



**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI  
ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS**

**OUR ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL**

## **Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Gather for State of the College Presentation**

On September 21, the College of Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy Alumni Engagement Council partnered to host and sponsor the State of our College of Pharmacy presentation. Featured speakers included:

- Courtney V. Fletcher, PharmD, dean of the College of Pharmacy
- Amy Hornig, PharmD '07, president of the College of Pharmacy Alumni Engagement Council
- Corey Hopkins, Ph.D., associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences
- Kristen Cook, PharmD '05, BCPS, clinical assistant professor, pharmacy practice
- Jessica Downes, PharmD, clinical assistant professor, pharmacy practice

A reception was held following the presentation, including guided tours of the new UNMC Center for Drug Discovery and Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education.

The presentation is available in its entirety to view online. Click on the image below to play the video.

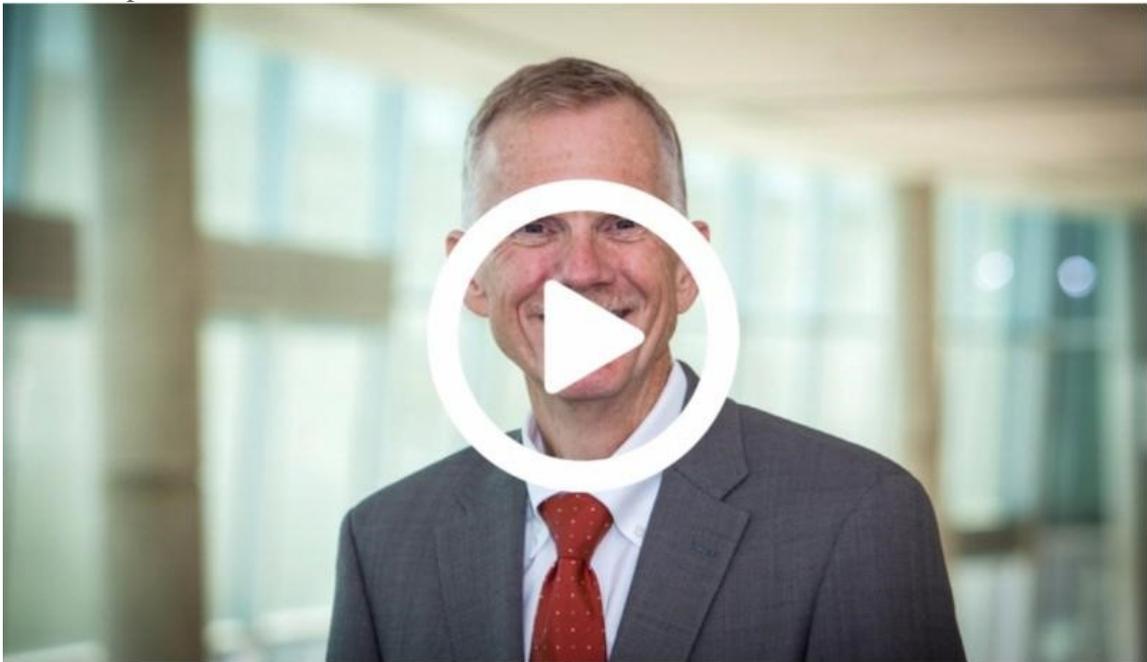
## The State of the College of Pharmacy

Courtney V. Fletcher, Pharm.D.  
Dean and Professor  
UNMC College of Pharmacy

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### Message from Dean Courtney V. Fletcher, PharmD

Click the picture to watch this 1 minute video



## Pharmacy leading the digital campus - Pharmacy Students take notes and Tests on new iPad Pros



When UNMC launched its Digital Campus Initiative, the College of Pharmacy leapt into the challenge head-on. Dean Courtney Fletcher, in March 2015, formed and charged an education, engagement and enhancement (3E) committee to "transform the way our faculty engage professional pharmacy students in the classroom to enhance teaching effectiveness."

With the college moving into its new UNMC Center for Drug Discovery and Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education facility in 2016, the timing was perfect. In March 2016, the 3E committee submitted its final report, and as pharmacy reported for the new school year that August, its education program went "paperless." No more printed handouts or slides.

