

College of Nursing Innovation Fund  
Impact Report for FY17

**About the College of Nursing Innovation Fund:**

The College of Nursing Innovation Fund was created in 2015 to support the work of the UNMC College of Nursing in partnership with the College of Nursing Alumni Engagement Council and the UNMC Alumni Association (UNMCAA). This fund replaces the former membership dues program. The following report reflects the activity for the 2017 fiscal year.

**College of Nursing Innovation Fund Recap:**

FY 2017:	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
Dollars Raised:	\$35,747
Donors:	362
Support to UNMCAA:	\$12,500 (See UNMCAA Impact Report)
Support available for College of Nursing Strategic Initiatives:	\$23,247

**College of Nursing Innovation Fund Strategic Investments:**

The UNMCAA, through its people and programs, shares information and opportunities for alumni to engage with their alma mater. Through the UNMCAA, the Innovation Fund provides:

- ◆ critical support to UNMC students, including nursing students, through facilitating the formation of meaningful student-to-alumni relationships. More than 1,300 student engagement contacts occurred through events and activities hosted or sponsored by the UNMCAA, including social events, professional development activities, funding support, mentoring and professionalism ceremonies;
- ◆ alumni with opportunities to engage in the life and promotion of the university through outreach events, continuing education, communications, advocacy, wellness initiatives and class reunions.

In addition to the 42,000 alumni who make up the membership of the UNMCAA, residents and fellows are now welcomed as members, adding 3,700 additional members. UNMCAA managed the creation of the UNMC Retiree Association, providing opportunities for retirees and retired alumni to maintain their connection to UNMC.

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In FY 2017, the following projects have been identified for support from the College of Nursing Innovation Fund in support of strategic initiatives as determined by the College of Nursing Alumni Engagement Council and the dean of the College of Nursing.

- ◆ College of Nursing student activities such as the white coat ceremonies welcoming new students into the nursing profession
- ◆ alumni activities, such as the celebration of the College of Nursing centennial and support of a College of Nursing written history

**Future initiatives for Innovation Fund support include:**

- ◆ support to College of Nursing faculty through professional development activities such as travel to conferences and national meetings
- ◆ matching dollars for participation in new programs, such as student scholarship programs that require local matches
- ◆ continuing support of the college's centennial celebration

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