



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.

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.

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.

Physician Assistant Oath

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

**I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare
and dignity of all human beings.**

**I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence,
nonmaleficence and justice.**

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

**I will hold in confidence the information shared
in the course of practicing medicine.**

**I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations,
striving always to improve my medical practice.**

**I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills,
keeping abreast of advances in medicine.**

**I will work with other members of the health care team to
provide compassionate and effective care of patients.**

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

**COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HONORS CONVOCATION**

**CHI Health Center Arena
Omaha, Nebraska
Friday, December 20, 2024**

PROCESSIONALCAHP Marshals
Jennifer Creps, MPAS, PA-C
Rachel Lietka, MMN, RD, LMNT, CNSC

DEAN’S WELCOME.....Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP)
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Kyle P. Meyer, PhD, MS, FASAHP
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

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

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Associate Dean for Student Affairs

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Gretchen Moll, Emily Thompson, Diana Ramirez

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Geoffrey A. Talmon, MD, MEd
Associate Dean for Medical Education, UNMC College of Medicine

PRESENTATION & HOODING OF GRADUATES..... Tanya Custer, PhD, MS, RT(R)(T)(ARRT)
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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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Ana Yuil Valdes, MD, Medical Director, Diagnostic Cytology
Medical Director, Cytopathology

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Megan Timmerman, MPA, RD, LMNT, Faculty

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT Shaun Grammer, DMSc, PA-C
Program Director
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Faculty
Physician Assistant Oath Pam Dickey, MPAS, PA-C
Faculty

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

Geoffrey A. Talmon, MD, MEd

Professor, UNMC Department of Pathology, Microbiology
and Immunology

Associate Dean for Medical Education, UNMC College of Medicine



Keynote Address

Geoffrey A. Talmon, MD, MEd is a Professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, specializing in gastrointestinal pathology. He completed medical school and residency in pathology at UNMC, a fellowship in surgical pathology and the Mayo Clinic, and received a Master of Education from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Talmon is the Associate Dean for Medical Education within the College of Medicine and his department's Vice Chair of Medical Education. He was the first James Linder Distinguished Residency Director Chair, inaugural director of the UNMC Interprofessional Academy of Educators, and 2021 Varner Educator Laureate. Dr. Talmon has over 120 peer reviewed publications to his credit, along with multiple book chapters and dozens of invited presentations. The book he co-edited, "Mind the Gap: Generational Differences in Medical Education," is the first work dedicated to managing intergenerational conflict in medical education. He is past president of the Nebraska Association of Pathologists and member of the American Society of Clinical Pathology Board of Certification and National Board of Medical Examiners.

Academic Regalia

Academic Hood

Hoods date back to early medieval academic attire and 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. 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 which could be 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.

Pi Alpha National Honor Society for Physician Assistants

The Pi Alpha Honor Society was organized in 2004 by the Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP) for the promotion and recognition of significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community/professional service, and the encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among physician assistant (PA) students and graduates. The motto of Pi Alpha is "Scholarship, Service, Leadership." The organization is committed to lifelong learning and participation in intellectual life.

Application to the Pi Alpha Honor Society is highly competitive with no more than 15% of the graduating class being eligible for induction each year. Student membership requires a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrated excellence in research, publishing, community/professional service or leadership activities. Inductees receive a letter and certificate of membership, a Pi Alpha pin and a teal & gray honor cord.

2024 Graduates by Program

(In order of presentation)

Diagnostic Cytology

Master of Diagnostic Cytology Degree

Stephanie Alaniz Rojo**

Hometown: Mesa, Arizona

Bayan Sadeq Al-Hasan** (High Distinction)

Hometown: Sacramento, California

Johana Alvarez* (Distinction)

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Irwin Scholarship

Johana would like to thank her parents, husband, and friends for their unwavering support.

Madeline Mae Booms**

Hometown: Pemberville, Ohio

Deborah Buster

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Deborah would like to give a special thanks to friends and family for being supportive during her studies.

Alexander Figley-Stevens**

Hometown: Orlando, Florida

Claudia Perez Garza*

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Claudia quiere agradecer a su familia por su apoyo y amor.

Savannah Cheyenne Holman (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Fresno, California

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Irwin Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

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

* Virtual Participant

** In Absentia

Diagnostic Cytology continued

Jen Lam* (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Fresno, California

Jen thanks everyone at SPL with a special acknowledgement to Charles Mendoza, as well as friends and family.

Kayla Jean Langer

Hometown: Spalding, Nebraska

Kayla would like to thank her family, friends, and loved ones for all their encouragement and support.

Taylr Mannon* (Distinction)

Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Irwin Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Savanna ReAnn Meeks

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

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

Savanna would like to thank her family for their support during the entire program.

Diana Teresa Ramirez

Hometown: Cairo, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Charles R. O'Malley Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

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

Juan Salazar*

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

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

Juan would like to thank his family, girlfriend, and friends for their encouragement and support.

Mo'Nasha Alexis Sankey**

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

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

Mo'Nasha would like to thank her family and friends for keeping her uplifted throughout the program.

