Newsletter
from the UNMC College of Medicine Parents & Family Association

Meet the Class of 2022
1,865 applicants for a class of 132
88% Nebraska residents

Colleges by State
Nebraska – 101
Iowa - 4
Kansas – 4
Missouri – 3
Georgia – 2
Massachusetts – 2
Minnesota – 2
California – 1
Colorado – 1
Connecticut - 1
Illinois - 1
Montana – 1
Tennessee - 1
Washington -1
Wisconsin – 1
Other – 3

Nebraska Colleges
UNL 57
UNK 11
Creighton 9
UNO 6
Wayne 6
NWU 6
Chadron 3
Hastings 2
Doane 1
Other 28

PFA Hosts Family Day for Class of 2022
The annual Family Day event is an opportunity to provide an orientation for the new M1 parents, spouses and families. This year’s event was held on Friday, August 17th and approximately 240 family members of new medical students attended. The orientation program included short presentations from College of Medicine Dean, Bradley Britigan, MD; Director of Counseling & Student Development, David Carver, PhD; Student Senate President, Sarah Hotovy; College of Medicine Student Advocate, Marcia Shadle-Cusic; McGoogan Library Associate Professor, Teri Hartman, MLS, Susan Wilson; PFA President; and a panel made up of medical students and their parents.

Family Day was followed by the White Coat Ceremony held at the Joslyn Art Museum. Photos of College of Medicine Legacy families are available online here.

Class of 2022 Officers
These individuals were elected by their classmates and will serve until graduation.

President: Taylor Kratochvil
Vice President: Amber McMahon
Treasurer: Chris Weber
Alumni Relations: Tiffany Truong
Social Chairs: Mallory Gandy, Harrison Greene, Rafael Herrera
Curriculum Chairs: Taylor Uhlir, Alexander Tu
Philanthropy Chairs: David Fu, McKenzie Rowe, Paul Witt
A Letter from the PFA President

Dear Fellow UNMC College of Medicine parents and families:

Happy holidays from the UNMC College of Medicine Parents & Family Association!

Year four has been a fast and furious one, filled with great events and continuing on with new expectations. In a semester that included our M4 daughter Madeleine’s October wedding to Eric Hofferber and other family events, we now find ourselves living through her residency interviews from coast to coast. As we look forward to the New Year and the opportunities that await her, we realize that Match Day is just around the corner.

We recently sent out letters asking parents and family to support the PFA. These generous contributions will help support the events and programming we offer the students in conjunction with help from the dean of the College of Medicine and the UNMC Alumni Association.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the UNMC Alumni Relations Office at 402.559.4378. I sincerely thank everyone who has provided ongoing support to our organization. We appreciate it, as do the medical students!

I look forward to the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for supporting the Parents and Family Association!

Sincerely,

Susan Wilson

Make a Gift to the Parents & Family Innovation Fund

You can help support the work of the Parents & Family Association with a tax deductible gift to the Parents & Family Innovation Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation. Visit www.nufoundation.org/unmc and search for fund number #14245. Thank you for your generous support!
Student Feature: John Derr

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Program/Year: College of Medicine Class of 2021
Member, Internal Medicine Interest Group
Student researcher, Department of Radiology

Education: Doane College (now Doane University) - 2015

Hobbies:
I am an avid golfer, I try to get out to a course or driving range at least once a week.
I also enjoy weight lifting, cooking, and going to the movies with my wife.

Staying Balanced: I create a schedule each week based on my school schedule—for errands, personal time, and studying. I do my best to not break from that schedule, especially when it comes to my personal time. With that, I have found I feel less stressed overall and when I am studying I feel more focused and energized.

Three things people may not know about me:
1. I played baseball for four years while I attended Doane College.
2. My wife and I had a destination wedding in Cancun, Mexico, which was absolutely incredible.
3. I am a pretty big horror movie fan. Whether they have great reviews or are super cheesy, I enjoy watching them all.

M1 & M2 Buddies Pizza Lunch During Orientation

As part of new student orientation, the M2 class coordinates a buddy program where new students are paired with a second year student. The incoming students met their buddy for the first time on Monday, August 13th. Lunch was provided by the College of Medicine Alumni Council. This provides a great opportunity for new students to feel welcome and ask questions to a fellow medical student who has recently been in their same position.
Summer 2018 Student Highlights

Members of the Class of 2018

Since 2009, UNMC has had an educational partnership with Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India, one of the leading medical schools in India.

Over the past nine years, more than 700 students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana – two of India’s 29 states – came to UNMC for training opportunities. But, it was a one-way street. No medical student from UNMC traveled to India until this year. Continue reading here.

