A Special Edition of

Class Notes

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Dear UNMC Alumni:

The mission of your UNMC Alumni Relations Office and the UNMC Alumni Association (UNMCAA) is to serve and engage with learners and graduates through effective communications, the formation of meaningful relationships, and opportunities to invest in the advancement of the University through gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The Alumni Relations Office and each College’s Alumni Council has been working hard to develop meaningful opportunities for you to engage with and support your alma mater. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Serve as a volunteer preceptor to help educate the next generation of health care professionals
- Learn more about serving on a UNMC alumni council for your college or serving on one of the UNMC Board of Directors committees
- Nominate a classmate or colleague for an alumni award
- Request credentials to the UNMC Alumni Directory
- Follow us on our social media channels
- Sign up for the UNMC Delegates and the NU Advocates program for those interested in learning more about how the state budget impacts the University and other important state legislative matters
- Support the work of your college and alumni council with a donation to your College’s Innovation Fund

You may have missed your Connect magazine this spring. For the time being, the University has moved to a one magazine per year publication schedule for the Connect magazine, so please look for that in the fall. We also are looking at various electronic methods to share information with you more regularly and in easy-to-read formats, and we will let you know more about these plans in the coming months. In the meantime, we hope this digital version of class notes will provide a way for you to catch up with the Alumni Association and your alumni colleagues, and we hope that you will choose to engage with us on Facebook @UNMCalum and on Twitter @UNMC_AA.

I also wanted to share with our alumni that our office relocated into the Joseph D. & Mille E. Williams Science Hall (the former College of Pharmacy building) in September 2017. Joe Williams is a distinguished alumnus and 1950 graduate of the College of Pharmacy. If you’re on campus, stop in and see us. And please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have ideas about how we can better serve and engage you.

Most sincerely,

Catherine Mello
UNMC Alumni Director
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College of Dentistry 2018 Alumni Reunion
SEPT. 7 & 8 Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

FRIDAY | SEPT. 7
- Breakfast buffet, continuing education and dinner banquet
- Student-guided tours of the UNMC College of Dentistry
- Banquet featuring honor classes and dinner

SATURDAY | SEPT. 8
CORNHUSKER FOOTBALL
- Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Colorado Buffaloes
- Kickoff 2:30 p.m.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the College of Dentistry alumni on a first-come, first-served basis at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1040 P Street, 402-474-1111. When you are making your reservations, indicate that you are calling to book a reservation for the 2018 Nebraska Dental Alumni Reunion block. The group code to register under this block is: DAR. To reserve a room, click here.

Questions: Email the dean’s office at khailey@unmc.edu or call 402.472.1344.
Alumni Reunion Weekend 2018
SEPT. 21 & 22 Omaha, Nebraska

COLLEGES OF MEDICINE & NURSING AND GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM
College of Pharmacy classes also welcome to participate


Hotel Accommodations:
Hilton Hotel - Downtown Omaha, 1001 Cass Street
Special rate of $99/night available through Sept. 1 or until the block is full. Call the Hilton at 402.998.3400 and ask for the UNMC Alumni rate or go online here. For online reservations, select ATTENDEE from the drop down menu.

For more information call 402.559.4385 or click here.

Save the Date!
OCT. 20 Lincoln, Nebraska

KICK-OFF WITH THE UNMCAA
Husker Tailgate Party
Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers

Tailgate only—no game tickets included

Visit unmc.edu/alumni for more information in summer 2018.
What’s Been Happening

College of Nursing Kearney Division Holds First Reunion

The UNMC College of Nursing Kearney Division held its first all-alumni reunion on September 16, 2017 with the theme 40 Years of Transforming Lives. 92 alumni and friends participated in the activities, including a float in the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) homecoming parade, a welcome back lunch and program and tours of the new Health Science Education Complex where the UNMC colleges of Nursing and Allied Health Professions share education space on the UNK campus.

Alumni can engage socially on Facebook by joining the UNMC College of Nursing Kearney Division Alumni Group.
Alumni Reunion Weekend 2017: New Era of Alumni Engagement

The 2017 Alumni Reunion Weekend welcomed almost 400 alumni and friends back to campus and to Omaha from the colleges of Medicine and Nursing and the Graduate Studies Program. Throughout both Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, attendees had the opportunity to take various tours of campus to see and learn about academic areas of interest. In addition to the honor year class parties that were held on Friday evening, the College of Nursing also held their Centennial Gala to celebrate a century of academic nursing excellence and transforming the future.

To see photos and to learn more about Alumni Reunion Weekend 2018, click here.

The 2018 Alumni Reunion Weekend is Sept. 21 & 22 and honor years are those ending in “3” or “8.”
2017 Alumni Awards

Graduate Studies
Click here to read the bios for the Graduate Studies honorees.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
M. Patricia Leuschen, PhD
MS 1974, PhD 1976

Honorary Alumnus Award
Thomas L. McDonald, PhD

College of Nursing
Click here to read the bios for the College of Nursing honorees.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Mary C. Sullivan, PhD, RN, FAAN
MSN 1981

Nursing Excellence Award
Douglass Haas, APRN-NP
BSN 2009, MSN 2015
College of Medicine
Click here to read the bios for the College of Medicine honorees.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Margaret Tempero, MD
Class of 1977

Early Career Achievement Award
Jill A. Poole, MD
Class of 1999

Dedication to Student Excellence Award
Audrey A. Paulman, MD,
Class of 1977

Paul M. Paulman, MD,
Class of 1977

College of Dentistry
Click here to read the bios for the College of Dentistry honorees.

Honorary Life Membership Award
Jillian Wallen, BDS, MS

Alumni Achievement Award
Scott L. Morrison, DDS, MS
Class of 1985

Distinguished Service Award
Roger E. Jurgens, DDS, MS
Class of 1964

Outstanding Educator Award
Larry Crouch, PhD
College of Allied Health Professions
Click here to read the bios for the College of Allied Health Professions honorees.

**Medical Laboratory Science – Early Career Achievement Award**
Chelsea Dockins Reischl, MBA, MLS(ASCP)SM
Class of 2008

**Physician Assistant – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
Dave Arthur, PA-C
Class of 1975

**Physical Therapy – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
Sue E. Schuerman, PT, GCS, MBA, PhD
Class of 1975 & 1998

**Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
James B. Temme, MPA, RT(R)(QM), FASRT, FAEIRS
Class of 1973, 1974 & 1984

**Cytotechnology – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
Mary F. McGaughhey, CT(ASCP)
Class of 2010

**Clinical Perfusion – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
Todd M. Stover, BSRS, CCP, LP
Class of 1987 & 1992

**Medical Nutrition – Distinguished Alumnus Award**
Barbara Robertson, MA, RD, CNSC, LMNT
Class of 1982
Hastings Area Alumni & Community Members Network with UNMC Leadership

Thursday, December 7, 73 alumni, friends, and community members gathered in Hastings to hear from UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, MD about campus updates, ask questions, and network.

A SIM-NE (Simulation in Motion – Nebraska) truck was on-site for attendees to tour and see how the emergency room and ambulance spaces onboard are utilized to train Nebraska’s healthcare professionals using high fidelity patient simulators. Attendees saw how the simulators (an adult, child, an infant, and a pregnant mother) can talk, breathe, and bleed and how the simulated patient’s condition changes according to the treatment that it receives.