* Virtual Participant

** In Absentia

Diagnostic Cytology continued

Alicia N. Spear*

Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Alicia would like to thank her mentor Mary Frye and her site staff, Ashley Howze and Dr. Betancourt.

Courtney C. Valeri-Ellis** (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Health Professions Teaching and Technology

Master of Health Professions Teaching and Technology Degree

Jannelle Reynolds** (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

Jared Denny** (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Jared would like to thank his family and beautiful wife for all their love and support.

Andrea K. Forney** (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Pine Island, Minnesota

Laverne Halliday (Distinction)

Hometown: Hartford, Connecticut

Laverne would like to thank her family and friends for their encouragement, support, and motivation.

* Virtual Participant

** In Absentia

Medical Nutrition

Master of Medical Nutrition Degree

Erin Eilers (High Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Erin would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support during her time at UNMC.

Anna Freiberg

Hometown: Annandale, Minnesota

Peyton Hainline (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Sandy Stork & Barbara Robertson Medical Nutrition Scholarship

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

Gretchen Leigh Moll (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Seward, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Irwin Scholarship

Gretchen would like to thank her family and friends for their wonderful support!

Mckenna Patsios (High Distinction)

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Sandy Stork & Barbara Robertson Medical Nutrition Scholarship

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

Anna Reinschmidt (High Distinction)

Hometown: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Bridget T. Schroll (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Britney Ann Spieler (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Charles R. O'Malley Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Britney would like to thank her parents, husband, and family for all of their love and support.

Medical Nutrition continued

Emily Anne Thompson (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Groton, South Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Sandy Stork & Barbara Robertson Medical Nutrition Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society

Peyton Young (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Physician Assistant

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree

Megan Acosta O'Gara

Hometown: Jackson, Nebraska

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

Megan would like to thank her husband, Federico, and her family for all their love and support.

Lindsey Nicole Allin

Hometown: Lee's Summit, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Eleanor & Marian Johnson Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
Pi Alpha Honor Society
PA Omaha Class Vice President

Lindsey would like to thank her friends and family for their consistent support through PA school.

Alyssa L. Anderson (Distinction)

Hometown: Treynor, Iowa

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

Alyssa would like to thank her family and friends for their endless love and support.

Hailey Jo Bartz

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Hailey would like to thank her family and friends for their support and love throughout this journey.

Physician Assistant continued

Agrini Boken

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Agrini would like to thank her family and friends for all their support. Thank you!

Kathryn Botkin (Highest Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
UNMC Student Scholarship

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

Larissa Bovee (Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Larissa would like to thank her family and friends for everything they've done to support her!

Ngoc-Tran Joanna Bui (Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Joanna would like to extend a special thank you to her family and friends for their endless support.

Austin James Burt

Hometown: Kansas City, Missouri

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Jesse Edwards PA Student Scholarship
PA Psychiatry Interest Group Liaison

Austin would like to thank God, his wife, and his family for their constant love and support.

Bethany Jean Collins

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Thayer Family Scholarship
Pi Alpha Honor Society
PA Student Academy Representative

Bethany would like to thank her fiancé, family, and friends for their support.

Madison Mae Connealy

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Maddie would like to thank her family and friends for their support, encouragement, and compassion.

Physician Assistant continued

Corinn R. Cook

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Corinn Cook would like to thank her children and parents for their never-ending support.

Rebecca DeBalski (High Distinction)

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Jesse Edwards PA Student Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Rebecca would like to thank her parents and fiancé for cheering her on during PA school!

Rebecca Unger DeWitt

Hometown: Kimballton, Iowa

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nora Parker Linn Scholarship
WW Marshall Jr. Family Scholarship
Tom Neighbors Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Leonard T. & Ida L. Selling Scholarship
Jerry Paul Smith Memorial Scholarship
Phillips College of Allied Health Professions Scholarship
Boore Fund Scholar
Ryan Houser Memorial Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador

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

Mary Margaret Fiala

Hometown: Ulysses, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: UNMC Student Scholarship
FCSLA Graduate Scholarship
JJ Thomas Scholarship

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

McKenna Marie Flint

Hometown: North Platte, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
CAHP Student Ambassador
Nebraska AHEC Scholar
Pi Alpha Honor Society

McKenna would like to thank her family, friends, cats, and husband, Andrew, for their support.

Physician Assistant continued

Allissa Taylor Flynn

Hometown: Valley, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Lincoln Community Foundation Medical Professional Student Scholarship
Student Senate Representative

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

Michaela Marie Fritson

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Thayer Family Scholarship

Michaela thanks her family and friends for their unwavering love and support.

Mariah Stacy Gann

Hometown: Callao, Missouri

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

Mariah would like to thank God, her family, and friends for all their constant love and support.

Christopher Allen Griffis

Hometown: Spring Lake, North Carolina

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar
PA Omaha Class Treasurer

Chris would like to thank his wife, Brooke, for her unwavering support during this challenging time.

Jordan J. Grooms

Hometown: York, Nebraska

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

Jordan would like to thank his friends, family, and classmates for all of their support.

