A Special Edition of

Class Notes

produced by the UNMC Alumni Association
Dear UNMC Alumni:

We are pleased to share with you this digital edition of Class Notes. As I read through your many accomplishments and accolades I am so incredibly proud of all the hard work you do serving your communities and giving back to others. And you don’t have to just take my word for it. A recent independent study conducted by Tripp Umbach for the University of Nebraska reported that more than 70 percent of Nebraska’s health professionals were trained at UNMC. In addition, UNMC’s economic impact on the state of Nebraska is $1.2 billion annually. These figures are impressive, and I hope make you proud that your alma mater is a key economic driver in our state. Whether you live and work in Nebraska or elsewhere, the work you do makes a difference, and it doesn’t go unnoticed.

Here at the UNMC Alumni Association, we are working on ways to continue to serve you and find meaningful ways for you to stay connected to your alma mater. We have many ways for you to enrich your life and career by staying connected. One new example is the launch of our Connections Project blog, which features interviews from alumni providing advice to current students in the areas of wellbeing, personal finance, professional development, and time, talent and treasure. Check out the blog and if you’re interested in learning more about how you can participate, send us an email.

Here are just a few other ways that you can get involved:

- Volunteer to serve on your College’s Alumni Council
- Serve as a preceptor
- Learn more and/or volunteer to serve in the College of Medicine Host Program
- Start a local alumni group in your area
- Nominate a colleague for an award
- Serve as a reunion class leader
- Contribute to the UNMCAA Connections Blog (send an inquiry note and we will get in touch with more)
- Submit your news for Class Notes
- Join the conversation on social media
- Donate to an Innovation Fund to support the work being done in your college or program
- Sign up for the UNMC Alumni Directory (by sending an email with your name, college, and class year)
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We hope you will enjoy this digital publication as a way to catch up with the Alumni Association and your colleagues, and we hope that you will choose to engage with us on Facebook @UNMCalum and on Twitter @UNMC_AA.

If you’re on campus, stop in and see us—the Alumni Relations Office is located on the fourth floor of the Joseph D. & Millie E. Williams Science Hall (the former College of Pharmacy building). We look forward to connecting with you this year. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have ideas about how we can better serve and engage you.

Most sincerely,

Catherine Mello

Catherine Mello,
UNMC Alumni Director
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Residency Program Events

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES FACULTY & ALUMNI RECEPTION
During the American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 7 | 6 – 8 p.m.
Embassy Suites Philadelphia Center City – Fairmont Room
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RSVP [here](#)

DEPARTMENT OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY RESIDENT ALUMNI
CONTINUING EDUCATION & RECEPTION

May 31 – June 1
Omaha, Nebraska

Questions? Send us an [email](#).

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY & REHABILITATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

October 17 – 19
Omaha, Nebraska

Questions? Send us an [email](#).
College of Dentistry 2019 Alumni Reunion

OCTOBER 4 & 5 Lincoln, Nebraska

FRIDAY | OCT. 4
- Continuing Education and banquet

SATURDAY | OCT. 5
CORNHUSKER FOOTBALL
- Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Northwestern Wildcats
- Kickoff TBA


Questions: Email the dean’s office at khailey@unmc.edu or call 402.472.1344, ext. 3

Registration: For more information, click here.

Hotel Accommodations: A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the College of Dentistry alumni on a first-come, first-served basis at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1040 P Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508, 402.474.1111. When you are making your reservations, indicate that you are calling to book a reservation for the Nebraska Dental Alumni Association. The group code to register under this block is: NDA. To reserve a room, click here.

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2019

OCTOBER 11 & 12 Omaha, Nebraska

COLLEGES OF MEDICINE, NURSING, PHARMACY AND GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM


Hotel Accommodations:
Omaha Marriott Downtown – Capitol District
222 N. 10th Street

Special rate of $134/night is available through September 13 or until the block is full. Call 402.807.8000 and ask for the UNMC Alumni Weekend block or book online here.

For more information or to serve as a class leader, contact the Alumni Relations Office: alumni@unmc.edu | 402.559.4385 | web

LIVING the LEGACY
The College of Medicine Alumni Council hosted Victor J. Dzau, MD, President of the National Academy of Medicine at UNMC on Thursday, April 18 for the Latta Lecture. His presentation, “Future of Health and Medicine: the Impact of Emerging Science and Innovation” was delivered in the Truhlsen Campus Events Center to an audience of 150 alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Dzau’s message: That as technology rapidly advances, it is changing society and changing medicine. He reflected on several emerging innovations and how they could impact medicine, including: gene therapy, regenerative therapies, precision medicine, immunotherapy and prevention and early detection of disease.

He noted three revolutions in biomedical science since the mid-20th century — the discovery of DNA, the sequencing of the human genome and the convergence revolution — and noted that these parallel “an amazing digital revolution,” as well.

“These revolutions are converging and affecting so many parts of our lives,” he said, pointing to advances in biotechnology and biomedicine, regenerative medicine, cancer genomics, immunotherapy, big data and artificial intelligence.

The marriage of science and technology led to a challenge to cure, prevent and manage all disease by the end of the century, he said, adding that advances may make it possible to better understand patterns of health and disease, create more effective disease prediction and prevention and change the way (as well as where and how) care is delivered.

“There’s always a concern about how technology is moving and how can we catch up, if not get ahead, to be sure it’s not being misused,” Dr. Dzau said. Dr. Dzau’s lecture was recorded and is available [here](#).

About the Latta Lecture
The John S. Latta Lecture was established by the College of Medicine Alumni Council (formerly Alumni Association) in 1980 to commemorate John S. Latta’s dedicated service to the College of Medicine. Dr. Latta taught embryology and histology at UNMC from 1921 until 1963, and served a 20-year stint as the chair of the anatomy department. He was beloved by students and fellow faculty. Dr. Latta became one of the most admired and respected faculty members of the College. He passed away in 1989 at the age of 94.
The UNMC Alumni Association Launches a New Blog in 2019

The UNMC Alumni Association launches a new blog in 2019 called The UNMCAA Connections Project. This project is a place for UNMC alumni to share real-world information and advice with students and fellow #unmcalumni. Information will be in short blog posts and videos. Content will live on the blog, but will be shared via the UNMC Alumni Association’s Facebook (@UNMCalum) and Twitter (@UNMC_AA).

Goals of the Connections Project:
- Connect alumni and students with the UNMCAA
- Connect alumni and students together

Topics covered are wellbeing, professional skills, personal finance, time, talent, and treasure, and more!

Recent Posts

- Filling Healthcare Needs in Rural Nebraska
- The Importance of Sleep
- How Having A Mentor Can Enhance Your Career
- UNMC Alumni Share Why They Chose UNMC

Alumni: you can participate in this from anywhere in the world through technology! Contact Kat Hamilton at kat.hamilton@unmc.edu.
UNMCAA & UNOAA Host Alumni Night on the Court

Thursday, February 14, more than 220 UNMC and UNO alumni and their families gathered to show some love for the student-athletes of UNO basketball. The Maverick men’s basketball team won with a thrilling last-minute shot to beat the South Dakota State Jackrabbits who were #1 in the Summit League.

Durango (the Maverick mascot) and the dance and cheer squads all stopped by for some fun-loving photo opps with event attendees.
UNMC Retiree Association Hosts Fall and Spring Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
Members of the Retiree Association and their guests, gathered in Rockbrook Village at Corkscrew Wine & Cheese to socialize. More than 60 people attended.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
Thirty members of the Retiree Association and friends gathered for a presentation by members of the Nebraska Extension Office to learn about trees, plants, and other backyard topics of interest.

OTHER PAST EVENTS
• Literary presentation by David Hendee: “Nebraska: 150 Years Told Through 93 Counties”
• Tour of the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital – Omaha campus
• Tour of the UNMC Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center

The UNMC Retiree Association formed in the fall of 2016 with the mission of offering a platform for continued and meaningful communication and engagement between UNMC and its retired faculty, staff, and alumni. As one facet of a purposeful retirement, some retirees welcome opportunities to maintain their support of UNMC through contributions of time, talent, and a deep reservoir of institutional knowledge. The UNMC Retiree Association provides opportunities for former colleagues and alumni to maintain social and professional ties.