Thank you to Drs. Todd Pankratz M’92 and Jessica Meeske for serving as local hosts for the event.
Graduate Studies Alumni & Student Networking Night

January 25, the Graduate Studies Alumni Council and the Graduate Student Association sponsored a panel event and Q & A session for alumni and current students. The evening was a great opportunity to increase student and alumni interaction and to provide information to the students about career opportunities in non-academic fields.

The students in attendance heard from alumni panelists Lisa Bilek, PhD, medical science liaison at Sanofi Genzyme and Chris Connelly, PhD, director of research and development, new product development, molecular division at Streck. After the panel, the students were able to network with the alumni in attendance, including Wayne Stuberg, PhD, president of the UNMC Graduate Studies Alumni Council, and UNMC’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, H. Dele Davies, MD.
College of Pharmacy Alumni Gather for a Night of Hockey

Saturday, February 17, 40 College of Pharmacy alumni, students and faculty gathered for a pre-game social at Dudley’s Pizza & Tavern in Aksarben before heading to Baxter Arena to watch the UNO Mavericks take on the North Dakota Fighting Hawks.
James Temme MITS’73, 74
Omaha, Neb., retired from UNMC in December 2017 after 43 years of service. Jim was the longtime director of Radiation Science Technology Education, now Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences. He plans to do volunteer work at the VA, work as a standardized patient at UNMC and Creighton University, and spend more time with his wife Kathy and their combined family, which includes four children and six grandchildren.

Kimberly Michael MITS’90, ’91
Elkhorn, Neb., was inducted into the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) as a Fellow in October of 2017. This is the highest honor the Society can bestow on a member. An SDMS Fellow exhibits professional qualities and attributes by contributing to the advancement of sonography and supporting the SDMS.

Tanya Custer MITS’95
Gretna, Neb., and Kimberly Michael MITS ‘90, ’91, placed second in the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) 2017 Scientific Presentation Competition for “Open Book Testing in Ultrasound Physics: Student Perceptions and Outcomes.” They were honored on October 13, 2017 at the SDMS Foundation Awards Dinner. In the fall of 2017, Tanya and Kim also received an Innovative Practices in Education Award from UNMC.

Karin Bellows MITS’10
Council Bluffs, Iowa, assumed the position of Clinical Coordinator at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha in the fall of 2017.

Dianne Bahn MITS’70, MLS’71
Yankton, S.D., retired as Lead Technologist from the South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton after 41.5 years of service.

Karen Honeycutt MLS’84
Omaha, Neb., was named UNMC’s 2017 Varner Educator Laureate in December of 2017. This recognizes an individual with sustained achievement in education who has significantly improved the UNMC learning environment through the provision of outstanding educational experiences.

Larry Skradski MLS’92
Omaha, Neb., works seven days on/seven days off at Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, where he enjoys the work and the organization. He recently became manager at Town and Country Humane Society in Papillion.

Donna King MLS’94
Albion, Neb., and her husband Bob married in 2002. She retired from the Boone County Health Center in 2009.

Linsey Donner MLS’04, ‘11
Omaha, Neb., assistant professor and microbiology coordinator in the Medical Laboratory Science program at UNMC, received the 2018 Shirley Noble Award at the 2018 Nebraska Laboratory Spring Meeting. This award recognizes an American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Nebraska member who actively promotes the laboratory profession. The member acts as a positive role model and mentor to members of the society and laboratory students as did its namesake, Shirley Noble.

James Janzen MLS’11
Omaha, Neb., recently joined the MLS faculty at UNMC in Omaha after working nearly seven years in the Core Laboratory at Nebraska Medicine. His focus there was chemistry, urinalysis, hematology, and coagulation.

Gary Poulson PA’79
Rochester, Minn., has been with the Mayo Clinic for 30 years and currently serves as a PA in Cardiac Surgery and as an Instructor in Surgery in the College of Medicine.
Wayne Mathews PA’81
Omaha, Neb., associate professor and director of research in the Division of Physician Assistant Education at UNMC, will receive an Innovative Scholarship Award from the College of Allied Health Professions in May 2018. This award recognizes a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the advancement of teaching in health professions education through the development of innovative teaching approaches, and who have disseminated their innovation through presentations and publications.

Larry Tidyman PA’81
Benkelman, Neb., has been named “PA-C Emeritus” by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, for his distinguished career, for holding national certification for a minimum of 20 years, and his long-standing commitment to the professionalism and high standards required of physician assistants. He retired in September 2012 after a career that began and ended in Benkelman, with time also spent practicing in Sedan, Kan., Curtis and North Platte, Neb., and Oceanside, Md. He and his wife Carla enjoy working on remodeling projects in their home, traveling in their RV, and square dancing.

Barbara Boldt PA’87
Carroll, Iowa, joined St. Anthony Regional Hospital and started seeing patients in the clinic in Carroll in April of 2018. She and her husband Jeff enjoy spending time with their four children, cooking, attending football games and concerts, bike rides, swimming, and visiting friends.

Benjamin Nagel PA’95
Scottsbluff, Neb., sees patients at Regional West Garden County and he is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Markeita Banya PA’96
Snellville, Ga., published a book with a mentor and fellow colleague entitled \textit{Shine Your Light: Powerful Practices for an Extraordinary Life}. This book made the Amazon Best Seller List in September 2017. Her solo book, \textit{Love is an ART: Your Guide to a Perfect Life} launched in February 2018, along with a part of her Little ART book series. She spent time with LifeTime Fitness as their lead PA and she developed and managed five med spa locations in Atlanta. In focusing on her commitment to community health, she launched her own practice in November 2017. Recently she partnered with Jamie Dukes, former NFL player, to end opioid abuse through IV Hydration. She and her husband are also involved in community service.

Angela Robb PA’96
Sidney, Neb., sees patients at Regional West Physicians Clinic-Family Medicine clinics in Sidney and Chappell.

David Blauvelt PA’97
Kearney, Neb., recently celebrated 13 years at First Care Medical Urgent Care in Kearney.

Natalie Waskowiak PA’98
Gothenburg, Neb., joined Gothenburg Health in the fall of 2017 as a family practice provider. She has been practicing in internal medicine for the last 15 years. She and her husband Randy have two children, Lauren and Kara. In her spare time she enjoys reading, cooking, spending time with her family, and watching her children in their activities.

Chelsea Schuster PA’99
Cozad, Neb., joined the Cozad Community Health System in the fall of 2017. She has previously practiced in Lincoln, Vermillion, S.D., Ashland, and Omaha in family practice and internal medicine. She and her husband Brian have three children; Samantha, Ryan and Matthew.

Shari Ritchie PA’01
Carpenter, Wyo., is a physician assistant at Mallory Family Wellness in Loveland, Colo. and the company recently opened a satellite clinic in Cheyenne, Wyo. Their clinics include traditional family medicine, osteopathic manipulation, hormone replacement therapy, testosterone therapy, Myers Vitamin Infusions and the HCG Weight Loss Protocol.

Erin Strufing PA’01
Elkhorn, Neb., began seeing patients at the Nebraska Spine + Pain Center in the Visiting Physicians Clinic in October of 2017. She is a member of the North American Spine Society, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants.

