Dear Fellow UNMC College of Public Health Alumni:

I felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend and speak at Student Orientation for the Fall of 2019. During this time, I described the functions of the Alumni Council and provided information on why it is important and how to get involved. I emphasized how essential it is for students to make the most of their time both in excelling academically and in the professional setting as this can lead to fantastic career opportunities. Additionally, students were encouraged to network with not only faculty and other students, but also alumni who can give advice on potential avenues to take that can lead to them achieving their goals and overall success in their endeavors.

Upcoming Events

College of Public Health
Convocation December 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. Ceremony | 3:00 p.m. Reception
Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall
801 S 10th Street | Omaha, NE 68108 Click here for more information
Alumni Night on the Court
February 26, 2020
UNO men’s basketball game vs. North Dakota
Reception held prior to the game
More details TBD
7 PM Game

Save the Date! COPH Reunion
Friday, March 27, 2020
Omaha, NE

Showdown in O-Town
Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Creighton Bluejays
Baseball
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Tailgate: 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Game: 6:30 PM
Stay tuned for ticket purchasing details.

UNMC Alumni Association Cruises

The UNMCAA and Go Next are pleased to offer exceptional cruise opportunities for you, your family, and your friends. Below are the 2020 trip offerings and more will be available in 2021! Learn more or book here.

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

COPH News

An Update from Dean Ali S. Khan, MD, MPH

The new academic year has been busy! But first, I was happy to be able to report to the Chancellor that the last academic year was our best year since the College’s founding 12 years ago. This includes our tripartite teaching (restructured and new degree offerings, student placements, and teaching scores), research (extramural funding, impact and number of publications) and our service missions to support the health of the state and beyond. Kudos to our faculty, staff, and students working so hard to build our model of a College of Public Health of purpose-driven learning and discovery. [Click here to read more.](#)

Epidemiology Master's Program Ranks in Top 25

The master's in epidemiology program at the UNMC College of Public Health has been ranked 16th out of 25 programs nationally by [MPH Online.](#)
“This ranking reflects all the work we've put into revamping our curriculum,” said Deborah Levy, Ph.D., chair of the UNMC Department of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health. “We increased the rigor and the number of methods courses and topic areas we offer and put it all online more than a year ago.”

College of Public Health Online Program Ranked 6th in the U.S.

The Best Masters Programs has ranked the UNMC College of Public Health sixth in its listing of the 25 top online public health programs in the United States for 2019.

The College of Public Health offers multiple online master's degrees and several certificate options. Six MPH degree concentrations are accessible completely online -- in biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, health services administration, health promotion, and maternal and child health. A master's in science in emergency preparedness also is offered. All programs require 45-credit hours and share some of the same core curriculum.

Rural America Live Broadcast

RFD-TV show featuring Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D. Chancellor of UNMC and University of Nebraska at Omaha, with guests Aaron Yoder, Ph.D. and Eric Ernest, M.D. talk about farm safety during the harvest season. Click here to watch the video.

Welcome Rachel Lookadoo

Rachel Lookadoo is joining the epidemiology department as an Instructor. In addition to this role, she currently serves as the Director of Legal and Public Health Preparedness for the Center for Preparedness Education, where she has worked since spring 2018. An attorney by training, Ms. Lookadoo uses her legal background to address regulatory and policy issues that arise in emergencies. In 2019, she published the legal chapter of the Nebraska Isolation and Quarantine Manual, and also published the Nebraska Regional Disaster Health Response Ecosystem Legal Reference Guide.
Undergraduate Students Explore Health Careers at UNMC

One hundred fifty-two undergraduate students and their faculty advisors representing four rural health academic pipeline programs spent two days exploring health careers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Each year students enrolled in the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP), the Kearney Health Opportunities Program (KHOP), and the Public Health Early Admissions Student Track (PHEAST), visit UNMC to get a glimpse into their future as a UNMC student.

During the visit, students have the opportunity to learn more about their future careers in the allied health professions, dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, pharmacy or public health. Students also get to connect with current students in their declared health profession training programs and gain information and tips on how to be prepared to thrive at UNMC.

International Award Given to UNMC and Consortium

Michael Wiley, Ph.D. assistant professor in the College of Public Health, Environment, Agricultural, and Occupational Health received the Prix Galien MedStartUp Award. [Click here to read more](#).
Tips For Your Resume or CV

Did you know that your resume or CV should look different for every position that you apply for? Learn some quick tips from Dr. Lisa Bilek ’13 on how you can polish up your resume or CV to showcase your marketability.

This interview and others are a part of the UNMCAA Connections Project where UNMC Alumni share real world information in short blog posts and videos. To learn more about the Connections Project or see videos on other topics, click here.

Learn How You Can Support Your College of Public Health

The College of Public Health Innovation Fund was created in 2015 to support the work of the UNMC College of Public Health in partnership with the College of Public Health Alumni Council and the UNMC Alumni Association.

The work of the College of Public Health Alumni Council would not be possible without the generous support of so many alumni and friends. To see the impact of gifts to the College of Public Health Innovation Fund, click here. Pledge your donation of support here.

Jessica Weins Says Thank You!

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UNMC Has a New Front Door

In September of 2019, campus leaders and invited guests gathered to thank philanthropists Bob and Polina Schlott for their contributions in making possible the new southern entrance, which has been named the Medical Center Plaza. The greenspace and lighted walkway, located on the northwest corner of 42nd and Leavenworth streets, features 18 ceramic columnar sculptures created by Omaha artist Jun Kaneko. The sculptures are incorporated into a grove of mature trees. Benches line the walk
and provide visitors, medical center employees, and students the opportunity to seek calmness and beauty amid a tranquil park-like setting.

Walter 'Ted' Carter Named Priority Candidate for University President

The Board of Regents appointed Walter "Ted" Carter, Jr., VADM (Ret.), a higher education executive with an extensive record of growing student and academic success, as the priority candidate to serve as the eighth president of the University of Nebraska. Carter, a retired vice admiral in the U.S. Navy, is the immediate past superintendent of his alma mater, the U.S. Naval Academy; a former president of the U.S. Naval War College; and a Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star recipient. He was unanimously supported by both the Board and the 23-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee that represented faculty, students, staff, business, agriculture and other university constituencies.