For more information or to get involved, please contact the Alumni Relations Office or call Catherine Mello at 402.559.4385.
Alumni Reunion Weekend 2018: Living the Legacy

The 2018 Alumni Reunion Weekend welcomed almost 400 hundred alumni and friends back to campus and to Omaha from the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and the Graduate Studies Program. Throughout both Friday and Saturday, September 21 – 22, 2018, attendees had the opportunity to participate in campus tours and learn about academic areas of interest. Honor year class parties were held on Friday evening and Saturday evening was the Celebration & Awards banquet recognizing 12 alumni.

To see photos from the weekend, click here.

To learn more about Alumni Reunion Weekend 2019, click here.

Nursing Class of 1968 Gathers for 50-year Reunion

Members of the BSN class of 1968 from the Omaha campus gathered in Omaha October 19–21 to celebrate their 50-year class reunion.

Did you have a class reunion this year? Send us your photos!
Physical Therapy Alumni & Student Evening of Networking Held

August 16, 2018, more than 60 physical therapy alumni, students, and faculty members gathered for the first-ever evening of networking. Attendees met at Corkscrew Wine & Cheese in the near-to-campus Blackstone District. The event was a great opportunity for the students to meet alumni and ask them for advice and professional tips. The alumni enjoyed hearing from the students about their current experiences, as well as the opportunity to reconnect with the faculty.
UNMC & UNMCAA Outreach in Arizona

Leaders from both UNMC and the UNMC Alumni Association met with alumni and friends from across various professions while visiting the Phoenix, Arizona area in mid-February. A big thank you to Dr. Ron & Bonnie Caniglia for being gracious hosts and welcoming everyone into their home. It was wonderful to see so many alumni and to hear about the great things they are doing both personally and professionally.
Connect with the UNMCAA through the UNMC App & Social Media

Download the UNMC app on your mobile device to connect with the UNMCAA!

From the Alumni button in the app, you can access:
- About Us
- Alumni Councils
- Alumni Directory
- Alumni Website
- Blog
- Contact Us
- Donate
- Events
- Get Involved
- NU Advocates
- Resources
- Social
- Update Contact Info/Submit Class Notes

Social Media

UNMCAA Twitter

Facebook Pages & Groups:
- All Alumni
- College of Nursing Kearney Division Alumni
- College of Nursing Norfolk Division Alumni
- College of Allied Health Professions Alumni
- Medical Laboratory Science Alumni
- College of Medicine Alumni
- College of Nursing Alumni
- College of Pharmacy Alumni
- College of Public Health Alumni
- College of Dentistry
- Physician Assistant Alumni
- Physical Therapy Alumni
- Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences Alumni
- LinkedIn

The University of Nebraska Advocates Program

The University of Nebraska Advocates program is a coalition of individuals who are passionate about their university, informed about the issues impacting higher education, and prepared to raise awareness of the university’s contributions to the state of Nebraska and beyond. Learn more or sign up [here](#).

View photos from the I Love NU Day held at the Nebraska State Capitol on March 27.
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Scott Sanderson CP’12
Omaha, Neb., joined UNMC in 2019 as the new adjunct assistant professor and clinical education coordinator in the department of clinical perfusion education. Previously he was with Nebraska Medicine for six years serving as a staff perfusionist and will continue his clinical roles. He and his wife, Annie, have two children, Adam and Natalie. Outside of work, Scott enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and trying new restaurants.

MITS: Faculty and students from the medical imaging and therapeutic sciences department took time out of their busy schedules to decorate the newly remodeled Ronald McDonald house the first week in December 2018. This is a long standing tradition that was started by Jim Temme ’73, ’74 and has been carried on for more than 20 years.

Dianne Bahn MITS’70
Yankton, S.D., and husband Gerald welcomed a third grandchild, Rylan James Graiver, on December 21, 2018. Parents are David and Robyn Graiver of Portland, Oregon.

Tammy Webster MITS’00, GS’18
Gretna, Neb., graduated from UNMC with her doctor of philosophy through the medical sciences interdepartmental area in May 2018. She serves on two professional editorial review boards, is the executive editor for the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences’ professional newsletter, and has been selected to participate in the Association of American Medical College’s (AAMC) Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) certificate program. She also was selected for elevation to fellow status for the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS).

Michaela Eurek MITS’16
Fremont, Neb., started working in the UNMC budget office in January 2019.

Zolana Baume MITS’92
Omaha, Neb., graduated with a PhD in gerontology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in December 2018.

Olivia Little MLS’09
Tecumseh, Neb., graduated with a masters in healthcare administration from Bellevue University in June 2018.

Alysha Urbanec MLS’13
Gretna, Neb., began working at Methodist Hospital as a clinical instructor and medical technologist in the core lab teaching hematology and coagulation in June 2018.

Jessica Hart MLS’15
Omaha, Neb., works in the special hematology laboratory at Nebraska Medicine. She recently enrolled in the College of Public Health at UNMC where she is working on a master’s degree in biostatistics.

Sharon Classen PT’81
Omaha, Neb., worked with horses and riders from all over the world at the FEI World Equestrian Games held in Omaha in September 2018. As one of the International Equestrian Federation’s Permitted Equine Therapists, she has made a career of working with humans and horses.

Patricia Bolli PT’87
Burwell, Neb., joined the Valley County Health System Rehab Services and sees patients in their Burwell location.

Roger Svec PT’87
Dakota Dunes, S.D., is the rehab services director in Pender, Neb. Additionally, all three of his children are enrolled in UNMC’s medical school for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Heather Mehlfaff PT’94
Sioux City, Iowa, recently accepted a position as program director of the physical therapy assistant program at Western Iowa Tech Community College.

Betina Kieffer PT’98
Rapid City, S.D., works part-time at a rural hospital in Custer with a focus on outpatients and a special interest in women’s health. She has two children, ages 17 and 15. They have a hobby farm that keeps them entertained and their last adventure was to visit the Redwoods.

Betsy Becker PT’99, GS’18
Omaha, Neb., was appointed Director of the UNMC division of physical therapy education, effective January 1, 2019. In December 2018, she graduated from UNMC with her doctor of philosophy in preventative and societal medicine through the medical sciences interdepartmental area.
Sara Bills PT’04
Lincoln, Neb., was inducted into UNMC’s Interprofessional Academy of Educators (IAE) in September 2018. The IAE is an organization by educators for educators, with more than 90 members from across UNMC’s campuses, representing every college, and dedicated to serving UNMC’s educational mission.

Jason Wheeler PT’05
San Antonio, Texas, recently finished four years of training to obtain his fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (FAAOMPT) through the Manual Therapy Institute. He also became one of the only physical therapists in the Air Force to be credentialed to fly at 9G’s after completing centrifuge training.

Brad Dexter PT’11
Omaha, Neb., was invited to join the Therapy Leadership Council of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, an organization that has demonstrated proven leadership in the field of advancement of care for individuals with spinal cord injury.

Matthew Barth PT’12
Kearney, Neb., joined Elite Chiropractic and Physical Therapy. He says that joining chiropractic treatment with physical therapy often can accelerate recovery.

Rashelle Hoffman PT’15
Omaha, Neb., received the Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) I Patricia Leahy Award at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 2019. She was recognized for her dissertation work on the motor actions and cognition of adults with cerebral palsy.

Kent Wilkins PA’83
Amarillo, Texas, is retired and enjoying life. He especially loves to visit National Parks and Monuments with his two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ben Nagel PA’95
Scottsbluff, Neb., joined the Sidney Regional Medical Center in October 2018 where he sees patients in the Walk-in Clinic. He is an ultramarathon runner, avid big game hunter, and enjoys spending time with his family.

Randall Lippincott PA’99

Jacklynn Kment PA’00
Walton, Neb., opened her Lincoln dermatology practice, Integrity Dermatology, in June 2018.

Maurice Skiller PA’01 ‘03
Memphis, Tenn., received his doctor of medical science degree from Lincoln Memorial University in August 2018.

Joseph Willmitch PA’01
Memphis, Tenn., is currently an assistant professor and director of clinical education for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and College of Medicine department of physician assistant studies.

Christy Snyder PA’02
Waverly, Neb., started working at Steven’s Creek Family Medicine in Lincoln in August 2018. Additionally, her oldest daughter was married in December 2017.