Joseph Willmitch PA’01
Memphis, Tenn., has been an Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Education for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), College of Medicine, Department of Physician Assistant studies since May 2016.

Robert Amrien PA’03 ’05
Swansea, Mass., retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 22 years of service and currently serves as the Program Director of the Bryant University Physician Assistant Program in Rhode Island. He is on the Board of the American Heart Association of Southern New England and is Chair of the 2018 Heart Walk.

Rex Hobbs Jr. PA’03
Harrogate, Tenn., was named the 2017 PA of the Year by the Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants in the fall of 2017. He serves as an assistant dean and program director of the PA program at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate.
Owen Mueller PA’03
Peterborough, N.H., received his master’s degree during his time in the Illinois Army National Guard. He worked at the St. Louis VA Medical Center in Primary Care with a sub specialty in wound care. He ran the wound care clinic for many years. He was deployed to the Middle East in 1990-1991 during the Persian Gulf War, to Iraq in 2008 and to Afghanistan in 2013. He retired from the Army in 2014 and from the VA at the end of 2014. Last year he and his wife moved to New Hampshire and he is loving retirement.

Angel Ribo PA’04
Palm Coast, Fla., and his company, Ribo Research LLC purchased Peninsula Research Inc., in 2013. Angel has over 15 years of experience as a Clinical Researcher and expert HIV/AIDS Primary Care Provider and he and his team work to provide cutting edge therapies while excelling in timely delivery of data to industry partners to allow for more efficacious options of care for those in need.

Polly Porter PA’06
Round Hill, Va., is Founder / CEO of MVP Assisting, a medical practice aimed at providing excellence in Surgical First Assisting for Surgeons in all surgical subspecialties. She has over 15-years of surgical experience, mostly in sports medicine, general surgery and total joint arthroplasty. Covering hospitals, surgical centers and individual surgeons, MVP Assisting is an affordable option for surgeons to ensure quality outcomes, patient safety, and operating room efficiency.

Joel Schwartzkopf PA’06
Fort Collins, Colo., was chosen as a member of Northern Colorado’s 40 under Forty by BizWest magazine.

Karla Busboom PA’08
Omaha, Neb., began seeing patients at the Nebraska Spine + Pain Center in the Visiting Physicians Clinic in October of 2017.

Mallory Callahan PA’11
Omaha, Neb., was named Director of Population Health Management at the Nebraska Health Network in September 2017. She will work with network clinics and physicians to help manage health conditions and preventative care for more than 150,000 people in the Omaha metro-area. Before joining the NHN, she was a physician assistant at Methodist Physicians Clinic for five years.

Kari Fleming PA’12
Florence, S.D., was recently award a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Nephrology from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). This distinction is earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing a national exam in the specialty. She works at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, S.D. Since the program’s inception in 2011, Fleming is the only PA in South Dakota to earn a CAQ in Nephrology.

Alysia Sheets PA’12
Cambridge, Neb., joined the McCook Clinic in August of 2017.

Kyle Brown PA’13
Sidney, Neb., sees patients at Regional West Physicians Clinic-Family Medicine clinics in Sidney and Chappell, and at Regional West Garden County. He is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Luke Sachau PA’13
Dakota Dunes, S.D., has worked at Siouxland Urology Associates since January 2014 and has recently started visiting an outreach clinic once a month in Plainview, Neb. He and his wife, Samantha Sachau PT’13 have two daughters, Clara and Quinn.

Megan Kipp PA’14
Grand Forks, N.D., recently joined the gastroenterology team at Altru Health System. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and two dogs, camping, hiking, and horseback riding.

Leah Barjenbruch PA’15
Sidney, Neb., sees patients at Regional West Physicians Clinic-Family Medicine clinics in Sidney and Chappell, and at Regional West Garden County.

Emily Struebing PA’16

Lauren DeThomas, PA’17
Aurora, Colo., sees patients at Regional West Medical Center as part of the Regional West Physicians Clinic-Hospitalist Service.

Elisa Zeiss PT’17
Genoa, Neb., recently joined the medical staff at Genoa Medical Facilities and Park Street Medical Clinic. During her training she studied in various specialties including dermatology, cardiology, family practice, and internal medicine. She and her husband Jacob enjoy spending time with their families, exercising, outdoor activities, being active in their community, and Husker sports.

Kyle Meyer PT’79, ’85
Omaha, Neb., serves as dean of the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions. In April of 2017, he was honored with a 2017 University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) College of Public Affairs and Community Service Alumni Award for Excellence in Public Service. The award is presented to alums who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the public good. Dr. Meyer earned his MPA and PhD degrees from UNO. He holds a physical therapy degree and masters in anatomy from UNMC.
Therapy & Sports Rehab of Hastings since 2001. Yankton, S.D., is co-owner of Overland Rehab and is one of the original owners of the business that is celebrating 22 years of service in 2018. He and his wife Jacki have two daughters, Cassondra and Kendall and he mainly serves the communities of Creighton, Santee, and Lynch in northeast Nebraska.

Valerie Downs PT’99 Springfield, Neb., was recently named a board member for the Midlands Community Foundation. She is a physical therapist with Infinity Rehab and is an adjunct professor at UNMC. She currently serves as the President of the Louisville Public Schools Foundation Board, volunteers with the UNMC Sharing Clinic, the Louisville Public Schools Athletic Department, and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

Karen Clark PT’99 Omaha, Neb., is currently pursuing an EdD at Clarkson College in their Doctoral Program of Health Professions Education and Leadership and hopes to graduate in 2019.

Amanda Lathrop PT’03, 05 Gretna, Neb., joined Makovicka Physical Therapy in their Pacific Springs clinic in the summer of 2017. She is certified at level 2 dry needling, treats temporomandibular joint disorder, and does aquatic therapy.

Elizabeth Wellsandt PT’09 Omaha, Neb., was named an American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Emerging Leader during the summer of 2017. This award identifies and honors one physical therapist or physical therapist assistant “emerging leader” from each APTA state or section who demonstrated extraordinary service in his or her physical therapy career. Dr. Wellsandt is an assistant professor in the division of physical therapy education at UNMC and over the summer, she also received an APTA New Investigator grant. The $100,000 New Investigator Fellowship Training Initiative (NIFTI) will include a research training experience entitled “Role of Physical Therapy Activity in Post-Traumatic Osteoarthritis.”

Brett Cribelli PT’13 Cambridge, Neb., owns and operates Cribelli Physical Therapy in Cambridge and the business recently relocated into a larger space in downtown Cambridge on main street.

Kelsey Max PT’13 Gothenburg, Neb., joined the Sports and Medical Rehabilitation Department at Gothenburg Health in June 2017. Her areas of special interest include pediatrics, women’s health and general orthopedic conditions. She has received special training in women’s health and pelvic floor rehab. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association (NPTA). She and her husband Shane live in Gothenburg. She enjoys running, hunting, reading and spending time with family.

Troy Goetsch PT’15 Lincoln, Neb., practices at Lincoln Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab in their south location. He recently earned his board certification in Sports Physical Therapy. After graduating from UNMC, he completed a specialized sports residency program that included class, training room, on-field and clinical components. He has special interests in the strength and fitness communities that have been reinforced by his own competitive experiences in power lifting, Strongman, and the Highland Games, as well as movement screening, prehabilitation and injury prevention.

