Dean Keith Olsen spent several days this spring and early summer visiting alumni and preceptors in communities across Nebraska on trips sponsored by the College of Pharmacy Alumni Council. The visits included: Kearney, North Platte, Gothenburg, Cozad, Lexington, Holdrege, Grand Island, Fremont, Columbus, Norfolk, Gretna, Ashland, Crete, Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha. Dean Olsen will have further trips planned both in Nebraska and outside the state to visit alumni. "My sincere thanks to the alumni and preceptors who welcomed me into their pharmacies or attended a welcome reception," Dean Olsen said. "It is always a pleasure to see fellow alumni and extend our thanks for
Amy Hornig, PharmD '07, President of the Pharmacy Alumni Council, also expressed appreciation to the alumni who participated in one of the Council's receptions. "Thank you to all the alumni who have extended a warm welcome to Dean Olsen," Dr. Hornig said. "We look forward to working with Dean Olsen to find ways for alumni to stay involved with the College." Dr. Hornig is pictured with Dean Olsen in the photo above at bottom right, along with Kyle Meyer, PhD, PT, President of the UNMC Alumni Association and Dean of the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions.

**Pharmacy Classes to Gather During Alumni Weekend; October 11-12, 2019**

There are several pharmacy classes gathering to celebrate milestone anniversaries during UNMC Alumni Reunion Weekend, October 11-12, 2019, including the classes of:

- 1979 (40 year reunion)
- 1994 (25 year reunion)
- 1999 (20 year reunion)
- 2009 (10 year reunion)

These classes are also invited for tours and events on the UNMC campus. Any other classes interested in organizing a class party, please contact Catherine Mello in the Alumni Relations Office.

For more information about Alumni Reunion Weekend, click here.
Thank you for supporting the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund

Our work is made possible by generous donations to our College of Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund. Highlights of projects we supported this past year include:

- Facilitating continuing education for the College’s preceptors through sponsorship of the annual preceptor development retreat
- Supporting the College’s digital initiative, by providing the Notability App for all student iPads
- Offering discounted Point of Care Testing continuing education for alumni, a new and emerging trend in pharmacy practice
- Supporting the people and programs of the alumni association

Later this summer, our full FY19 Innovation Fund Impact Report will be available online. In the meantime, please click the image at right above to watch this brief video from COP Student (now alum) Tanner Johnson, who says “thank you” to the Innovation Fund Donors.

Connect With the UNMCAA Through A New Blog

On January 2, 2019, the UNMCAA launched the Connections Project Blog, a place for UNMC Alumni to share real-world information and advice with students and fellow #unmcalumni. Information is in short written or video posts. All content is housed on the blog https://blog.unmc.edu/alumni-association/ and is shared via the UNMC Alumni Association’s Facebook and Twitter.

Topics covered are well-being, professional skills, personal finance, time, talent, and treasure. If you want to see a specific topic covered or if you want to provide content for a blog post, please contact us. Alumni can participate from anywhere in the world, so connect with us today! Here are some samples from the blog:
Jeff Hines, PharmD '82 and Jolyn Merry, PharmD '12 on their Mentor-Mentee relationship

Joshua Hite, PharmD '06 on Finance 101 for New Grads

UNMCAA Travel Opportunities for 2020

**Gaelic Inspiration**
July 12-22, 2020
Dublin to Dublin

*Discover the lush landscapes and fascinating heritage of Ireland aboard Oceania Cruises’ Nautica on this spectacular nine-night cruise.*

**Forests & Fjords of Alaska**
July 30 - August 10, 2020
Seward to Vancouver, BC

*Explore the forests and fjords of Alaska’s coastal cities on this unforgettable eleven-night trip aboard Oceania Cruises’ Regatta.*

**Cosmopolitan Havens**
November 3-11, 2020
Rome to Monte Carlo

*Sail to some of the most cultured cities on the western Mediterranean on this seven-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Marina.*
Stay Connected to the UNMCAA through the UNMC App

The UNMC Alumni Association now has a button in the UNMC Mobile App.