Tom Freeman PA’06
Beaufort, S.C. joined the team at Lowcountry Spine and Sport in the summer 2018. Previously, he served 10 years as a surgical technician in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Christine, have five children.

Lynn Spindler-Ebensperger PA’07
Pepin, Wis., is employed with Ascension in family practice/same day appointments, and compensation and pension for Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center. She is currently earning graduate credits through the University of Florida and is a proud member of the United States Military Reserves, as a physician assistant.

Kelly Wemhoff PA’10

Abbey Ruland PA’12
Ross, N.D., joined Trinity Health in their New Town location in January 2019.

Geoff Snyder PA’15
Breinigsville, Pa., is deployed to Jordan as an Army Forces Jordan Surgeon and has earned the Meritorious Service Medal for his work.

Jason (Jay) Brooks PA’16
Seward, Neb., joined the Seward Family Medical Center in January 2019.

Alysha Garber PA’17
Central City, Neb., works for the Merrick Medical Center and sees patients in the Central City and Fullerton clinics and also provides coverage in the emergency room.

Kayla Rankin PA’17
Spalding, Neb., joined Kearney Family Practice Associates, P.C., where she cares for patients who need to be seen immediately for illness or injury.
John Galloway M’56
Duxbury, Mass., completed a 10,000 word paper, Pharmacological Considerations in the Presidency of John F. Kennedy. He has also reached fifty years in the field of diabetes.

Gretchen Berggren M’58
Tucker, Colo., retired from the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health and after losing her husband, Warren, in 2016, has remarried an epidemiologist, David Newberry. Together they are active in global health and helped develop the positive deviance method for nutrition education.

Leo McCarthy M’62 ’64
Indianapolis, Ind., has been named the recipient of the Irving S. Cutter Medal from the Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society for extraordinary service to the field of medicine. He will receive the award in June 2019. Irving Cutter graduated from the Nebraska College of Medicine in 1910. In November 2018, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh established the McCarthy Award for History of Medicine Research. The award is aimed to support and develop the study of the history of medicine and is sponsored by Dr. McCarthy, a fellow of the college.

Gary Biesecker M’63
High Point, N.C., retired as a Navy captain reserve officer after 26 years. He is now a choir member at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and volunteers at Community Clinic. He has been a Kiwanis member since 1977 and enjoys gardening, coastal fishing, tennis, and his grandchildren.

Dennis Weiland M’63
Scottsdale, Ariz., was awarded the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. He has served as president and treasurer for the Arizona American College of Surgeons for the last 16 years.

Douglas Hubner M’64
Tulsa, Okla., has been married for 58 years. He is happily retired and a member of the Presbyterian Church. All four of his children are grown with families.

Donald Freeman M’65
Eugene, Ore., is retired from medical practice work in anesthesia and now enjoys raising flowers and maintaining the yard. He is enjoying life and has been blessed with a large family.

James Newland M’65
Omaha, Neb., emeritus professor in the department of pathology & microbiology was honored in February 2019 with the Valor in Educational Service Award from UNMC. This award recognizes volunteer, emeritus, or adjunct faculty whose daily service to learners exemplifies the spirit of outstanding teaching or clinical supervision.

Duane Krause M’67
Fremont, Neb., celebrated his 80th birthday with a tandem skydive from 14,000 feet which included a 10,000 foot freefall. He has been married to his wife Helen for 57 years and they have been blessed with four sons, three grandsons, and two great grandsons.

Richard Collins M’68
Stromsburg, Neb., retired from cardiology in April 2017 after being in Denver for 14 years. He is still active giving national lectures as a preventative cardiologist and he joined the UNMC physician assistant program as an adjunct faculty member in 2018.

M. Nicholas Workhoven M’68
Coos Bay, Ore., retired on June 1, 2018 after exactly 50 years of practice. He is now busy spending time with his grandchildren.

Richard Blatny Sr. M’69
Fairbury, Neb., was honored with a Meritorious Service Award that recognizes the long term contributions of members to the Nebraska Hospital Association. He semi-retired in September 2018 and is providing part-time emergency and on-call coverage with limited office hours and appointment times for the Jefferson Community Health & Life Fairbury Clinic.

LeMoyne Johnson M’70
Bradenton, Fla., is now in the 20th year of operation of his camera store. He and his wife, Darlene, are avid travelers in their motorhome and are on the road about five months a year.

Dale Michels M’73
Walton, Neb., retired in July 2018. He helped found the Lincoln Family Medical Group in 1974 and practiced primary care in Lincoln for 44 years.

Robert Voller M’75 Anesthesiology ’88
Columbus, Miss., has retired to part-time practice with only daytime work after 30 years of anesthesia practice. After taking night call every third night since 1975, he now enjoys sleeping through the night.

Donald Wikoff M’75
Powderly, Texas, has retired after almost 30 years of practice in Paris, Texas. He has transferred his practice to a husband and wife team of urologists.

Lee Newcomer M’76
Minnetonka, Minn., was elected to the Cellworks Board of Directors in October 2018. Cellworks Group, Inc., is a leader in precision medicine and a global pioneer of Therapy Response Index (TRI) technology. From 2005-2018 he served as Senior Vice President, Oncology and Genetics for UnitedHealth Group, where he pioneered an initiative combining clinical, financial and program management experts to focus on cancer care.
Gary Bryant M’77
Minnetonka, Minn., recently completed an 11-year tenure as vice chair of clinical affairs for the department of medicine at the University of Minnesota. He was awarded the designation of Master of the American College of Rheumatology at the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2018.

Patrick Donovan M’77, Residency ’80
Scottsdale, Ariz., has special interests in breast cancer, lymphoma, melanoma and blood disorders. He has been on Arizona’s Top Doctors listing for more than 20 years and is practicing at the Arizona Center for Cancer Care.

James O’Dell M’77
Omaha, Neb., serves as the Stokes Shackleford Professor and vice chair in the UNMC department of internal medicine and chief of the UNMC division of rheumatology. In February 2019, he was recognized as a Varner Educator Laureate. The award honors an individual with sustained achievement in education who has significantly improved the UNMC learning environment through the provision of outstanding educational experiences.

Paul Paulman M’77
Omaha, Neb., serves as a professor in the UNMC department of family medicine and was honored in February 2019 as a Varner Educator Laureate.

Jeffrey Bishop N’78
West Palm Beach, Fla., was elected as a member of the Board of Directors at Trustbridge Hospice Foundation. He currently serves as the medical director of both Wellness Counseling and Residential Detox Services, LLC in Martin County and Daylight Detox in Palm Beach Gardens.

Lawrence Banta M’78
Caldwell, Ind., serves as medical director of the West Valley Medical Center Mental Health Unit. He has two books in print: Effective Orphan Care Ministry and Ministerio Efectivo a los Huérfanos. He has also served as a missionary in India, Kenya, and Mexico.

James (Jim) Linder M’80
Omaha, Neb., received the Lighthouse Beacon of Light Award from the Omaha Chief Information Officer (CIO) Forum in September 2018. The lighthouse awards are intended to acknowledge the efforts of key individuals who keep Nebraska safe, strong and growing. In January 2019, he received the inaugural Pipeline Legacy Award from the Pipeline Entrepreneurs fellowship organization out of Kansas City. He serves as the CEO of Nebraska Medicine.

Brian Nyquist M’80
Bremerton, Wash., has spent 25 years in the U.S. Navy as a diving and submarine medical officer, a family physician, and an anesthesiologist. He and his wife have two sons.

Daniel Gillen M’82
Belleville, Ill., received a master of science degree in biochemistry and disaster preparedness from Saint Louis University.

David Peterson M’82
Salina, Kan., is retired from his orthopedic practice and now enjoys traveling several times a year to Austin, Texas with wife, DuAnn, to visit their two grandchildren.

David Jameson M’83, Family & General Medicine ’86
Stromsburg, Neb., was named King at the 2018 Midsummer Swedish Festival in the Stromsburg Town Square. In February 2018, he celebrated 30 years of private practice in Polk County.