Chance Unger PT’15 Lincoln, Neb., and wife, Lora Unger PT’17, have two children, John Paul and James. Chance holds Orthopedic Clinical Specialty (OCS) and recently founded STRIDE Running Clinic. The clinic emphasizes best practice in running medicine via biomechanical analysis via biomechanical analysis and one-on-one patient/clinician interaction.

Taylor Majerus PT’16 Hampton, Va., commissioned as a Physical Therapist into the United States Air Force in April 2017. After completing
Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Captain Majerus was stationed at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va.

Kayla Mammen PT’16
Louisville, Neb., joined Witte Physical Therapy in March of 2018. She worked in traveling therapy for a year after earning her degree, in a skilled nursing facility in Brush, Colo. and at Alegent Health Immanuel Fontenelle in Omaha.

Matt Giffin PT’17
Kearney, Neb., joined Kearney Physical Therapy as a physical therapist in July 2017. He works in the outpatient clinic in the Medical Office building at CHI-Good Samaritan and specializes in orthopedics and sports medicine.

Landen Haake PT’17
Gothenburg, Neb., joined the Sports and Medical Rehabilitation Department at Gothenburg Health in June 2017. His areas of interest include orthopedics and sports rehab. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association (NPTA). He and his wife Jordan reside in Gothenburg. He enjoys Husker athletics and playing golf and basketball.

Jessica Klym PT’17
Omaha, Neb., joined Makovicka Physical Therapy in their Papillion clinic in the summer of 2017.

Jacob Kringle PT’17
Minden, Neb., joined TEAM Physical Therapy in Kearney in the fall of 2017. His areas of interest are sports and orthopedic rehabilitation, manual therapy, balance disorders, headaches and industrial rehabilitation. He has undergone extensive training in orthopedics and sport and golf screening. He and his wife Jennifer live in Minden.

Jena Mizner PT’17
Grand Island, Neb., joined the staff at Grand Island Physical Therapy in their sports clinic in the fall of 2017. Her special areas of interest are orthopedics, sports medicine and manual therapy. She and her husband Bryan live in Grand Island.

Jacob Reifenrath PT’17
Norfolk, Neb., joined Spier Physical Therapy in July 2017. He enjoys working with patients of all ages and providing custom care plans for their conditions. His special interest is in lower extremity injuries including sports injuries, knee replacements and more. He and his wife Cassie have a daughter, Charlotte.

Brittany Ridder PT’17
Fullerton, Neb., joined ECNTA Physical Therapy in their Fullerton and Genoa locations in the fall of 2017. She completed clinical experiences in the areas of outpatient orthopedic, manual therapy skills, screening techniques, interventions, inpatient neurology, vestibular and aquatic therapy, spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries and strokes.

Spencer Trapp PT’17
Superior, Neb., joined the staff at Brodstone Memorial Hospital in Superior in the fall of 2017. He chose to work in Superior to give back to the community that gave so much to him and his family. He graduated from high school in Superior, with plans of being a Nebraska highway patrolman. After a severe football injury in high school, his career path changed to physical therapy. He is now a physical therapist with Brodstone and is a certified athletic trainer. Soon he will be testing for a Nebraska certification on medical law.

MEDICINE

Muriel Frank M’43
Omaha, Neb., was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame in the fall of 2017. She started the anesthesiology department at Methodist Hospital, where she was chief of anesthesiology for 15 years. In 1989 she became the first woman to head the Metropolitan Omaha Medical Society, and she and her husband, Maurice Steinberg, became the first husband and wife nationally to take turns leading a metro medical society.

John Reed M’61
Lincoln, Neb., received the Distinguished Service to Medicine Award from the Nebraska Medical Association in the fall of 2017.

Roger Fellows M’65
Waikoloa Village, Hawaii, held board certifications in Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. He was drafted by the U.S. Army and stationed at Bassett Army Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska for 30 months. He then went back to Denver, Colo. and ran a residents training program for two years. Following that he moved back to practice at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for 20 years. He did Locums for several years and then retired in 2014.

Robert Travnicek M’65
Biloxi, Miss., has been retired from the Mississippi State Department of Health since 2013. Last year he and his wife Lora moved into a condominium overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Continuing his interest in Australian wild birds, he spent a week in and around Alice Springs in the center of the outback in March and then two weeks in the Galapagos Islands in July and August. During Thanksgiving, they traveled to Sonoma county to visit some small boutique vineyards.
Joseph Anderson M’68
Omaha, Neb., professor of radiology at UNMC, was honored in May of 2018 by the College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) for Excellence in Teaching. Recipients of this award hold a faculty appointment in the CAHP and demonstrate outstanding skills in directing learning, advising students, and facilitating effective interaction between faculty and students and between students. In April of 2018, he received an Outstanding Teacher Award, for meritorious teaching, service and mentoring and he also received the Innovation, Development and Engagement Award (IDEA) from UNMC. That award recognizes faculty members who have extended their academic expertise beyond the boundaries of the university in ways that have enriched the broader community.

Loren Olson M’66, ’68
Urbandale, Iowa, published a second edition of his book, Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight in the spring of 2017 and has been traveling through the United States on the Opportunities of Aging and The Evolution of Men’s Sexuality Across the Life Span. In the spring of 2018, he received the Ben Franklin Gold Award from the Independent Book Publishers Association as the best new book in the category of LGBT non-fiction. His book is also a finalist in the same category for the INDIE Award from the Foreword Reviews. He and his husband of 30 years have recently downsized from their cattle farm to a townhouse. After 50 years in medicine, he plans to retire from his practice of psychiatry in the summer of 2018.

Kanchan Lodhia M’67, 69
Lawton, Okla., widowed in 2014 and also retired that same year.

William Northwall M’67
St. Petersburg, Fla., wrote a book, Return to Capitalism: Thoughts From a Supply-Side Conservative. The book is available through Amazon and his website, williamnorthwall.com.

Joseph Drozda M’68, ’70, Internal Medicine ’76
Chesterfield, Mo., was honored in the fall of 2017 by the American College of Cardiology (ACC) with the designation of Master of the ACC. This designation is awarded to no more than four cardiovascular professionals each year who have consistently contributed above and beyond to the goals and programs of the college, and who have provided leadership in important college activities. In previous years, he was awarded the ACC’s Presidential Citation and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the ACC’s Missouri Chapter. He works as director of Outcomes Research at Mercy—a four state regional health system headquartered in suburban St. Louis. He is the principal investigator of a large, multi-center, FDA funded, initiative in which systems for using electronic health record data are being developed to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of implanted medical devices in the real world.

Bill Eichner M’68
Middlebury, Vt., retired after 38 years in private practice and now serves as assistant to his writer/wife and spends as much time gardening—for them and the community.

Richard Elliott M’70
Sun City West, Ariz., officially retired on January 2, 2018 from Banner Medical Group in Phoenix. He is reviewing selective primary care patient complaints submitted to the Arizona Medical Board.

William Wignall M’70
Bend, Ore., retired in December of 2013.