Frantzlee LaCrete | M2

Frantzlee LaCrete is from Lewellen, Neb. He participated in the Myers Summer Research Fellowship Program at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas for 6 weeks over the summer of 2018. It was the first summer this program was offered there. For this particular opportunity, Frantzlee worked with the UNMC Alumni Relations Office to identify a College of Medicine alumnus he could stay with as part of the HOST Program (Host Our Students as they Travel). He was connected with Dr. Keith Jensen, College of Medicine class of 2010, and stayed at Dr. Jensen’s home for the duration of the fellowship – forming a unique bond between student and alumnus. During the experience, Frantzlee was able to scrub in for a wide variety of surgeries and had an outstanding learning opportunity. He said of his UNMC alumni host, Dr. Jensen: “He was so helpful and made the transition to Houston so much better. He let me and my wife stay with him for a little while after my program was finished so that we could explore Houston together. He also took me out to a couple of places in Houston.”

Gabriella Rizzo | M2

Ellie spent the summer in Washington D.C. as a Healthcare Policy Fellowship Initiative fellow. HPFI is a policy program for future physicians and operates under the tenet that policy education for physicians leads to more intelligent healthcare policy for the United States. The program includes a semester’s worth of education on major topics in healthcare (basics of healthcare legislation and financing, history of healthcare policy, etc.) and a summer internship placement with a partner organization. Her placement was with Horizon Government Affairs, a D.C.-based, bipartisan lobbying firm focused on crafting policy, advocating for, and building coalitions to improve healthcare policy in the United States. The specific issues...
Ellie worked with were exploring financial restructuring of Medicare Part D and the use of 1332 waivers in helping states find creative solutions to paying for and administrating their state insurance exchanges under the PPACA. She assisted with background research for quantitative models and white papers in both of these subject areas, and helped hold a well-attended Capitol Hill briefing on 1332 waivers at the end of her internship placement, which nicely capped the experience. Ellie said it was enlightening to see how policy decisions are really made and how passionate people are about getting healthcare right. She also stated how grateful for the opportunity she was to have learned from people with both decades of experience in healthcare policy and economics and good senses of humor, vital to staying sane in the complex work of healthcare reform!

**Amy Miller | M2**

Amy Miller is a current second year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She grew up in Norfolk and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln majoring in Biological Science and Political Science. Last summer, in between her first and second years of medical school, she had the opportunity to intern for Senator Ben Sasse in his office in Washington D.C. Amy worked closely with his healthcare Legislative Assistant on many issues including Medicare drug pricing, the opioid crisis, and graduate medical education. She specifically worked on a long-term project focusing on electronic medical records and barriers to interoperability. Amy hopes to continue her interest and research in healthcare policy and the role of healthcare professionals in forming legislation as she continues her education in Omaha and in her future as a physician!

**PFA Hosts Spouses & Significant Others Reception**

The Parents & Family Association sponsored the annual Spouses & Significant Others Reception on August 13th, to kick off the 2018-2019 school year. Students were joined by College of Medicine Dean, Dr. Bradley Britigan and College of Medicine Student Advocate, Marcia Shadle-Cusic to enjoy an evening of hors d’oeuvres, beverages, and mingling with fellow students.

The event was a momentous occasion as it is served as the first social event during orientation week for the new M1s and brings together students from all four medical school classes. 62 students and their guests attended this year.
College of Medicine Alumni Sponsor Residency Interview Skills Night

On August 29th, the College of Medicine Alumni Council sponsored the 4th annual M4 Interview Night. This event was created upon a suggestion from students about the need for help to prepare for the ever-increasing competition for residency programs.

Professor Kimberly Schenarts, PhD began the event with her presentation, “The Interview: Rx for Success” and was followed by an interviewing skills panel featuring 8 current residents from various speciality areas.

Following the informative panel discussion, a reception was held to offer time for the students and residents to network.

Student Advocate Hosts “Paint N’ Sip”

In September, the College of Medicine Student Advocate, Marcia Shadle-Cusic, and the House Officer Assistance Program Manager, Susan Smith, hosted a “Paint N’ Sip activity.” The event brought together over 145 medical students and residents with a professional artist to learn how to paint greeting cards (while enjoying food and beverages). The students were encouraged to make a greeting card for their loved ones. The College of Medicine Alumni and the Parents & Family Association sponsor events hosted by the Student Advocate.
College of Medicine Students Elected as Student Senate Leaders

Third-year medical students Sarah Hotovy and Keith Ozanne will serve respectively, as UNMC Student Senate president and vice president for the 2018-2019 school year. A third College of Medicine student, Scott Mulder, will serve as treasurer.