Robert Plambeck M’84, ’87, ’91
Lincoln, Neb., is proud to announce that his fifth and final child Ben, started medical school at UNMC in the fall of 2018. Rob Plambeck M’12 is a critical care intensivist in Omaha, Joe Plambeck M’15 is a senior anesthesiology resident at UNMC. Anna Seeley PA’13 and Sarah Froehlich PA’16 both work at Lincoln Pulmonology and Critical Care, in Lincoln, Neb.

Michael Johnson M’85
Hastings, Neb., is in his 30th year in family medicine. He and his wife are currently sending all three of their children to college.

Anne Morse M’86
Kiowa, Colo., has retired from quality improvement consulting after she retired from her practice of internal medicine. She now enjoys traveling in her RV for two months each spring and one month in the fall.

Miles Tommeraasen M’86, Surgery ’88
Ogallala, Neb., joined the Banner Medical Group as a general surgeon at the Ogallala Community Hospital. He performs a wide array of procedures, including appendectomies, gall bladder surgery, upper and lower endoscopies, bowel surgery and wound care.

Steve Boyer M’88, Family & General Medicine ’91
Mullen, Neb., is a primary care physician at Alliance’s Greater Nebraska Medical & Surgical Services. He stays in Alliance three days of the week when he practices and then travels back to Mullen the other days.

Patrick Hotovy M’89
York, Neb., was honored at the state capitol with the Nebraska Family Physician of the Year award. He is heavily involved with SERPA-ACO serving in multiple positions over the last seven years, has been a board member and committee chair for Epworth Village for more than 20 years, and presently serves as president of the York Public Schools Foundation.

Ronald Prauner M’89
Portland Ore., is retired from the U.S. Army Medical Corps after a 25-year active duty career and now works as a full-time pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Randall Children’s Hospital.

Jill Reel M’89
Blair, Neb., is a pediatrician at the Blair Clinic. Her husband Jeff Burianek is in sales for Mark Hydraulics. Their daughter, Brooke, is married and is an attorney in Sioux Falls, S.D. Their son, Nick, has a Masters in Accounting and does auditing for BKD.

Curtis Reimer M’92, Family & General Medicine ’95
Hastings, Neb., and his wife, Kathy, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary in June 2018. All four of their children have now graduated from Hastings High School and he continues to practice family medicine in a partner-owned private practice and serves as a team physician for Hastings High School and Hastings College.
Julie Brahmer M’93
Severna Park, Md., was recognized by Continental Who’s Who as the 2018 Oncologist of the Year in the field of Healthcare in recognition of her role as oncologist at Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins.

Patricio Frias M’93
Brookhaven, Ga., serves as the president and CEO of Rady Children’s Hospital and Health Center. He is currently the chief operating officer at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, where he’s spent his entire career. As a pediatric cardiologist and electrophysiologist, he has moved from patient care into administrative leadership roles.

Theodore Utech M’94
Eureka, Calif., retired in October 2018 and is now living in the beautiful Red Woods of northern California.

Ted Mikuls M’95, Internal Medicine ’99
Omaha, Neb., professor of internal medicine, rheumatology at UNMC was honored for Academic Contributions of Excellence in Faculty Development. He was praised for selfless mentorship, stressing the importance of collaboration to produce high-quality work while advancing current practices.

J. Scott Neumeister M’95, Internal Medicine ’98
Omaha, Neb., was awarded the Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator by the American College of Physicians (ACP), a national organization of internists. He is an associate professor in the department of internal medicine at UNMC.

Daniel Anderson M’96, ’98, Internal Medicine and Electrophysiology ’06
Omaha, Neb., is the acting chief in the division of cardiovascular medicine for the department of internal medicine at UNMC. He reviews manuscripts for multiple journals and served as co-chair and chair of the American Heart Association review sections for six years. He has also served on the editorial board of the Journal of Cardiovascular disease since 2013.

Matthew Mahar M’97
Asheville, N.C., joined Park Ridge Health Physician Services. He is involved in medical missions and spent a year with his family in Kilkenny, Ireland doing mission work.

Richard Seitz M’97, Internal Medicine ’00
Fremont, Neb., received the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians (ACP) for his example, conduct, and commitment to excellence in medical care, education and research, service to his community, the Nebraska chapter of the ACP and the ACP. He has practiced in Fremont for the last 18 years as an internist in a traditional practice and as a hospitalist on weekends at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln. At the Fremont Medical Center he serves in several leadership roles including chairman of the medicine department, medical director of the hospitalist program and pharmacy department, as well as the medical director of the internal medicine outpatient clinic.

Jason Walsh M’97
Kearney, Neb., joined the Platte Valley Medical Group in November 2018. Since 2006 he practiced at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff. He has extensive experience in general and vascular surgery. He and his wife Christy have two sons.

Whitney Goldner M’98
Omaha, Neb., was elected as vice president (physician-in-practice) to lead the Endocrine Society, the world’s oldest, largest and most active organization devoted to research on hormones and the clinical practice of endocrinology. She began serving her three-year term in March 2018.

Jason Shiffermiller M’98
Omaha, Neb., assistant professor of general internal medicine, recently was published in the Journal of Hospital Medicine on a new approach to perioperative management of ACE Inhibitor medications. The paper also made the Hospitalist Top Five list the week of July 23, 2018.

Jill Poole M’99
Omaha, Neb., was elected secretary of the environmental and occupational respiratory disease interest section in the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. Her two-year term will be followed by the position of vice chair, then chair, each which are two-year terms.

Beau Konigsberg M’01
Omaha, Neb., serves as the assistant dean of admissions in the College of Medicine at UNMC.

Maria Michaelis M’01, Anesthesiology ’05
Omaha, Neb., was appointed by the Nebraska State Board of Health to serve on the Board of Medicine and Surgery as a medical school faculty member.

Allison Cushman-Vokoun GS’02, M’04, Pathology ’08
Omaha, Neb., was appointed to the American Board of Pathology (ABPath)’s 2019 Test Development and Advisory Committee for Molecular Genetic Pathology. The Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing the ABPath certification exam questions that assess and certify a physician’s education, knowledge, experience, and skills in order to provide high quality care in the pathology profession.

Melissa Stade M’02, Surgery ’07
Kearney, Neb., practices at the Platte Valley Medical Group. She has special interests in advanced laparoscopic, minimally invasive, breast, general thoracic, and bariatric surgeries.

Angela Brennan M’03, Family & General Medicine ’06
Saint Paul, Neb., received the Marion D. and Theordore H. Koefoot Jr., M.D. Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine Award in 2018. She has been participating in this program for ten years, mentoring medical students.

Geoffrey Talmon M’03, Pathology ’07
Omaha, Neb., serves as the assistant dean for medical education in the College of Medicine at UNMC. He is responsible for educational issues and is coordinating the liaison committee for the college’s medical education accreditation process visit that will take place in 2021.

Tami Dodds M’04, Family & General Medicine ’07
Albion, Neb., received the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from UNMC’s national honor society Alpha Omega Alpha. She has been practicing at the Boone County Health Center for 10 years.

Sheritta Strong M’04, ’08
Omaha, Neb., received the Nancy C. A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education by the American Psychiatric Association. She is the co-director of medical student education for the department of psychiatry at UNMC.

Brian Boerner M’06, Internal Medicine & Endocrinology ’11
Omaha, Neb., was named the director of UNMC’s Interprofessional Academy of Educators in February 2019. He also serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr.
Shannon Boerner M’06, Internal Medicine ’09
Omaha, Neb., serves as an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine at UNMC. In February 2019, she was recognized with the Inspirational Mentor of Educators Award. The award honors an individual who has mentored and sponsored junior faculty or trainees at the local, regional or national level including a consistent track record of fostering future educators.

Joel Armitage M’07, Internal Medicine ’10
Omaha, Neb., received the Early Career Physician of the Year Award from the American College of Physicians (ACP). He is an assistant professor in the general internal medicine division at UNMC, serves as a facilitator at the university resident Midtown Clinic, is a preceptor to third-year medical students, and is the medical director at the Village Pointe Multispecialty Clinic for primary care.

Nathan Falk M’07, Family & General Medicine ’10
Winter Garden, Fla., was selected as the first program director for the Florida State University College of Medicine’s residency program at Winter Haven Hospital. The three-year program is expected to start in 2020, admitting six new residents each year for a total of 18 residents who will train in family medicine.