Features of the UNMCAA button include: Events, Resources Alumni Directory, Alumni Councils, Social Media links, Connections Project blog, and much more.

You can download the official UNMC app from the App Store (Apple) or from Google Play.

Kudos...

Scott J. Knoer, Pharm.D., ’96 M.S., FASHP, was named the recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists 2019 John W. Webb Lecture Award. Knoer is the Chief Pharmacy Officer at the Cleveland Clinic where he leads an international pharmacy enterprise.

Charlie Krobot, Pharm D, RP ’69 is the Nebraska Pharmacists Association Bowl of Hygea award recipient. The award was presented at the NPA state meeting in Lincoln, Neb.

Jolyn Merry, PharmD ’12, was named the Nebraska Pharmacists Association Distinguished Young Pharmacist. The award was presented at the NPA state meeting in Lincoln, Neb.

Have you been recognized recently? We want to hear about it! Send us an update for class notes.

College of Pharmacy News

A Message from Dean Keith Olsen, PharmD

The past several months have flown by as I have started my tenure as dean of the College of Pharmacy. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many of our alumni and friends, to become re-acquainted with the College’s outstanding faculty, and to have the opportunity to meet our talented students. Our College of Pharmacy continues to graduate students that are among the brightest I have seen. There are so many factors that go into their success, one of those factors being the support from our alumni in the form of gifts of time, talent and treasure. As we are about to welcome a new group of Pharmacy students with our White Coat Ceremony next week, I want to thank you for all that you do.

I hope you have a wonderful conclusion to your summer as the back to school time is now upon us. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with your questions and feedback.
Tatiana Bronich, PhD named Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies

Tatiana Bronich, PhD was named Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Bronich is currently a professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Parke-Davis Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Director, COBRE Nebraska Center for Nanomedicine and Co-Director, Center for Drug Delivery and Nanomedicine. Dr. Bronich has been part of the legacy that enhanced the College’s research portfolio over the past several decades.

Dr. Bronich was UNMC’s Scientist Laureate in 2014, when she was recognized for her work with synthetic polymers and finding an application for them in biology and medicine. The Scientist Laureate is UNMC’s highest honor bestowed on a researcher.

Kim Scarsi, PharmD receives national research award

Kim Scarsi, Pharm.D., associate professor of pharmacy practice and science in the UNMC College of Pharmacy, received the 2019 Constance B. Wofsy Women’s Health Investigator Award at the annual AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) meeting in Washington, D.C. The award was established to honor the memory of Wofsy.

Wofsy was one of the pioneers in furthering the understanding of HIV in women and in establishing the ACTG’s original Women’s Health Committee, now morphed into the Women’s Health Inter-Network Scientific Committee. Prior to her death in 1996, Wofsy was a tireless advocate for women with HIV. Like Wofsy, awardees must be active clinically in the care of HIV-positive women, active in researching questions important to women with HIV, active in the networks and dedicated to successfully mentoring junior investigators.

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For first time, researchers able to eliminate HIV from animal

In a major collaborative effort, researchers at UNMC and the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University (LKSOM) have for the first time eliminated replication-competent HIV-1 DNA -- the virus responsible for AIDS -- from the genomes of living animals. The study, reported online July 2 in the journal Nature Communications, marks a critical step toward the development of a possible cure for human HIV infection. Read more.
The University of Nebraska Board of Regents made history by naming Susan M. Fritz, Ph.D., a 30-year veteran of NU who has served as executive vice president and provost since 2012, as interim president-elect. Fritz will become the first woman to lead the university since the system office was created 51 years ago. Current President, Hank Bounds, Ph.D., stepped down from the position earlier this year and will depart in August.

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. Interested alumni can sign up for the University of Nebraska Advocates program to learn more.

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