Hometown: Elkhorn, Nebraska

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Hometown: Scribner, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Occupational Therapy Occupation for Health Award

Lauren would like to thank her parents and fiancé for their constant support.

Occupational Therapy continued

Samantha Lynn Wyrick (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Sadler, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Occupational Therapy Occupation for Health Award

Physical Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree

Caitlyn Bartholomew

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Outstanding Student Poster Award

Caitlyn would like to thank her family, friends, and fiancé for their unconditional love and support.

Tyson Belitz

Hometown: Neligh, Nebraska

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

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Allegra Mariah Berglund

Hometown: Fargo, North Dakota

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

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Hometown: Harvard, Nebraska

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Hometown: Central City, Nebraska

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Kyle N. Carey

Hometown: Lander, Wyoming

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador
UNMC Student Senator

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Physical Therapy continued

Gretchen Crum (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Prairie Village, Kansas

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MacKenzie DeHoff

Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Munroe Meyer Institute Outstanding Student Poster Award
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Hometown: Oskaloosa, Iowa

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Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Outstanding Student Poster Award
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Emily Peyton Hand (High Distinction)

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Marjorie Merwin Simons Memorial Scholarship
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CAHP Student Ambassador
Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Sam W. Hayden (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
NEPT Scientific Dissemination Award
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Biying Huang (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Huaihua City, Hunan Province, China

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Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society

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Hometown: Bellevue, Nebraska

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Vocational Rehabilitation Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

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Hometown: Mount Ayr, Iowa

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

Christian Keays

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Haley Elizabeth Keenan

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Hometown: Potter, Nebraska

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Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

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Kyla Marie Leighton (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Madison, South Dakota

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

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Hometown: Wasta, South Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Yanfei Li (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Shanghai, China

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Hometown: Ponca, Nebraska

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Hometown: Superior, Nebraska

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Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

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

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Laurie M. Schaefer Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

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Hometown: Hooper, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador

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Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Delta Phi Tau National Honor Society

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Hometown: Gretna, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Tanner Donald Sand (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Wilber, Nebraska

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

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Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Hometown: Buffalo, Wyoming

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Alice Friedlander Scholarship
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UNMC Student Senator

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Sydney Nicole Slosson

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Zachary Russell Smrcina

Hometown: Fremont, Nebraska

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Methodist Fremont Health Employee Child Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar
UNMC Student Senator
UNMC ITEACH Community Impact Award
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

Zach would like to thank his family, friends, and classmates for their support and encouragement.

Madison Stenbo

Hometown: Carroll, Iowa

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Hometown: Sidney, Iowa

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Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
UNMC Memorial Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Christina Margaret Sullivan (High Distinction)

Hometown: Plattsmouth, Nebraska

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

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Alexis Sutherland

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: CAHP Student Ambassador

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Jared Takiguchi

Hometown: Mililani, Hawaii

Jaime Grace Troester (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Hampton, Nebraska

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

Samuel Franco Van Haute

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

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Laurie M. Schaefer Scholarship
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Hometown: Ord, Nebraska

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Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

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Hometown: Kinsman, Ohio

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Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

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Hometown: O'Neill, Nebraska

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John Newquist Educational Foundation Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Professionalism Award

Jake would like to thank his family and friends for their constant support and encouragement.

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Jayden Marie Young (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Chadron, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Nebraska Medicine Guild Scholarship
Lillian Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
John Newquist Educational Foundation Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Physical Therapy Excellence in Service Award

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Hometown: Pickrell, Nebraska

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

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Physician Assistant

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree

Katie Marie Cramer

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas

Aisha N. Sheikh (Highest Distinction)**

Hometown: Plano, Texas

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

** In Absentia

Radiation Therapy[†]

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Radiation Therapy

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Sarah Rose Badertscher**

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Dacey Hampton

Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

Dacey would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support while she attended school.

Sydney Paige Holmes

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

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Varian Radiation Therapy Advancement Scholarship

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Hometown: Barnesville, Minnesota

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Milliscent Rose Loos**

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Emilee R. Masters**

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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Ryan Jacob Reil

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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Radiography

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Alex Alvin Carlson (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Winside, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Riley Lu Cope (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Leticia Cray (High Distinction)**

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Emma Rose Gebhardt (Distinction)

Hometown: Hartford, South Dakota

Wilmy Germinis (Distinction)**

Hometown: Willemstad, Curaçao

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

Wilmy would like to thank all of his family.

Andi K. Hendred (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
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Makayla Lee Hilker (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: O'Neill, Nebraska

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Grace Marie Hudson (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Kensington, Kansas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Thayer Family Scholarship
JRCERT Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Performance

Sarah Elizabeth Hytrek

Hometown: Bennington, Nebraska

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Aurora F. Junge (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Utica, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar
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Hometown: Verdigre, Nebraska

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Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

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Radiography continued

Madison Menke (High Distinction)**

Hometown: Lawrence, Nebraska

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Caitlin Hope Nelson (Highest Distinction)

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Hometown: Leavenworth, Kansas

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Danielle Elizabeth Policky (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Seward, Nebraska

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Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

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Hometown: Ansley, Nebraska

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Kailey C. Trampe (Distinction)**

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Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Herman O. West Scholarship

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Josseline E. Vasquez (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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Hometown: Lexington, Nebraska

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