Thomas Brewster M’71
Gorham, Maine, is a retired pediatric physician who focused on genetic disorders. His career took him to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Children’s Hospital in Boston and Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital in Portland, Maine. He still remains very proud of his hometown of Stuart, Neb. He and his wife Carol travel back to Stuart at least once a year and recently, Tom generously gifted his shares in Tri-County Bank to the Stuart Community Foundation Fund.

Lance Oberg M’72
Waco, Texas, retired from his psychiatry practice in 2017 and enrolled at Texas State Technical Institute in the Culinary Arts Program following a life-long hobby of cooking.

Herb Saloum M’72
Sioux Falls, S.D., retired after 43 years in Family Medicine in Tyndall, S.D. He lives in Sioux Falls in the summer and Sun City Grand in Surprise, Ariz. in the winter.

Jon Vanderhoof M’72
Omaha, Neb., joined NuTek Food Science, LLC, in April of 2018 as their Chief Medical Officer. He is an attending physician in GI/Nutrition at Boston Children’s Hospital, Senior Lecturer in Pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School, and Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at UNMC.

James Armitage M’73, Internal Medicine ’74 ’75
Omaha, Neb., is one of five members named to the newly formed Clinical Advisory Board (CAB) for Ascentage Pharma, a global clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing apoptosis-targeted therapies for cancers and other diseases. Apoptosis is programmed cell death in cancers. He serves as the Joe Shapiro Chair for the Study of Oncology and Clinical Research at UNMC.

Ward Chambers M’73, Internal Medicine ’76
Trey nor, Iowa, executive director emeritus, international health at UNMC, will receive the University of Missouri’s James E. “Bud” Moulder Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering.
Mark Elles M’73, 75
Lone Tree, Colo., was a partner in the Denver Internal Medicine Group for 34 years and retired in 2015. He was a medicine consultant at Craig Rehabilitation hospital from 2012 to 2017. Currently he is Chairman of the Board of Censors for the Denver Medical Society and has held this position for more than 20 years and also enjoys his work as Secretary of the Denver Clinical and Pathological Society. This is the oldest clinical society west of Chicago.

Stephen Erickson M’73
Rochester, Minn., was promoted to associate professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic.

William Schlichtemeier M’73
Papillion, Neb., continues to volunteer at ONEWorld Community Health Center in the eye clinic and operates on those patients at the Omaha Surgical Center. He also serves a Lion’s Club clinic in Council Bluffs, Iowa and travels to Mexico with LIGA International to operate on blind patients at a free clinic there. In the fall of 2017, he was the Senior National Champion in Olympic Match Pistol at the National Pistol Marksmanship Indoor Wintersectional Championships. He teaches marksmanship locally at the Weeping Water Gun Club and the Eastern Nebraska Gun Club.

James Freudenburg M’72, ’74, Family Medicine ’77
Longmont, Colo., retired from his practice at the Longmont Clinic in 2015 and is now happily raising horses with his wife on a small acreage north of Longmont.

Frank Waechter M’75
Peoria, Ariz., retired in November 2017, after 41.5 years in practice as an OB GYN. He and his wife Betty have been married for 40 years and recently, they moved to Trilogy at Vistancia, a community in the west Phoenix area.

Harald Aanning M’76 Surgery ’81
Yankton, S.D., was inducted in the National Practitioner Data Bank’s Hall of Fame in November 2017.

Roger Albin M’77, Family & General Medicine ’86
Broken Bow, Neb., recently joined the staff of Columbus Community Hospital in their Emergency Department. He has been practicing full-time emergency medicine since 1990 and has a vast missionary experience in Nairobi and Litein, Kenya in East Africa and in Mbabane, Swaziland, in South Africa.

James O’Dell M’77
Omaha, Neb., was honored with the designation of Master by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) during its annual meeting in San Diego, Cali. in the fall of 2017. This is one of the highest honors the ACR bestows on its members. He serves as chief of the UNMC Division of Rheumatology and Immunology at UNMC and also at the Omaha VA Medical Center.

Merlin Butler M’78
Shawnee, Kan., a professor in the Department of Psychiatry, behavioral sciences, and pediatrics at Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. was selected as the 2016 Chancellors Club Research Award recipient. He is a leading researcher in the rare, genetic obesity-related Prader-Willi syndrome and has been a faculty member since 2008. He is also the director of the Division of Research and Genetics for the clinical department and the medical director of the Genetics Clinic.

Robert Gould M’78, GS’78
Del Mar, Calif., teaches anatomy and physiology at National University in San Diego.

Alan Fuss M’78, Pediatric Medicine ‘82
Celebration, Fla., retired in 2014 after a 32-year career, starting with six years in general pediatrics in Fremont, Neb., followed by 26 years in pediatric emergency medicine at Children’s Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha. Alan and his wife Gail have two sons, both married, and four grandchildren. He recently published his first book, Faithfully Prescribed, with help from their older son, who is the editor; the book is available on Amazon.

Margaret Kontras Sutton M’79, Dermatology & Internal Medicine ’84
Lincoln, Neb., started the practice Sutton Dermatology + Aesthetics in 1984 and last fall, her daughter, Leigh Sutton M’12, joined the practice and shortly thereafter, the business opened in an expansive new location—bringing the number of locations in Lincoln to two. In the future, daughter, Liz Sutton M’16, who is completing her dermatological residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., may join the business.

Jane Kugler M’80
Omaha, Neb., received an Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Junior Faculty Award from UNMC in April 2018. She serves as an associate professor in anesthesiology in the College of Medicine.
Scott McPherson M’80
Omaha, Neb., began working as a faculty member at Clarkson Family Medicine Residency in July 2016. He has now published four novels in his Jack Sharp MD novel series; *Congo Mission*, *A Step Ahead of Death*, *Witness in the Window* and *Crisis on the Ice*.

Carol Drake M’81, Ophthalmology ’85
Omaha, Neb., was one of the recipients of the 2016 Milagro Award for providing free cataract procedures to individuals in need and for her ongoing support for OneWorld Community Health Centers and specifically, Project Hope. She continues to be involved as the counselor for the Phi Rho Sigma medical society and is in private practice with First Eye Associates.

Joseph Miller M’81
Omaha, Neb., was recently one of only 16 family physicians nationally selected to serve on the Quality and Practice Commission of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). His four-year term runs until December 2021. He currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Think Whole Person Healthcare in Omaha.

David Jameson M’83, Family & General Medicine ’86
Stromsburg, Neb., recently celebrated 30 years of serving the communities of Polk County and beyond, through Prairie Creek Family Medicine in Stromsburg and Annie Jeffrey Memorial Healthcare Center in Osceola.

Mark Serbousek M’83
McCook, Neb., retired at the end of February 2018, after 31 years of practicing in McCook. In his retirement, he and his wife Mary Jo plan to travel, camp, fish, and play with their four grandkids.

Randy Kohl M’84, Family Medicine ’87
Springfield, Neb., retired in October 2017 as Medical Director (Deputy Director, Health Services) for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, after serving the State of Nebraska for 15 years.

Robert Muellemann M’84
Omaha, Neb., a professor in emergency medicine at UNMC was named president-elect of the American Board of Emergency Medicine in the fall of 2017.