Shelby Ann Gustin (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Shelby would like to thank her husband, Sam, and her family and friends for their constant support.

Physician Assistant continued

Leah Rae Haak Beck

Hometown: Valley City, North Dakota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar
Pi Alpha Honor Society
Constituent Chapter Student Representative

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

Baileigh Halkett (Distinction)

Hometown: Humphrey, Nebraska

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

Sydney Dawn Hampton

Hometown: Durant, Oklahoma

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Indian Health Service Scholarship

Sydney wants to thank her people and Baker, for their support and unwavering confidence. She loves you all!

Alexis Ann Heaton

Hometown: Waverly, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar

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

Sofia Herrera

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Sofia would like to thank her family, especially her parents Jackie and Francisco, for their support.

Payton Ann Hoffman

Hometown: Windsor, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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

Megan Marie Justice

Hometown: Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Megan couldn't have done it without her parents, Taylor, Carly, Jordan, Katie, and all her mentors!

Physician Assistant continued

Clare Jana Lee Keller

Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska

Clare would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement!

Kassandra Jean Kent-Jensen

Hometown: Hebron, Nebraska

Kassie would like to thank her husband, parents, family, and friends for their love and support.

Kaci Danna Kirchhoefer

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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

Dominique Lassen Krzykos

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: SHARING Representative

Dominique would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support through PA school.

Leigh Anne Lehmann

Hometown: Eustis, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar
PA Kearney Class Vice President

Ridley T. Loree

Hometown: Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Ridley would like to thank her husband, family, and friends for their continuous support and love.

Lauren Jeanne Mann

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Lauren is incredibly grateful for the love and support of her friends and family the last two years.

Kylie Nicole Masker (Distinction)

Hometown: Kearney, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Kylie would like to thank her husband, family, and friends for their unending support.

Physician Assistant continued

Regan Rene Mazour

Hometown: Marshalltown, Iowa

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ryan Houser Memorial Scholarship
UNMC Student Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

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

Sara Ann McGill (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

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

Sara thanks her family, friends, and boyfriend for the abundance of support and encouragement in PA school.

Katie McLaughlin

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Katie thanks her family and friends for their love, encouragement, and unwavering belief in her.

Natalie Jane Milhouse

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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

Halei J. Moody (High Distinction)

Hometown: Eaton, Colorado

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Ryan Houser Memorial Scholarship
Jerry Paul Smith Memorial Scholarship
Marjorie Merwin Simons Memorial Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
William & Dorothy Carson Scholarship

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

Madeline Mulder (High Distinction)

Hometown: Ralston, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

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

Megan Neilsen

Hometown: Norfolk, Nebraska

Physician Assistant continued

Julia E. Pechar

Hometown: Papillion, Nebraska

Julia would like to thank her family and friends for their support throughout this journey.

Sydney A. Randall

Hometown: Anoka, Minnesota

Abigail Christine Reding

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Abigail would like to thank her husband, daughters, and family and friends for their support.

Madison Shea Reinhart

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship

Maddie would like to thank her parents and fiancé for their unwavering support. She loves you!

Kathrine Rose Ruffalo (High Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Pi Alpha Honor Society
PA Class Secretary

Kate thanks her fiancé, family, and friends for their amazing support throughout her PA schooling!

Delaney M. Saucier

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Delaney would like to thank her parents, fiancé, brother, family, and friends for their support.

Kerrigan Shelton

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar
HelpCare Representative

Molly Claire Sindelar (High Distinction)

Hometown: Elkhorn, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Alpha Eta National Allied Health Professions Honor Society
Pi Alpha Honor Society
PA Student Alumni Representative

Molly thanks her friends and family for their endless support over the last two and a half years.

Physician Assistant continued

Jacob Sorensen

Hometown: Blair, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Nebraska AHEC Scholar

Jacob wants to thank his family and friends (both new and old) for their support during these years.

Makyela Dawn Sorensen

Hometown: Greybull, Wyoming

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: Jess & Sharon Edwards Scholarship
Phillips College of Allied Health Professions Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Joel & Jill Johnson Scholarship
UNMC Student Scholarship
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship
PA Student Association for Rural Health Representative

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

Kelly Marie Straub (Distinction)

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Nebraska Academy of PAs Scholarship
Pi Alpha Honor Society

Kelly would like to thank her support system – parents, Ashley, grandparents, David, and friends.

Nicole Lee Swartzendruber

Hometown: Shickley, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship
Mildred Kolar Rural PA Scholarship
Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship
Nebraska AHEC Scholar
SHARING Representative

Nicole would like to thank her family and friends who supported her in many ways during PA school.

Alison Marie Tremayne

Hometown: Newcastle, Nebraska

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

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

Physician Assistant continued

Kelsey Hanna Twight

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Kelsey thanks her loved ones for believing in and inspiring her to achieve more than she imagined.

Macey Ann Wiebe (Distinction)

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

Scholarships, Honors, Awards: University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship

Ray H. & Amy H. Frohn Scholarship

Parker Family Allied Health Scholarship

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

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