A Message from the Alumni Council President; Amy Hornig, Pharm.D. '07

2018....It has been another banner year thanks to our outstanding College of Pharmacy Alumni! It has been my pleasure to work alongside our alumni and the College of Pharmacy leadership team this year. All of the UNMC College of Pharmacy alumni should be proud of the work you did to support the college this year, and a few highlights of our work can be found in the Pharmacy Alumni Council Year in Review below. I also want to take this opportunity to welcome back Keith Olsen, Pharm.D., as the eighth dean of the UNMC college of pharmacy, who will begin his tenure at the college in January. Our Alumni Council is excited to work with Dean Olsen on projects that will make an impact for the current students.

I also want to thank all of you who support our college through the gifts of time, talent and treasure. I look forward to working with each of you in the year ahead. Happy holidays, and best wishes for a very happy new year!

2018 Pharmacy Alumni Council Year In Review
Check out some of the highlights from alumni and student activities this year. To follow our activities as-they-happen, be sure to like us on Facebook and Twitter.
February 2018
COP Alumni Hockey Night at UNO Hockey Game. Pharmacy alumni and their families, along with faculty and students, gathered for a pre-party at Dudley's Pizza & Tavern and then enjoyed the action at the North Dakota vs. UNO hockey game at Baxter Arena.

March 2018
Alumni Host P3 Send-Off for Students prior to rotations. Students gathered for a meal over the lunch hour and participated in the exercise "what is your most memorable moment from Pharmacy school so far?"

May 2018
Congratulations to the class of 2018! The COP alumni helped sponsor the graduation banquet for the class. 56 students graduated with the class of 2018 to join the ranks of over 3,400 UNMC COP alumni.

August 2018
COP Alumni Council help sponsor the annual College of Pharmacy Preceptor Development Retreat. There were 67 attendees at the event.

August 2018
Welcome to the class of 2022!
- 61 total students
- Average age: 21
- Gender: 74% female; 26% male
- Minority: 10 (16%)
- Average GPA: 3.64
- Nebraska residents: 48/61 (79%)
- Rural Nebraska residents: 32/61 (53%)
September 2018

Pharmacy classes of 1978, 1988, and 1968 celebrate their class reunions in Omaha! The classes toured the new College of Pharmacy building and gathered for class parties. [Click here for more pictures.]

October 2018

COP Alumni Council sponsors discounted registration on Point of Care Testing CE. The program included up to 20 contact hours of continuing education.

November 2018

COP Alumni purchase the Notability App for all student iPads. This project helps support the College of Pharmacy's Digital Campus Initiative.

December 2018

Seasons Greetings from the Alumni Council! See you in 2019 for another exciting year!

Take advantage of amazing travel opportunities

The UNMC Alumni Association has partnered with Go Next to offer exceptional travel
opportunities for you, your family, and your friends in 2019. To learn more about these trips or to book, please visit the UNMCAA’s group website.

**Masterpiece Montage**

September 30 - October 11, 2019
Rome to Barcelona Oceania Cruise

*Discover enduring masterpieces along the Mediterranean coast during an incredible ten-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises’ Sirena.*

**Cuba Charms**

October 29 - November 9, 2019
Miami to Miami Oceania Cruise

*Discover the true depth and beauty of the once-forbidden country of Cuba on this impressive ten-night voyage, with an included one-night pre-cruise Miami stay, aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Insignia.*

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**Support students through the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund**

Your investment in the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund supports the people and programs of your alumni association, which now welcomes all graduates with automatic membership. It also supports student engagement, promotes access to the latest technology resources and provides networking and professional development opportunities. Today’s pharmacy students will be as grateful for your gift as you were for the gifts that enhanced your education. Many of them will continue this tradition of giving because they’ll understand their contributions will help launch careers just as your generosity helped launch their own. To learn more about the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund, [view the FY18 Impact Report](#).

Cory Durbin, second year pharmacy student from Lincoln, Neb., says "thank you" to the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund Donors. [Click here](#) to support more students like Cory!
Submit your news for Class Notes

The UNMC Alumni Relations Office publishes class notes in the UNMC CONNECT magazine. We want to hear your stories. Please consider using this link to provide your personal or professional news, including:

- Employment news: new job, promotion, or retirement
- Awards: Professional or service related recognition
- Personal: Weddings and births

Submit your class notes and based on publication space, we will share your good news in an upcoming issue of Connect. And, be on the look-out for the next issue of the magazine scheduled to hit mailboxes soon.

Feel the love for Maverick Basketball at UNO & UNMC Alumni Night on the Court Night Feb. 14

Feel the love for all things Maverick this Valentine’s Day — join UNO and UNMC alumni and their
families at Alumni Night on the Court Thursday, Feb. 14, at Baxter Arena, to watch the UNO men’s basketball team take on South Dakota State.

Hosted by the UNO and UNMC Alumni Associations, Alumni Night on the Court begins with a pregame reception at 6 p.m. featuring snacks and beverages, door prizes, games, the Maverick Dance Team and an appearance by UNO Coach Derrin Hansen. That’s followed by tipoff against the defending Summit League champion Jackrabbits at 7 p.m. Alumni will be seated together in one section.