Chad Reade M’07, Internal Medicine ’11
Omaha, Neb., received the Volunteer Faculty Award from the American College of Physicians (ACP). He has been practicing traditional internal medicine with inpatient and outpatient responsibilities in the Methodist Health System as a part of the Methodist Physicians Clinic Healthwest Internal Medicine since 2011. In addition to this, he regularly precepts medical students and interns for the department of internal medicine at UNMC and he has also precepted nurse practitioner students.

Nicholas Heiser M’08
Omaha, Neb., serves in the department of anesthesiology at UNMC as an assistant professor and associate residency program director. He also serves as the anesthesia director at the Firth Surgery Center.

Quinton Kelly M’09
Lincoln, Neb., returned to his hometown to join Advanced Medical Imaging in the practice of vascular and interventional radiology. He said that he and his wife enjoyed Virginia but are thrilled to be back in the Midwest.

Brian Moran M’09
Waconia, Minn., joined Ridgeview Specialty Clinic as a certified neurologist with a subspecialty in epilepsy. In his free time, he enjoys canoeing, cycling and fishing.

Lindsay Northam M’09
Elkhorn, Neb., was inaugurated president of the Metro Omaha Medical Society in January 2019. She is the sixth woman to serve in that role in the organization’s 153-year history.

Amanda Allan M’10
Castle Rock, Colo., is working as a civilian assistant chief medical officer for the department of defense. She had a son in 2016 and has another baby boy on the way.

Matthew Bogard M’10, Family & General Medicine ’13
Omaha, Neb., accepted a leadership position in the Wyman Heights Neighborhood Association. He practices emergency medicine at multiple hospitals including the Lucas County Health Center in Chariton, Iowa and is on track to be dual-board certified in the near future. He also published an article on caring for a loved one suffering from an illness.

Amanda Knapp M’10
Lincoln, Neb., works as a general pediatrician at the Lincoln Pediatric Group.

Chad Moes M’10, Family & General Medicine ’13
Elkhorn, Neb., joined the faculty in the department of family medicine at UNMC in 2018 and serves west Omaha at the Village Pointe Clinic.

David Berkheim M’11
Omaha, Neb., joined the faculty in the department of surgery, division of cardiothoracic surgery at UNMC, in October 2018.

Craig Johnson M’11
Omaha, Neb., is a new faculty member at UNMC working as an assistant professor in the department of radiology.

Brynn Lastovica M’11, Family & General Medicine ’14
Omaha, Neb., joined the faculty in the department of family medicine at UNMC in July 2018 and provides care at the Chalco Clinic.

Ian Young M’11
Rochester Minn., was awarded Teacher of the Year by Winona Health for his work with students in urgent care and emergency medicine.

Timothy Donovan M’12
Omaha, Neb., is an assistant professor in the UNMC department of radiology, interventional radiology division.

Jonathan Fullner M’12, Internal Medicine ’13
Lincoln, Neb., joined the Lincoln Radiology Group, PC. He specializes in diagnostic radiology and neuroradiology.

Hilary Miller M’12
Spalding, Neb., has been named the Valley County Health System Chief of Staff. In her one-year term she will act as the liaison and adviser between VCHS administration and medical staff, as well as oversee physician credentialing, education and quality assurance.

Jeremy Stone M’12
Coleridge, Neb., is an assistant professor for the department of internal medicine, division of cardiovascular medicine at UNMC.

Clayton Thor M’12
Omaha, Neb., joined the Clarinda Regional Health Center and is bringing a new approach for hip replacements, using a minimally invasive direct superior approach.

Trevor Gregath M’13
Omaha, Neb., joined the Bryan Physician Network and is providing consultations and care to patients hospitalized at Bryan Medical Center with neurological conditions.
Jacob Oran M’13, Surgery ‘18
Kearney, Neb., joined the Platte Valley Medical Group in Kearney in August 2018. He and his wife, Abbie, have three boys.

Natalie Ronshaugen M’13
Omaha, Neb., joined UNMC in the department of pediatrics as an assistant professor and in the department of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation as a sports medicine physician in the fall of 2018.

Adam Sutton M’13
Omaha, Neb., is an assistant professor in UNMC’s department of dermatology and director of Mohs and dermatologic surgery.

Paula Thielen M’13
Blair, Neb., joined the staff at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair in October 2018. She also sees patients at the Cottonwood Clinic in Tekamah.

Charles (Wes) Whitten M’13
Lincoln, Neb., started the Nebraska Pain Institute in July 2018. He is a board certified anesthesiologist and provides personalized multimodal treatments, including medication management, interventional procedures, and alternative therapies. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his wife Kari and their two boys, as well as hunting, fishing, farming, and physical fitness.

Patrick Anderl M’14
Omaha, Neb., joined the UNMC department of family medicine faculty in July 2018 and practices in the Bellevue Clinic.

Megan Arthur M’14
Gretna, Neb., is an assistant professor in the UNMC department of dermatology, co-director of an interdisciplinary dermatology/ rheumatology clinic, and director of medical student education.

Jeremy Hosein M’13
Denver, Colo., was appointed a White House Fellow in the Office of Legislative Affairs on October 15, 2018. Jeremy is a senior Neurosurgery Resident at the University of Colorado, where he specializes in the surgical management of diseases of the brain and spine. He was selected as a Leadership Fellow of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and recently completed a term as president of the Housestaff Association, representing 1,100 physicians-in-training in Colorado.

Stephen Gravning, Internal Medicine ‘12
Fargo, N.D., joined EssentiaHealth-Fargo as a hospitalist.

Tim Dorius, Internal Medicine ‘18
Omaha, Neb., joined the practice at Oncology Associates, P.C. in August 2018.

Lilli Mauer, Internal Medicine ‘18
Omaha, Neb., joined Boys Town Internal Medicine in January 2019.

RESIDENCY

Kelli Garwood M’15, Family & General Medicine ‘18
Valentine, Neb., joined the Cherry County Clinic in October 2018, where she sees patients of all ages, however she especially enjoys obstetrical/maternity care and pediatrics. She has spent time practicing medicine internationally and hopes to incorporate medical mission work into her future practice.

Brent Jameson M’15
Stromsburg, Neb., joined the practice at Prairie Creek Family Medicine. He is working at both the Stromsburg and Osceola locations, as well as Annie Jeffrey Hospital.

Autumn Keiser M’15
Brayton, Iowa, began seeing patients at the Atlantic Medical Center in September 2018. She provides a full spectrum of family medicine and is excited to be in close proximity to her family in Omaha, Neb.

Kelli Osborn M’15
Meadow Grove, Neb., joined Antelope Memorial Hospital’s medical staff in November 2018.

Jacob Peterson M’15
Holdrege, Neb., joined the Family Medical Specialties team of physicians in October 2018. He provides family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, sports medicine, intensive care and endoscopy and office procedure services.

Kathryn Score M’15
Elgin, Neb., graduated from the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency Program in June 2018 and was presented with the American Academy of Family Physicians Certificate. She went on to join the staff at Fall River Health Services in Hot Springs, S.D.

Brett Wergin M’15, Family & General Medicine ‘18
Fairbury, Neb., joined the Jefferson Community Health & Life Fairbury Clinic in August 2018.

Michael Powell M’16
Grand Island, Neb., accepted a position to join Tri Valley Health System in Cambridge, Neb., in the summer of 2019, upon completion of his residency training at UNMC.

Derek Shafer M’16
Scottsbluff, Neb., accepted a position as a family medicine and obstetrics practitioner at Greater Nebraska Medical & Surgical Services in July 2019, following his residency.

Cade Craig M’17
Omaha, Neb., accepted a position as a medical provider at Kearney County Health Services in August 2020, following his residency.

Emory Dye M’17
Gering, Neb., is a family practice resident through UNMC’s family medicine rural training track. He sees patients in the Regional West Physicians Clinic - Family Medicine in Scottsbluff.
Gladys Sorensen N’45
Tucson, Ariz., celebrated her 96th birthday in October 2018. She lives in an independent senior community, is a member of the residents’ council, and works in the gift shop a few hours a week.

Beatrice Kalisch N’65
Ann Arbor, Mich., was recognized as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018. She is an internationally known nursing scholar who has made numerous contributions, particularly in the areas of the image of the nurse and patient safety.