Now, pharmacy students will take notes and tests on their new iPad Pros. The tablets will have, for example, pharmacotherapy books and wellness apps on them selected and continuously reviewed and updated by a committee of faculty, staff and student. The devices were paid for through a reallocation of existing technology fees. [Read more about this.](#)

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## College of Pharmacy Alumni Engagement Council Invests in Students and Alumni



*Members of the alumni engagement council at a recent meeting.*

Over the past six months, the College of Pharmacy Alumni Engagement Council has been busy supporting student and alumni in the following ways:

- Sponsoring a second semester welcome back lunch for P1s and P2s
- Hosting the P3 send-off for students about to embark on their clinical rotations
- Sponsoring the class of 2017's graduation celebration to welcome the newest cohort of proud pharmacy alumni
- Contributed two \$1,000 scholarships for students
- Served as a sponsor of the College's annual preceptor retreat
- Sponsored the State of our College of Pharmacy presentation
- Alumni Engagement Council leadership participated in the UNMC Alumni Association all board member retreat to share ideas across the alumni councils

The College of Pharmacy Alumni Engagement Council is seeking interested alums who may want to apply for consideration to serve on the Council. If you are interested in learning more, please [contact the alumni office](#).

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### Support our work through the Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund

In the New Era of Alumni Engagement, College of Pharmacy Alumni are all welcomed into our organization with automatic membership. This enables us to focus our work on serving and

engaging graduates, disseminating effective communications, forming meaningful connections between alumni and students, and facilitating opportunities for alumni to invest in their UNMC passions. Alumni who wish to give back and support the work of the Alumni Engagement Council may do so through the **Pharmacy Alumni Innovation Fund**. This fund replaces the former membership dues program. In just its second year, our alumni were so generous and contributed over \$25,000 to our Innovation Fund. We thank you for your support!

We ask for your continued support in the form of time, talent, and treasure. As we value our fellow alumni who came before us and made our University stronger, we now have an important opportunity to make a real difference for the next generation of proud health sciences students at UNMC. Thank you to all the alumni who have supported our work.

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## Welcome to the Class of 2021



*UNMC College of Pharmacy Class of 2021*

The College of Pharmacy annual White Coat Ceremony took place on August 17 at the Michael F. Sorrell Events Center with a reception following in the UNMC Center for Drug Discovery and Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education building.

Fifty-six students received their professional white laboratory jackets, provided by friends of the College of Pharmacy and the University of Nebraska Foundation, and took the pledge of professionalism.

Dean Courtney Fletcher welcomed the students. Joseph "Joe" Vetro, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, delivered the keynote presentation on "Being Professional." Patricia Malinowski, P4, also shared her reflections as a Pharmacy student.

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## Want to Host a Class Reunion? Contact the Alumni Office for Help



The Alumni Relations Office can provide assistance to College of Pharmacy classes who are interested in gathering for a class reunion. That assistance includes:

- Communications to classmates
- Lists of the classmates and their contact information
- Assistance identifying and working with venues
- Collecting and tracking RSVPs and registration information
- UNMC alumni give-a-ways for your reunion attendees

If you are interested in planning a reunion for your class, please [contact Catherine Mello](#).

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## Legislative Update

In the spring, we shared information with alumni in Nebraska regarding how the State of Nebraska's budget impacts the University of Nebraska. Thank you to those who expressed support for the University to their state senator. We want to continue to keep you informed about how the Nebraska Legislature and the state budget impacts the University and how we educate the state's health professions workforce.

The University of Nebraska is actively taking measures that will help us see cost savings over the

next several years, so that we can meet the \$49 million budget shortfall that we are facing. To stay engaged and learn more, please click [here](#). We will continue to keep you updated in the months ahead.

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## Request Credentials for the UNMC Alumni Directory

The [UNMC Alumni Directory](#) is now online and is available for professional networking. Interested alumni can request their credentials and log-in to the UNMC Alumni Directory. To request your credentials, please [send us an email](#). Once you log-in, be sure to visit the Update Your Profile link to input your current contact information, employment information, and select what information you would like to be made viewable to other alumni directory users. The more information that is available, the more robust this tool will become.

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## 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

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