Tickets are $15 per adult, $10 per child. Price includes reception fare, game ticket and a meal voucher for use during the game at a Baxter concession stand. Register today!

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**College of Pharmacy News**

**Keith Olsen to serve as 8th Dean of the College of Pharmacy**

Keith Olsen, Pharm.D., currently the dean of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy, has been named the eighth dean of the UNMC College of Pharmacy. Dr. Olsen will begin Jan. 7. An alumnus of the UNMC College of Pharmacy, Dr. Olsen was on the college’s faculty from 1993 to 2015. He is a native Nebraskan and graduate of Wayne State College. "We are confident that the ongoing surge in momentum at our College of Pharmacy will continue under Dr. Olsen, a national leader in pharmacy sciences, practice and education," said UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D. "We are delighted to welcome him back to UNMC." Read more.
Dr. Vennerstrom receives prestigious ACS Award

Jonathan Vennerstrom, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceutical science in the College of Pharmacy, has been named the 2019 honoree of the ACS Award for Creative Invention. The award, which goes back to 1968, is "to recognize a single inventor for the successful application of research in chemistry and/or chemical engineering that contributes to the material prosperity and happiness of people." Congratulations Dr. Vennerstrom! Read more.

College of Pharmacy Faculty Honored at Circle of Distinction Event

UNMC recently held its Circle of Distinction event to celebrate the 108 endowed chairs, professorships and fellowships that are held by 105 of its faculty members and recognizing the benefactors who have made the awards possible. The program also recognized the 36 additional endowed stipend awards to be conferred in the coming years. College of Pharmacy faculty honored at the event include:

**Tatiana K. Bronich, Ph.D.**

Parke-Davis Professor in Pharmaceutics generously given by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Williams, Jr. and the Warner-Lambert Foundation

**Daren L. Knoell, Pharm.D., FCCP**

Lewis E. and Antonia E. Harris Professor generously given by Dr. Lewis E. Harris
David Oupicky, Ph.D.

Parke-Davis Chair in Pharmaceutics generously given by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Williams Jr. and the Warner-Lambert Foundation

The Circle of Distinction, first established in 2012 by the College of Medicine, now represents all UNMC colleges and institutes. Its members include current faculty who hold endowed positions and the benefactors and their family members who generously gifted the endowed stipend funds.

"We are so grateful to our faculty who provide us with the opportunity to receive a world-class education," said Sarah Hotovy, UNMC's student regent. "We're also incredibly appreciative of the benefactors who saw that an investment in faculty is an investment in students and ultimately an investment in the future communities we'll serve."

View the full list of UNMC faculty and generous donors honored at the event and read more. The event was hosted by the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Welcome New Faculty

Drew Prescott, Pharm.D.  Logan Franck, Pharm.D.
Drew Prescott, PharmD  
Clinical assistant professor, UNMC College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science  

Hometown: Urbandale, Iowa  
Research/professional interests:  
• Chronic disease state management  
• Population and preventative health research  
• Layered learning practice model  

Education:  
Pharm.D., Creighton University College of Pharmacy and Health Profession  
Postgraduate residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus  

Three fun facts:  
• Former Division 1 cross-country/track athlete at Creighton University  
• Favorite food: guacamole and chips  
• Hobbies: graphic design, golf, running and basketball  

Logan Franck, PharmD  
Clinical assistant professor, UNMC College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science  

Hometown: Seward, Neb.  
Research/professional interests:  
• Population health research in the patient-centered medical home  
• Diabetes  
• Cardiology  
• Anticoagulation  

Education:  
Pharm.D., UNMC  
Residency, pharmacy practice, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Chicago  

Three fun facts:  
• I played a semester of college football at Morningside College.  
• I continue to play weekly athletic leagues including flag football, sand volleyball and slow-pitch softball.  
• I enjoy networking and meeting new people both inside and outside of my field of pharmacy.  

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Chancellor Gold confirmed as UNO chancellor through 2021-2022

Dec. 20, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents unanimously approved the appointment of Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, positioning the campus to build on the 18-month period of growth and momentum it has experienced under Dr. Gold's interim leadership.

Dr. Gold is scheduled to serve as UNO chancellor through June 30, 2022, at which time a successor selected in a national search would assume leadership of UNO.

Dr. Gold has been chancellor of UNMC since 2014 and UNO's interim chancellor since 2017. Read more.

University of Nebraska Foundation among top charities

Contributors to the University of Nebraska are receiving the recognition they deserve. The University of Nebraska Foundation, the charitable arm of the University of Nebraska and its affiliates, is among America's top 100 favorite charities for 2018, coming in at 96th place. The rankings were released by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, a national publication that focuses on the U.S. nonprofit sector. This places the University of Nebraska in the company with many of its peer universities and the likes of the Mayo Clinic, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Harvard University and others.

Learn More about the University of Nebraska Advocates

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. The group is made up of alumni and friends from all four University of Nebraska campuses. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, sign up for the University of Nebraska Advocates program. You can share your personal story of why the University is vital to the state of Nebraska with its vast impact on education, research, and outreach.