Sharon Redding N’68
Omaha, Neb., recently went with the International Medical Exchange of Omaha, Neb. to Nakura Kenya on a three-week service trip. Sixteen health professionals shared their expertise with staff at the Rift Valley Provincial Hospital. Sharon’s activities included teaching basic life support and other courses on respiratory support, working with staff in the labor & delivery and NICU areas, and helping ER and eye clinic staff to organize equipment. Highlights included a photo safari to the Masai Mara Game Reserve and giving lectures to students at a School for the Deaf. Sharon distributed knitted caps to newborns as well as washable personal hygiene products.

Marylin Betancur N’70
Morrill, Neb., retired from the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff after 49 years of employment.

Connie Hyde N’74
Hastings, Neb., is working three part-time jobs after her retirement in 2016.

Diane Swanson-Vann N’74
Macon, Ga., has been endorsed by marquis Who’s Who as a leader in the education industry. She was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to her profession. She also authored the book Undermining the U.S. Constitution.

Kathleen Hanna N’75, ‘81
Omaha, Neb., was inducted into fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018. She serves as professor in the UNMC College of Nursing and holds the Carol M. Wilson Endowed Chair in Nursing.

Jeff Akerson N’78, M’84, Family & General Medicine ’87
Bellevue, Neb., joined the UNMC department of family medicine faculty in July 2018. He provides primary care at the Bellevue Clinic.

Mary Moller N’82
Gig Harbor, Wash., was recognized by the American Psychiatric Nurses Association with the 2018 Psychiatric Nurse of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of psychiatric-mental health nursing.

Anne Wilber N’83, ’85
Norfolk, Neb., was recognized in November 2018 by the Nebraska and Western Iowa March of Dimes with a Spirit of Service Award. Anne serves as an instructor at the UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division in Norfolk.

Susan Bristol N’91
Omaha, Neb., writes short stories during retirement, two of which were published last year in an anthology called Voices from the Plains. A second edition of Voices came out in December 2018 with one of her stories in it. She was also published by Chicken Soup for the Soul in March. She belongs to the Nebraska Writers’ Guild and presented at the fall conference. Additionally, she teaches a non-credit memoir class at Metro Community College.

Cynthia Francisco N’91
Lake Havasu City, Ariz., accepted a position at Mohave Community College as resident faculty for their nursing program.

Connie Vogt N’91
Lincoln, Neb., became the program manager for the Long Term Care Facilities License Unit Division of Public Health with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services in September 2018.

Theresa Culbertson N’92
Bennington, Neb., retired in October 2018 after 37 years as an RN and the last 25 with the Visiting Nurse Association.

Candie Jones N’92
Omaha, Neb., accepted a position as a nurse manager of the neurological science specialty unit at Nebraska Medicine in May 2018. A poster abstract she co-authored was selected for presentation at the National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition in May 2019.
Sandra Leaders N’93
Council Bluffs, Iowa, is a Nurse Practitioner working at a community health clinic. She has found a passion for serving the underserved and enjoys traveling on mission trips to various countries. She has been married for 45 years and has been blessed with four children and eleven grandchildren.

Meggan Anderson N’96
Gretna, Neb., is currently in the doctorate of interdisciplinary leadership program at Creighton University.

Dianne Brown N’96
Orlando, Fla., is a practicing nurse working for Florida Hospital as a Post Exposure RN in the occupational nurse/risk management department. She travels the Central Florida area providing emergency care. She has been married to her husband for 43 years and has been blessed with four grandchildren.

Wendy Wells N’96, ’01
Scottsbluff, Neb., was named a 2018 Community Star by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health in November 2018.

Leah Glasgo N’97
Fort Dodge, Iowa, was named president and chief executive officer of UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge, effective January 28, 2019. She was formerly the chief operating officer at UPH’s Sioux City location.

Robynne Broussard N’99
Zachary, La., serves as the RN program manager – Stroke and Chest Pain at Baton Rouge General.

Danielle Whorlow N’99, ’04
Omaha, Neb., is utilizing an integrated services approach to community oncology that involves occupational therapy, mental health, geriatric, and palliative care along with the convenience of an in-house pharmacy at Nebraska Cancer Specialists.

Elizabeth Beam N’00, N’14, GS’14
Omaha, Neb., serves as an assistant professor in the UNMC College of Nursing Omaha Division. On February 7, 2019, she was recognized with an Interprofessional Education Scholar Award. This award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to interprofessional education locally, regionally or nationally.

Erin Starr N’02
Fairbury, Neb., has been with Jefferson Community Health & Life for 15 years and is currently the chief quality officer.

Christine Eisenhauer N’03
Norfolk, Neb., was honored with a New Investigator Award on March 5, 2019 from UNMC. This award recognizes outstanding scientists who in the past two years have secured their first funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, or other national sources. New investigators also had to demonstrate scholarly activity such as publishing their research and/or presenting their findings at national conventions.

Brittney Kuck N’06
Brevard, N.C., moved to Brevard and started working as a nurse practitioner at Asheville Cardiology Associates.

Kyle Odvody N’06
Morrison, Colo., graduated with a Master of Science degree from Regis University and is practicing as a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. He currently practices at the Yakes Vascular Malformation Center in Denver.

Amelia Swanson N’07
Grand Island, Neb., received the Emergency Nursing Leadership Award at the Nebraska Emergency Nurses Association conference in the fall of 2018. The award is presented to leaders who have made exemplary contributions to their department and/or the emergency nursing profession. She works at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island.

Tiffany Lechtenberg N’09
Spencer, Neb., received the Nebraska Farm Bureau’s 2018 Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement in Agriculture Award in December 2018.

Abbie Albrecht N’12
Bassett, Neb., is a nurse practitioner at the Rock County Hospital. She sees patients of all ages and medical conditions, with an emphasis on providing quality care close to home.

Stefanie Dvorak N’13
Pierce, Neb., is a new faculty member at Northeast Community College (NCC) in Norfolk. Prior to being an instructor she was a registered nurse in obstetrics at Faith Regional Health Services and was an adjunct nursing instructor at NCC.

Hope Hansen N’14, ’18
Gering, Neb., is a nurse practitioner at Regional West Physicians Clinic – Orthopedics.

Katie Speer N’14
Lincoln, Neb., through a promotion in May 2018 became the assistant nurse manager and clinical resource nurse at Bryan Health on the cardiac medical unit and cardiac monitoring unit. She also became PCCN certified (progressive care nursing) in October 2018.

Elisabeth Collins N’15
Apo, Calif., has been working in emergency medicine at the US Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan, and has continued her education in nursing completing her master’s degree in May 2018. She is a dually-certified nurse practitioner (AGACNP-BC and FNP-BC) and is now working as a hospitalist in the U.S. territory of Guam.

Blake Glynn N’17 PA’18
Palmer, Neb., graduated from the interservice physician assistant program during a special ceremony held on June 6, 2018 at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. He entered active duty in 2004, and has been deployed multiple times, including participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom VI as well as Operation New Dawn.

Katie Steele N’17
Omaha, Neb., works as a staff nurse at UNMC in the operating room.

Amy Olnes N’18
Albion, Neb., became a family nurse practitioner at Boone County Health Center following her graduation in May.

Ashley Vontz N’18
McCook, Neb., was recognized in November 2018 as one of the Nebraska Action Coalition’s 40 Under 40 honorees for her unique contributions to leadership in the nursing profession. She is a family nurse practitioner and she and her husband, Chris, have two sons.
PHARMACY

Mark Cave P’70
Omaha, Neb., retired in December 2018 from doing on-call fill in.

Larry Lesberg P’72
Marysville, Kan., has been Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites (Vet-VIPPS) approved and is the pharmacist in charge at Valley Vet Pharmacy. He is licensed in 16 states and has a pharmacy permit in all 50 states.

Harry Alcorn Jr. P’82
Prior Lake, Minn., was appointed chief medical officer at DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc. in September 2018. He oversees global clinical development and regulatory initiatives.

Allison Dering-Anderson P’86
Lincoln, Neb., assumed the role of president of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association in January 2019. She serves as a clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice and science at UNMC and in addition to her faculty appointment and research portfolio, continues to serve as a practicing pharmacist, and is passionate about patient-centered community pharmacy.