Hotovy, of York, Neb., also will represent UNMC as a non-voting member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Ozanne, from Lincoln, Neb., also serves as the student body representative on the UNMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

2018-2019 Student Senate Officers

**President:** Sarah Hotovy (York, Neb.)
*Third year College of Medicine student*

**Vice President:** Keith Ozanne (Lincoln, Neb.,)
*Third year College of Medicine student*

**Secretary:** Jessica Wiens (Grand Island, Neb.)
*College of Public Health master’s degree student*

**Treasurer:** Scott Mulder (Sioux Falls, S.D.)
*College of Medicine, biochemistry and molecular biology graduate student*

UNMC Students Now Able to Attend Free Sporting Events for UNO Athletics

As part of a pilot program, all UNMC students are now able to get into any UNO athletic event free of charge when they present their UNMC student ID.

Students may purchase one $10 guest ticket for hockey games, and they may purchase $5 guest tickets for all other sports.

Students need to accompany their guest to the box office to purchase the guest ticket so the box office staff can verify the student ID.

The tickets will get them into the designated student section or any other designated general admission section.
UNMC News

Sorrell Center Marks 10-Year Anniversary

The College of Medicine recently marked the 10-Year Anniversary of the opening of the UNMC Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. The event honored the building’s remarkable namesake, Dr. Michael Sorrell ’59. Read more about Dr. Sorrell’s legacy.

Members of the Edward A. Holyoke, M.D., Ph.D., Society were also recognized during the event. The Holyoke Society recognizes and applauds physicians who provide support through gifts totaling $100,000 or more to UNMC’s College of Medicine. View more photos from the event here.

Chancellor Gold Named Priority Candidate for UNO Chancellor

University of Nebraska President Hank Bounds, Ph.D., announced Nov. 5 that following an 18-month period of growth and momentum for the University of Nebraska at Omaha under the interim leadership of Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., he has named Dr. Gold as the priority candidate for the position of UNO chancellor. If approved by the Board of Regents, Dr. Gold would serve as chancellor until June 30, 2022, at which time NU would initiate a national search for a successor.

Dr. Gold, chancellor of UNMC since 2014, has led UNO on an interim basis since 2017. Read more here.

Dr. Spagnoli Named Chair of Pediatrics

In early 2019, Anna Spagnoli, M.D., will join Children’s Hospital & Medical Center and UNMC as chair of the department of pediatrics. In addition to holding the Carol Remmer Angle, M.D., Presidential Chair, Dr. Spagnoli will serve as pediatrician-in-chief and senior vice president of pediatric services at Children’s, and as executive director of the Child Health Research Institute.

Dr. Spagnoli comes to Omaha from Chicago’s Rush University Children’s Hospital and Rush University Medical Center. Read more here.
UNMC researchers have set a new record—bringing in $135.6 million in research funding for fiscal year 2018, up 15.8 percent from $117 million the previous year.

“Kudos to our research community for their success and hard work,” said Jennifer Larsen, M.D., vice chancellor for research at UNMC. “Everyone contributed to this accomplishment. We have recruited and mentored outstanding faculty, successfully competed for large grant awards, and many people—from administrators to research technicians and coordinators—have worked hard alongside the investigators to make this happen.”

Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., said that the research programs at UNMC “are critical to our mission and serve as a key foundation to our definition of being a world-class academic medical center. Read more here.

Student enrollment at UNMC set another record high for the 18th straight year. There are 3,970 students enrolled for the 2018-19 school year, an increase of 62 students or 1.6 percent over last year’s record of 3,908.

**College of Medicine**
There are 132 new students in their first year of medical school, bringing total enrollment to 524, which includes 39 students in the M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program.

The new students in the college, 82.6 percent of whom are Nebraska residents, were selected from a total of 1,865 applicants.
College of Medicine Student Calendar

Semesters
First Semester (M1) August 20, 2018 – December 14, 2018
First Semester (M2) August 13, 2018 – December 14, 2018
First Semester (M3-M4) July 2, 2018 – December 14, 2018
Second Semester (M1) January 7, 2019 – June 2, 2019
Second Semester (M2/M3) January 7, 2019 – March 31, 2019
Second Semester (M4) January 7, 2019 – April 28, 2019
Phase 2 Class of 2021 (M3) April 1, 2019 – June 23, 2019

Recesses & Holidays
Winter Recess (M1 – M4) December 15, 2018 – January 6, 2019
New Year’s Day (Holiday) January 1, 2019 (Tuesday)
Martin Luther King, Jr. January 21, 2019 (Monday)
Spring Recess (M1/M2) March 9, 2019 – March 17, 2019
Spring Recess (M3/M4) March 30, 2019 – April 7, 2019
Memorial Day May 27, 2019 (Monday)

Special Events
Match Day (M4) March 15, 2019 (Friday)
Honors Convocation (M4) May 3, 2019 (Friday)
Commencement (M4) May 4, 2019 (Saturday)

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