Bridge to Care
Approximately a dozen medical students participated in a six-week long session of youth mentoring and health education for refugee children and adults which held many positive benefits for both the refugees and the medical students.

UNMC Makers
Funds were used to purchase the Original Prusa i3 MK2S kit ~ a new 3D Printer for the UNMC Makers.

Using this printer, students will have the ability create a series of small skull prints for participants in an outreach program, as well as infinite possibilities of 3D models. Over time, the goal is for students to make use of the printer and an increased quantity and frequency.

A training session on using the printer will take place during the next meeting of the Makers Club, tentatively scheduled for mid-June. Once this has taken place, we will be able to bring in more
students who can be competent at using the machine in a self-directed way.

On May 25, the Makers held a “ribbon-cutting” ceremony to unveil the new printer. It is housed on the 6th floor of the McGoogan Library.

Jamaica Service Trip
From March 19-26, 2017, the UNMC service trip to Falmouth, Jamaica included 19 medical students, six pharmacy students, two physical therapy students, and 11 faculty members. It was a student-run trip under faculty supervision, and students gained valuable clinical experience interviewing and examining patients, presenting to faculty, formulating treatment plans, and dispensing medications. Trip members stayed at a local church and provided daily care to nearly 500 patients in their local circuit clinic as well as surrounding villages on outreach trips.

"Going to Jamaica was my first chance to truly use the skills and employ the knowledge I have gained in medical school. Being able to do so in a setting that serves a medically deprived population further emphasized the rewarding feeling that caused me and many of my colleagues to pursue medicine as a career. This mission trip was a refreshing break from
didactics, and it has shown that mission work greatly interests me. I sincerely appreciate your generous contribution for making this possible. Thank you for your continued support of UNMC and SAGH." - Kaleb Thomas, COM Class of 2019

Psychiatry Interest Group
Psych Sunday Rounds were held 4 times this spring semester (2017). The students who attended were a mixture of PsIG board members, including medical students from all four years of training and a first year pharmacy student. As part of the rounds, students brought materials to make craft projects along with snacks to help develop the rapport with the patients.

The visiting students, the patients, and the staff on the Adult Crisis Unit (ACU) have all benefitted immensely from these afternoons. For the students, it has been an invaluable opportunity to step away from the medicine, the white coats, and the textbooks and just enjoy engaging with patients. It has been a beautiful reminder, to all students involved, that at the end of the day, the patients are humans just like everybody else in the world. It has also educated students who have not yet interacted with psychiatry patients that psychiatry patients are just like any other patient on a hospital service – they have their own unique medical conditions but also have jobs, families, hobbies, and lives outside of the hospital. Unlike most other activities required in medical/pharmacy school, students do not have to do any sort of preparation for
these Sunday Rounds; they simply show up ready to socialize, meet new people, and create
ew perspectives of patients in a low-stress environment.

The patients, who are the primary recipients of these activities, have expressed immense
gratitude in these visits with students. On multiple visits, there were one or two patients who
would ask “So why are you here?” to the students, and were stunned when students responded
saying that this a volunteer activity, and that there are no credits or grades being received on
their end. Several patients were also incredibly grateful for visitors, as they had not had any of
their family or friends visit them during their stay. The staff members on the ACU, including
nurses and care techs, actually asked us, after the second visit, if students could start coming
every single week, because they were so impressed with the response and involvement of the
patients.

**Surgery Interest Group**
Funds provided by COMAEC were used for rental of the Truhlsen Foyer and AV equipment as
well as other logistical needs to successfully coordinate the event: Shopping for Surgical
Specialties: A Special “Speed Dating” Event. The event addressed a need that exists to provide
guidance for medical students earlier in their training. The primary audience was first and
second year medical students, who have not entered their clinical training years and have had
minimal exposure to the various fields in medicine, let alone the numerous subspecialties in
surgery.

**Pediatric Interest Group**
With the help of the College of Medicine Alumni Engagement Council Student Fund we were able to
coordinate 8 lunch meetings which discussed a wide variety of topics and enhanced the knowledge
of the students who attended the meetings. There were about 30 students in attendance at each
lunch meeting.

**UNMC Residency Symposium**
The UNMC Residency Symposium hosted 200 College of Medicine students to learn from
current UNMC faculty about the opportunities available to them after medical school, as well as
how to make themselves competitive applicants for the NRMP match process. Each student
was provided with a 150+ page booklet detailing for them how to prepare for and apply to
residency. It included information about how to excel in the 1/2/3 years of medical school, how
to write a personal statement, how to approach the interview process, etc.