James Rybacki P’87
Melbourne, Fla., coauthored and coedited The Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs, Update on Vascepa with Dr. Heather Whitley of Auburn. This new evidence-based 24 page eBook includes the REDUCE-IT results from the America Heart Association 2018. Subsequently, Dr. Rybacki and Dr. Whitely published The Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs, Update on Invokana in early December 2018.

Teri Carstens P’93
Omaha, Neb., was named the Preceptor of the Year for Early Practice Experience for the Creighton University School of Pharmacy.

Stacy Souerdyke P’02
Papillion, Neb., was among a group of peers who were co-published in the Volume 1, No. 7: April 2018 issue of the Journal of Pediatric and Neonatal Individualized Medicine. Can growth be optimized in enterally fed very low birth weight infants who receive dexamethasone as compared to untreated peers: a retrospective study.

DENTISTRY

Richard Schilling D’57
Loveland, Colo., is devoting his time to a foundation he founded with two friends, Smiles Without Borders. He enjoys writing and two of his published books are about Nebraska: Portraits of the Prairie: The Land That Inspired Willa Cather and Portraits of the Sandhills-In Words and Watercolors.

Karl Yeiler D’61
Beverly Hills, Calif., retired in 2016 after practicing orthodontics for 55 years.

Ray Thomas D’70
Chico, Calif., and his wife, Lorna, are living with another fire victim after their home was destroyed by a campfire in November of 2018. He has been retired for several years, but hopes to continue his volunteer work in Central America and lower Baja after his living conditions become more stabilized.

Kenneth Hermesen D’75
Omaha, Neb., has been endorsed by Marquis Who’s Who as a leader in the field of dentistry. He has also been presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gary Bring D’80
Madison, Neb., retired in December 2018 after operating his dental practice in Madison for 38 years.

Charles (Fritz) Craft D’80
Roca, Neb., received the American Dental Association’s 2019 Humanitarian Award. He founded the East meets West Dental Program in Vietnam and has also completed volunteer mission trips in Afghanistan, Borneo, Cambodia, east Timor, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mongolia, Madagascar, Nepal, the Philippines, Russia, Samoa, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

Monica Hlavacek D’82
Salinas, Calif., will retire on August 31, 2019.

Dwayne Zobell D’83
Cheyenne, Wyo., successfully received a heart transplant on August 8, 2018 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Jeffrey Alexander D’84
Peoria, Ariz., sold his solo dental practice in March 2018. He is enjoying retirement after practicing for 33 years. He is now trying to accomplish neglected projects in and around the house, going on cruises, exploring the deserts and mountains in off-road vehicles, working on his motorhome and driving it on trips to see friends and family in Nebraska.
Mark Baker D’88  
Pocatello, Ind., was named a 2018 Top Doctor. Top Doctor Awards is dedicated to selecting and honoring those health care practitioners who have demonstrated clinical excellence while delivering the highest standards of patient care.

Perry Rosenau D’88  
York, Neb., is partners with Miles Berg D’12 in the ownership of York Dental Associates. YDA received a 2019 Outstanding Small Business Award from the York Chamber of Commerce in January.

Kurt Stormberg D’98, ’04  
San Diego, Calif., was installed as the 83rd president of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists in October 2018.

Stephanie Vondrak D’02  
Elkhorn, Neb., owns Vondrak Dental, a health-centered practice with an emphasis of treating TMJ in adult patients and orthopedic orthodontists to prevent development of TMJ or sleep apnea in children. She is also a national speaker on health-centered dentistry and TMJ treatment and prevention. Additionally, she is the author of Primary Care Participators, the Future of Dentistry.

Kalynda Kuhl D’06  
Randolph, Neb., was appointed as the first-ever female member of the City Council. She and her husband, Derek, have a daughter named Audra.

Stacy Schmitz Reece D’07  
Kearney, Neb., moved back home to the Kearney area from Anchorage, Alaska, in the summer of 2018. She took over the practice of Douglas R. Holmes, D.D.S. after he retired in August 2018.

Maren Hall D’10  
Thompson, N.D., practices at Park Dental Maple Grove.

Amanda Schwaderer D’10  
Beresford, S.D., practices at Neighborhood Dental in Beresford. She has three children; Everett, Millianna and Gentrie.

Jennifer Smith D’10  
Elk Point, S.D., celebrated the fifth anniversary of her dental practice in February 2019.

Melissa Schuldt D’11  
Grand Island, Neb., is opening Downtown Dental in 2019.

Sarah Villasenor D’11  
Denver, Colo., has been practicing pediatric dentistry in Westminster since July 2013 and also serves as adjunct faculty at Children’s Hospital Colorado, as part of the craniofacial team at the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children. She also serves as president of the Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Brian Hohlen D’14, ’15  
Sioux Falls, S.D., joined Crist & Wenande Orthodontics in the fall of 2018.

Jacob Stines D’14  
Grand Island, Neb., is a new associate dentist at Stec Cosmetic and Family Dentistry.

Michael Pabian D’18  
Fullerton, Neb., has joined the dental practice of Daniel Maas D’81.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Belinda, working on their house, going to concerts, playing sports, and experiencing new places.

Riley Santin D’18  
Palmer, Neb., has joined Island View Dental in Grand Island.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Brandon Grimm PH’05, GS’13  
Papillion, Neb., has been named a recipient of the Academic Public Health Practice Excellence Award from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

Ashley Newmoyer PH’10  
Crete, Neb., became the deputy director of public health – epidemiology and informatics and vital records with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in 2019. She has worked for the division of public health for the past eight years, first for the Trauma System and then as the injury epidemiologist. In her role as the injury epidemiologist she managed the prescription drug monitoring program, drug overdose prevention efforts, and injury surveillance system and implemented the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting system.

Meghan Langel PH’13  
Omaha, Neb., was promoted to director of research in the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) in 2019. She began her career as a research assistant in the CAHP. Since then she has held progressively responsible research support roles in the college, before assuming the position of research administrator in 2016. With her support, and that of other CAHP research personnel, grant submissions have grown from the previous high of 19 in 2014, to 31 and 30 in each of the past two years.

Wael ElRayes PH’17  
Omaha, Neb., is working on the Training, Simulation & Quarantine Center Project to establish the first federal quarantine center and a highly advanced training center and he also serves as an instructor in the UNMC College of Public Health.

Semi Lee PH’17  
Minneapolis, Minn., became a United States Army Soldier.
Pete Iven GS’82
Omaha, Neb., was honored with a Distinguished Scientist Award in March 2018. This award recognizes researchers who have been among the most productive scientists at UNMC during the past five years.

Victoria Richon GS’86
Weston, Mass., was appointed to the HotSpot Therapeutics Board of Directors in October 2018. She currently serves as president and CEO of Ribon Therapeutics.

Colin Weekes GS’98 M’00
Sudbury, Mass., delivered the keynote address in December 2018 at the UNMC Honors Convocation for Graduate Studies. He is a faculty member in the medical school at Harvard University and is director for medical oncology research for pancreatic cancer in the Tucker Gosnell Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mahak Sharma GS’09
Brookline, Mass., a graduate of the UNMC biochemistry and molecular biology program, was profiled in the February 19, 2019 issue of the Journal of Cell Biology. Dr. Sharma is an independent investigator at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Mohali (IISER Mohali) and while at UNMC, she worked in the biochemistry and molecular biology lab of Steve Caplan, Ph.D., professor and Naava Naslavsky, Ph.D., assistant professor. The profile mentions her training at UNMC as an important part of her development.

Corinne Hanson GS’10
Omaha, Neb., was honored with a Distinguished Scientist Award in March 2019. This award recognizes researchers who have been among the most productive scientists at UNMC during the past five years. She serves as an associate professor and associate program director in medical nutrition education in the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions.

Ethan Mann GS’10
Centennial, Colo., received a Chadron State College Distinguished Young Alumni Award in September 2018. He serves as the vice president of operations and research and development at Sharklet Technologies. He serves on review panels that evaluate research grants, is on the Colorado Bioscience Association Board of Directors, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Tracy Mann MN’07, have four children.