Cynthia Ellis M’85
Omaha, Neb., received UNMC’s 2017 Interprofessional Education Scholar Award for her significant contributions to interprofessional education locally, regionally, and nationally. She is a professor in the Department of Developmental Medicine at the Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Charles Wesley M’85
Carmel, Ind., retired on October 31, 2017.

George Greene M’85
Omaha, Neb., has worked in the Omaha-area for the last 25 years and in the summer of 2017, he joined OrthoNebraska as the team’s first neurosurgeon. He sees patients at two locations in Omaha and continues his outreach to the Norfolk-area. His specialty areas include treatment of diseases involving the spine and peripheral nerves, such as disc disease, stenosis and other degenerative changes, and cubital and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Marjie Heier M’86, Family Medicine ’89
Zambia, Africa, has lived in Zambia since 2013 and serves as the medical director for the Chifundo Clinic and also works with the International Bible College of Zambia. Prior to that she practiced medicine in rural Nebraska and Kansas for 25 years.

James Wisecarver M’86, Pathology ’90
Omaha, Neb., was elected for a one-year term as the president of the American Society for Clinical Pathology in the fall of 2017. He serves as the vice chair for clinical affairs for the UNMC Department of Pathology-Microbiology and director of the Human DNA Identification Laboratory at UNMC. He also serves as medical director of the clinical laboratories at UNMC’s clinical partner, Nebraska Medicine.

Scott Ehresman M’87, Family & General Medicine ’90
Holdrege, Neb., was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award from the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP). He received the award in May 2018. The award recognizes a CAHP clinical instructor for excellence in clinical teaching and significant contributions to the educational development of future allied health professionals. Dr. Ehresman practices family medicine in Holdrege and serves as a preceptor for students in the CAHP Physician Assistant program.

Brenda Roman M’88
Middletown, Ohio, received an Outstanding Alumni Award from Wartburg College in the fall of 2017. Along with her clinical practice, she is assistant dean of curriculum at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. She
has received numerous teaching awards and also was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the University’s Department of Psychiatry. She chairs a steering committee to transform medical school curriculum and to develop national goals and milestones for medical students. She is also active in her community, serving as a board member for several non-profit organizations dedicated to improving mental healthcare. She and her husband, Robert, have two boys, Scott and Lance.

Kevin Hamburger M’89
Sioux City, Iowa, currently serves as President of the Medical Staff at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. Mercy is the region’s only certified trauma center and has a medical staff of about 300 providers.

Eric Johnson M’89
Grand Forks, N.D., was recently appointed chair of the Primary Care Advisory Group of the American Diabetes Association and named to the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Diabetes. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Department of Education Resources at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Assistant Medical Director of the Diabetes Center at Altru Health Systems, both in Grand Forks.

Michael Matthews P’82, M’89
Sidney, Neb., is a physician at the Regional West Physicians Clinic-Family Practice clinics in Sidney and Chappell, and at Regional West Garden County. He is board certified in Family Medicine and Hospice Care/Palliative Medicine.

John Pflug M’89, Otolaryngology ‘94
Omaha, Neb., began seeing patients in April of 2018 at the Fillmore County Hospital Specialty Clinic as an Ear, Nose, and Throat doctor. He will serve this clinic two-times a month. He practiced 15 years in Kearney before returning to Omaha in 2009, where he specializes in Otolaryngology and Pediatric Otolaryngology and he is currently licensed in Nebraska, Iowa, and Montana.

Jill Reel M’89, Pediatrics ’92
Arlington, Neb., serves as the only pediatrician in the Blair Clinic as part of Memorial Community Hospital and Health System. Her daughter, Brooke, graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) School of Law in 2017 and passed the Bar Exam and works for Thompson Law, PC in Sioux Falls. S.D. Brooke married in the summer of 2017 and her husband works for Dow-DuPont Argesciences. Her son Nick graduated with a Master’s in Accounting in 2017 from UNL and passed his CPA exams and works for BKD out of Lincoln. Her husband Jeff has a new job in Omaha in sales with Mark Hydraulics.

James Weekly M’91, Otolaryngology ’97
Columbus, Neb., joined Columbus Community Hospital in the Otolaryngology Clinic in the fall of 2017. He is board-certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology, and has practiced in Aberdeen, S.D., for the past 20 years.

Jeffrey Parks M’91, ’93
Ormond Beach, Fla., was named the 2017 Top Doctor during the June 29, 2017 awards banquet for the 25 Top Healthcare professionals. He is a Mohs surgeon at Parks Dermatology Center, the practice his father, Dean Parks M’63, started. He is trained in all areas of dermatology, but has chosen to devote his personal practice to the detection and removal of skin cancer. He and his wife Penny celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in 2017. They have two daughters, Victoria and Sidney.

Troy Dawson M’94, Family Medicine ‘97
Neligh, Neb., and Roger Rudloff M’94, Family Medicine ’97, were recognized for 20 years of service to the Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh in the summer of 2017. They are two of the three longest-serving members of AMH’s current medical staff.

Michael Grier P’89, M’94
Anderson, S.C., and his wife, Monica Grier M’94, have two girls, Kaileigh, a Clemson Tiger, Paityn, a Carolina Gamecock, and one son, James, a high school freshman. Mike’s pain practices and research group in Anderson and Greenville, plus Monica’s musculoskeletal and mammography practices keep them busy.

Rommie Hughes M’94, Surgery ’99
Scottsbluff, Neb., recently started seeing patients as a visiting specialist at Perkins County Health Services one day a month. He is board certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery.

Richard Bean M’95
Omaha, Neb., joined the Crawford County Memorial Hospital Emergency Department in Denison, Iowa in January 2018. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Kim Coleman M’95, Diagnostic Radiology ’99
Lincoln, Neb., received the Physician of the Year Award from the Nebraska Medical Association in the fall of 2017.

Michael Zaruba M’95, Family Medicine ‘97
Auburn, Neb., received the Marion D. and Theodore Koefoot, Jr., M.D., Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine Award from UNMC in the summer of 2017. He practices at the Auburn Family Health Clinic.

Darra Kingsley M’96
Albuquerque, N.M., was promoted to Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She has been on faculty there for 15 years. She also serves as the Associate Chief of Staff for Education at the affiliated New Mexico VA Health Care System.

Barry Bohlen M’97
Hastings, Neb., and his wife, Laura Bohlen N’96, were at the Route 91 Harvest Country Musical Festival in Las Vegas and while they were seeking shelter during the shooting, they assisted a fellow concert-goer who had been shot in
the face. They helped save the woman’s life. Barry is an orthopedic surgeon in Hastings and Laura is a nurse.

Amy Cannella M’97, Internal Medicine ’00, GS ’13
Omaha, Neb., was inducted into the Grand Island Senior High School Hall of Honor in the fall of 2017. She serves as an associate professor in Internal Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology. She is a recipient of the Residency Top Teacher award and the 2017 College of Medicine Pioneering Women in Basic Science Education Award. She has served on national ACR education committees, and currently chairs the Continuing Assessment in Rheumatology Education (CARE) committee.

William Ostdiek M’97
Omaha, Neb., was named chief medical officer of the Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha in November 2017. He has served as a medical director and clinical leader in Nebraska for more than 17 years.

Joni Tilford M’97, Internal Medicine ’00, Oncology ’02
Roca, Neb., practices at the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center in Lincoln and recently began seeing patients at Boone County Health Center’s Oncology Specialty Clinic. She is board certified in medical oncology and has a broad background in both clinical and laboratory medicine. She has authored scientific articles in molecular genetics, thrombosis, and leukemia.

Katherine Sullivan M’97, Pediatrics ’00
Des Moines, Iowa, started the Pediatric Department for the Iowa Clinic in 2013 and practices in West Des Moines and Ankeny. She and her husband, Dan, have five children.

Daniel Tomes M’97, Neurosurgery ’03
Lincoln, Neb., specializes in surgery of the spine, brain and peripheral nerves at The Nebraska Neurosurgery Group, LLC. He has been in practice at various hospitals in Lincoln since 2004. He provides neurosurgical consultations in office as well as at multiple clinics across southeast and central Nebraska.

Edward Fogarty M’98
Bismarck, N.D., Chair of Radiology at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, has been conducting research with a colleague, Dr. Paul Harch of the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, on the reversal of brain volume loss in toddler drowning victims unresponsive to all stimuli. They report recent success in treating a two-year-old toddler with normobaric oxygen (oxygen at sea level) and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Regg Hagge M’98, Family Medicine ’01
Valentine, Neb., joined the Cherry County Clinic in Valentine in the summer of 2017. He is a family practice physician and also practices obstetrics. He and his wife Danielle and four daughters moved to Nebraska from South Dakota.

Brent Premer M’98, Anesthesiology ’02
Norfolk, Neb., recently received the 2017 Physician of the Year Award from Faith Regional Medical Center, where he has practiced since 2006.

Jonathan Spencer P’92, M’98, Internal Medicine ’04
Omaha, Neb., works with Nebraska Pulmonary Specialties in Lincoln and in the fall of 2017, also began seeing patients in Columbus at the Community Hospital’s Visiting Physicians Clinic. He is board certified in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. He is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Todd Tessendorf M’00, Internal Medicine ’03
Lincoln, Neb., is a cardiologist at Bryan Heart in Lincoln and he specializes in coronary catheterization, nuclear cardiology, and echocardiography. He also offers outpatient clinical services and telemedicine cardiology services at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, Neb.

Kelly Caverzagie M’01, Internal Medicine ’05
Omaha, Neb., was inducted into the Plattsmouth High School Hall of Fame in the fall of 2017. In the UNMC College of Medicine, he serves as Associate Dean for Strategic Planning and Associate Dean for Continuing Education.

Maria Michaelis M’01, Anesthesiology ’05
Omaha, Neb., recently had a book chapter “Ethical Implications of Drug Shortages” published as a co-author. She is certified in pediatric and general anesthesiology by the American Board of Anesthesiology. She and her husband, Mark, have three daughters at home, Lexi, Laini and Leyton.

Kari Simonsen M’01
Elkhorn, Neb., will spearhead the creation of the UNMC Office of Faculty Affairs and has been named interim assistant vice chancellor for faculty affairs. She currently serves as vice chair for clinical and academic affairs in the Department of Pediatrics and division chief of pediatric infectious diseases.

Mandy Shaw M’02, Family & General Medicine ’05
Sidney, Neb., is a physician at Regional West Physicians Clinic-Family Medicine, Sidney. She is board certified in Family Medicine.

Seth Cheatham M’03
Richmond, VA, serves as an Associate Professor within the department of Orthopedic Surgery at Virginia
Commonwealth University Health System. He is also the Associate Clinical Director for VCU Sports Medicine.

**Tami Dodds M’04, Family & General Medicine ’07**
Albion, Neb., serves as a physician at the Boone County Health Center and in March of 2018, she received the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from UNMC’s national honor society Alpha Omega Alpha.

**Mike Feilmeier M’05**
Elkhorn, Neb., received the Young Physician of the Year Award from the Nebraska Medical Association in the fall of 2017.

**Adam Kafka M’05**
Lincoln, Neb., was named medical director for the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Lincoln campus in December 2017. He has been a psychiatrist with the Alexis Verzal Children’s Rehabilitation Unit since 2009. In his new role, he will serve as a liaison between the clinical areas and administration. Additionally, he is the medical director of the occupational health program, providing diagnoses and non-surgical treatment of spine and orthopedic injuries.

**Chad Travers M’06**
Lincoln, Neb., joined Bryan Heart in January of 2018, where he sees patients in Lincoln and at several outreach clinic sites.

**Jacob Wiesen M’06, Family Medicine ’09**
North Platte, Neb., joined Great Plains Health as a general surgeon in the fall of 2017. He has a special interest in robotic surgery and other innovative surgery techniques. He and his wife, Stephanie N’06, have two daughters.

**Daniel Finn M’07**
Lincoln, Neb., joined Advanced Medical Imaging in the practice of neuroradiology and diagnostic radiology, in the fall of 2017.

**Jeremiah Ladd M’07, Family Medicine ’08**
Omaha, Neb., is a physiatrist at the Nebraska Spine + Pain Center and in 2017, he also began seeing patients at the Columbus Community Hospital’s Visiting Physicians Clinic.

**John Franzen M’08, Psychiatry ’12**
Omaha, Neb., a board certified psychiatrist joined Fremont Health Medical Center in the fall of 2017.

**Amanda Griffin M’08**
Amarillo, Texas, was promoted to Associate Professor of Pediatrics with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Amarillo in the fall of 2017. She was also named the chief of pediatrics of the Northwest Texas Healthcare System Hospital in Amarillo. Her husband, Stephen Griffin M’08, was promoted to assistant professor of obestrics and gynecology with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

**Meaghan Khan M’08**
Round Rock, Texas, specializes in hematology and oncology and has been with Baylor Scott & White Health for three years in Austin, Texas. She was named a Texas Super Doctors Rising Star in 2017. Physicians recognized have experienced professional success early in their careers and have been practicing for less than ten years. No more than two-and-a-half percent of the licensed physicians in Texas make this list.

**Andrew Coughlin M’08, Otolaryngology ’14**
Papillion, Neb., a surgical oncologist, opened an ear, nose and throat clinic at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa in September 2017. The clinic is open the first and third Tuesday of each month. This has led to expanded surgery offerings in the Omaha-area for patients needing reconstruction of the head or neck region. He strives to provide answers and perform procedures in one visit instead of multiple visits for the patient.

**Chris Balwanz M’09**
Lincoln, Neb., joined Bryan Heart in March of 2018 in Lincoln, at the Bryan East Campus. He is board certified in cardiology and internal medicine and has special interest in cardiac imaging.

**Wendy Reeves M’09**
Beatrice, Neb., joined the Beatrice Women’s and Children’s Clinic in the fall of 2017.

**Sumit Mukherjee PH’03, M’10**
Omaha, Neb., returned to Omaha and is practicing as a medical director for the thoracic oncology program with Methodist Physicians Clinic.

**Daniel Schneider M’10, Family Medicine ’11**
Ord, Neb., was named the Valley County Health System (VCHS) chief of staff in the summer of 2017. In this one-year post, he acts as the liaison and adviser between the administration, hospital staff, and medical staff, as well as oversees the medical staff, physician credentialing, education, and quality assurance. He joined VCHS in 2011 and provides primary care services to patients in the Ord and Burwell locations, as well as to hospital inpatients and serves in the emergency room as-needed. He and his wife, Natalie, have three children.