Mark Gilbert GS’14
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, is an artist, teacher and researcher currently serving as a research associate with the faculty of medicine at Dalhousie University. His exhibit Portraits of Care, Art and Medicine was on display in the Criss Library Osborne Family Gallery at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the fall of 2018.

Javeed Iqbal GS’14
Omaha, Neb., was honored with a Distinguished Scientist Award in March 2019. This award recognizes researchers who have been among the most productive scientists at UNMC during the past five years. He serves as an associate professor in the UNMC department of pathology and microbiology.

Regina Robbins GS’14
Omaha, Neb., joined the UNMC College of Public Health in 2018, as an assistant professor in the department of health promotion. Previously she served as an assistant professor in Native American Studies in the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
In Remembrance...

Mary A. Pietz N’40
Saint Cloud, Minn., October 8, 2018

Clyde L. Kleager M’43
Scottsbluff, Neb., October 18, 2018

Lucille R. Kennedy N’46
Clifton, Colo., October 9, 2017

C. M. Glen P’49
Lincoln, Neb., October 18, 2018

Robert L. Hildebrand P’50
Ames, Iowa, November 7, 2018

Jack M. Buffington M’51
Wilmette, Ill., October 9, 2018

John B. Davis M’51
Palm Desert, Calif., November 26, 2018

Phyllis R. Karas N’52
Red Lodge, Mo., August 16, 2018

Philip S. King M’52
Oregon City, Ore., August 9, 2018

William G. Sandison M’52
Sioux City, Iowa, October 1, 2018

Royal F. Jester M’53
Lincoln, Neb., November 4, 2018

Glen D. Knosp M’53
Overland Park, Kan., September 9, 2018

June Brunmeier N’54 ‘55
Lincoln, Neb., November 5, 2018

Bernard Magid M’54
Omaha, Neb., January 30, 2019

Richard T. McDonald M’54
Camp Verde, Ariz., September 2, 2018

Maurice L. Russell P’54
Lincoln, Neb., December 26, 2018

Ruth L. Christensen MLS’55
Riverside, Calif., May 6, 2018

Diane E. Ekstrom N’55
Chaska, Minn., January 15, 2019

Ruth A. Hotis M’55
Phoenix, Ariz., January 6, 2018

Robert B. Synhorst M’55
Lincoln, Neb., October 22, 2018

Marilyn Cowger M’56
Charlotte, N.C., January 2019

Ruby S. Flesner N’56
Auburn, Wash., October 6, 2018

Jack E. Kaufmann M’56
David City, Neb., March 28, 2018

John C. Sage M’56
Omaha, Neb., September 6, 2018

John F. Gaskill M’57
Godfrey, Ill., October 30, 2018

Ephraim I. Axelrod M’59
Highland Park, Ill., October 30, 2018

H. M. Blacker M’59
Lexington, Ky., January 12, 2019

Beverly J. Mace-May N’59
Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 2, 2018

James P. Schlichtemier M’59
Omaha, Neb., November 1, 2018

Rex R. Fischer M’60
Sun City, Ariz., November 26, 2018

August E. Van Wie M’60
Grand Island, Neb., December 1, 2018

Eugene C. Fisher M’61
Omaha, Neb., August 9, 2018

John H. Worthman M’61
Coxad, Neb., July 31, 2018

Jerry R. Haskin M’62
New Orleans, La., November 26, 2018

Clement S. O’Meara D’62 ’95
Northfield, Minn., October 11, 2018

L. Dean Parks M’63
Ocala, Fla., November 14, 2018

Larry L. Staroscik P’65
Columbus, Neb., January 30, 2019

James A. Davis Jr. M’67
Omaha, Neb., March 30, 2018

Duane H. Smith D’68
Lincoln, Neb., January 1, 2019

Janice G. Nelson MLS’69
Omaha, Neb., September 3, 2018

James C. Oehm P’69
Gretta, Neb., December 19, 2018

Dennis B. Claridge D’70
Lincoln, Neb., May 1, 2018

Willis L. Wiseman M’70
Wayne, Neb., February 4, 2019

Linda J. Miers N’71
Omaha, Neb., August 22, 2018

Martha J. Hunzeker D’72
Wahoo, Neb., August 9, 2018

Karla L. Bryant PT’73
Gothenburg, Neb., April 29, 2018

Lavern B. Eihusen P’73
La Vista, Neb., December 9, 2018

Allen J. Koskan MLS’73 M’77
Gulfport, Miss., August 27, 2018

Fred D. Hunker M’74
Montgomery, Ala., September 2, 2018

John R. McNabb M’75
Tarpon Springs, Fla., September 19, 2018

Janice E. Beeken N’76
Cheyenne, Wyo., August 25, 2018

Michael P. Metz M’78
Omaha, Neb., October 2, 2018

Michael J. Davis N ’79 ’82
Lincoln, Neb., January 8, 2019

John G. Freymann M ’82
Durham, N.C., August 13, 2018

Marvin D. Hall PT’83
Norfolk, Neb., September 5, 2018

Nancy A. West N’83 ’86 ’04
North Mankato, Minn., November 22, 2018

Brian P. White P’85 N’85
November 29, 2018

Lynn K. Hoelting M’88
Cockeysville, Md., September 23, 2018

Donald E. Jappert M ’94
Saint Cloud, Minn., November 22, 2018

John (Jay) Segrist Jr D’98
Spearfish, S.D., March 29, 2018

Rose M. Kreikemeier N’02 ’06
Fremont, Neb., December 16, 2018

Julie C. Costello N’06
Omaha, Neb., October 23, 2018

Jessica F. Nielsen N’06 ’15
Bennington, Neb., January 6, 2019

Laura Sinell PT’18
Shakopee, Minn., December 25, 2018
Births

Danielle Bishop D’02
Minneapolis, Minn., and her husband Jeff, welcomed a daughter, Elin Rose, and son, Nolan Thomas, on September 2, 2018.

Christina Gregg MITS’06
Omaha, Neb., and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Cole Robert, on November 8, 2018.

Nicholas Heiser M’08
Omaha Neb., and his wife, Rachel, welcomed a daughter, Mikaela, in August 2018.

Sarah Palay PT’10
Plymouth, Minn., and her husband David, welcomed son, Oliver Robert, on September 18, 2018.

Stephanie Vas MITS’10
Papillion, Neb., and her husband Andrew, welcomed a son, Axel James, on September 16, 2018.

Katrina Brown N’10
Burns, Tenn., welcomed a daughter, Hadleigh, in August 2018.

Sarah Villasenor D’11
Denver, Colo., and her husband Mario, welcomed a daughter, Alice Francesca, on September 29, 2018. She joins two-year-old sister Eloise Leona.

Amanda Dolen D’12
Lincoln, Neb., and her husband Parker, welcomed a daughter, Nora Ruth, on August 14, 2018. She joins big brother Henry.

Kacy VanSlyke D’12
Kearney, Neb., and her husband, Mark, welcomed a son, Barrett, on September 26, 2018.

Sarah Malesa PA’13
Omaha, Neb., and spouse Whitney Clausen, welcomed a daughter, Leland Malesa-Clausen, on September 2, 2018.

Melissa Hernandez M’13 and Hernan Hernandez M’13
Omaha, Neb., welcomed a daughter, Myra Jo, on May 25, 2018.

Dawn Heeren M’13 and Jeremy Hosein M’14
Denver, Colo., welcomed a son, Theodore Dell, on October 20, 2018.

Katheryn Paulsen M’15
Cedar Rapids, IA., welcomed a son, Porter, in January 2018.

Rebecca Kraay MN’16, ‘17
Omaha, Neb., and her husband Brent, welcomed a daughter, Lucy Jo, on January 8, 2019.

Marriages

Fredrick McCurdy M’76, GS’76 & Maria Raquel Leon Villalobos
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, January 12, 2018

Branden Nemecek P’11 & Alissa Parr
Baltimore, Md., August 11, 2018

Lauri Christensen M’14, Internal Medicine ’15 & Jim Vargo
Kansas City, Mo., July 28, 2018

Jenna Woods P’15 & Carson Stratman
Elkhorn, Neb., February 24, 2018

Mackenzie Smith N’18 & Jerrick Bowers
Gering, Neb., July 7, 2018

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