**David Schanbacher M’10**
Kearney, Neb., joined the Kearney Clinic, P.C. in the summer of 2017. He manages non-surgical musculoskeletal, neurological, and spine-related dysfunction and pain, overuse injuries, muscle contraction and dysfunction, and amputee care.

**Benjamin Teply M’10**
Omaha, Neb., joined the UNMC faculty in the fall of 2017 as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology.

**Mark Stavas M’10**
Lincoln, Neb., joined the team at Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center at their Pine Lake location in Lincoln in January of 2018 after completing his residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He brings over eight years of diverse experience, specifically in radiation oncology and palliative care.
Jenna Derr M’11, Family Medicine ’13
Kearney, Neb., joined the Good Samaritan Medical Group-Family Medicine Clinic in Kearney in the fall of 2017. She spends three days a week at the clinic and the other two days making rounds in a nursing home and other areas. Previously, she was in family practice at Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage, Wisconsin. She and her husband, David Schanbacher M’10, have a daughter and a son. He works in sports medicine and rehabilitation at CHI Health Good Samaritan.

Steven Gogela M’11
Lincoln, Neb., works with Neurological & Spine Surgery, LLC. He is board-eligible in neurological surgery and is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Ohio State Neurosurgical Society. He specializes in surgery of the brain, spine, and peripheral nerves.

Daniel Smith M’11
Lincoln, Neb., joined Consultants in Infectious Disease, LLC in the fall of 2017.

Scott Vincent M’11
Omaha, Neb., is an assistant professor in the UNMC Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of Adult Spine Surgery and in the fall of 2017, also began seeing patients at the Visiting Physicians Clinic in Columbus.

M. Alex White M’11
Fargo, N.D., joined Sanford Health in the fall of 2017. He specializes in orthopedic trauma.

Michael Yung M’11
Scottsbluff, Neb., is a radiologist in Regional West Medical Center’s Imaging Services Department, in association with Radiology Imaging of Nebraska.

Bryant England M’12
Omaha, Neb., an assistant professor in the UNMC Division of Rheumatology and Immunology was one of seven people to receive grant funding from the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health in December 2017. His pilot program is entitled “Agricultural and Occupational Exposures in U.S. Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Associations with Disease Severity.”

Chris Gartin M’12
Omaha, Neb., joined the Fremont Health Medical Center Surgical Group in the fall of 2017. He has training in minimally invasive surgery and robotic surgery.

Mark Hightower M’12
Brainerd, Minn., joined Essentia Health St. Joseph’s-Brainerd Clinic as a general surgeon in the summer of 2017. He cares for patients of all ages with a wide range of surgical needs.

Rachel Faust M’13

Brittany Schultz M’13
Delafeld, Wis., joined the ProHealth Medical Group in the fall of 2017 as a sleep medicine physician. She is particularly interested in obstructive sleep apnea, central sleep apnea, restless legs syndrome, hypoventilation syndrome, and insomnia.

Brittany Brown M’14
Omaha, Neb., is completing her anesthesiology residency at UNMC and was recognized in the fall of 2017 as the College of Medicine’s resident of the month. Upon completion of her residency, she will complete a one-year fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center.

Anna Dalrymple M’14
Gothenburg, Neb., joined Gothenburg Health in the fall of 2017. She will provide a full-range of care in family medicine, but with an emphasis in obstetrics and women’s health. She is also interested in wellness, preventative care, and lactation medicine. She and her husband, Matt, have a son, Jeffrey.

Jason Dinsmoor M’14, Internal Medicine ’17
Elkhorn, Neb., joined Fremont Health Internal Medicine in the fall of 2017. Beyond general internal medicine and caring for adults of all ages, his clinical interests are preventative medicine, men’s health, and geriatrics.

Janae Dudgeon M’14
Lincoln, Neb., joined Community Memorial Hospital in the summer of 2017. She works at both the Syracuse and Weeping Water Medical Centers. She and her husband, Alex, have a son, Kane.

Margaret Egbarts M’14
Columbus, Neb., joined Columbus Community Hospital in the summer of 2017 as a pediatrician. She has an interest in education and treatment for asthma, allergies and breast feeding.

Mackenzie Hemje M’14
Hastings, Neb., joined the Family Medical Center in Hastings in the fall of 2017. He became a family physician because it enables him to serve patients of all ages. He is an avid outdoors man and enjoys hunting, fishing, archery, kayaking and golf. He and his wife, Jillian, are happy to be back in their hometown to be near family and friends.

Jon Kroenke M’14
Columbus, Neb., joined Columbus Community Hospital in the summer of 2017 as a pediatrician.

Stephanie Larson M’14, Accelerated Family Medicine ’17
Kearney, Neb., joined the Kearney Clinic, P.C. in November 2017. She is a board certified family medicine physician and specializes in obstetrics, chronic disease, DOT physicals and women’s health.
Alicia Mizner M’14  
Columbus, Neb., joined Columbus Community Hospital in the summer of 2017 as a hospitalist. Hospitalists specialize in caring for patients during their hospital stay and regularly communicate with the patient’s primary care physician. Her husband, Brandon Mizner D’14, works at Family First Dental of Columbus.

Adam Rasmussen M’14  
Papillion, Neb., joined Premier Family Medicine in the summer of 2017. He and his wife, Sarah, have a daughter, Lena.

Erin Schmitz M’14, Pediatrics ’17  
Fremont, Neb., joined Pediatric Partners in Fremont in the fall of 2017 as a pediatrician. She has a special interest in sports medicine and obesity in children, as well as support for breast-feeding mothers. She and her husband, Alan, have a son, John.

Josh Sloan M’14  
Hastings, Neb., joined Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings in the emergency department in September 2017. Dr. Sloan completed his emergency medicine residency at East Carolina University/Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, N.C.

Joshua Sypal M’14, Family Medicine ’17  
David City, Neb., joined the Butler County Health Care Center in the fall of 2017. He and his wife, April, have a daughter, Angela.

Chelsea Williams M’14  
Callaway, Neb., joined the Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinic in the fall of 2017 as a general practitioner. She and her husband, Brit, have two daughters, Raelyn and Ellie.

Kristen Jackson M’15  
Philadelphia, Pa., will start her endocrinology fellowship at John Hopkins Hospital in July 2018.

RESIDENCY

Robert Rhodes, Family Medicine ’97  
Lincoln, Neb., was installed as president of the Nebraska Medical Association on September 8, 2017.

Blanca Marky, Neuroscience ’02  
Carroll, Iowa, joined St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll in August 2017. She assists patients with general neurology needs, including issues with headaches and numbness, treatments following a stroke, multiple sclerosis, dementia, epilepsy and more. She also performs neurological treatments including electroencephalograms (EEG) and Botox injections.

David Mercer, Surgery/Transplant ’04  
Omaha, Neb., professor, surgery-transplant, for UNMC and director of the intestinal rehabilitation program for Nebraska Medicine, has been named president-elect for Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha.

Julie Larson, Internal Medicine ’13  
Metairie, La., wrote a book entitled, I Have a Doll Just Like You. Her passion in life is working with children with disabilities and after realizing there were no children’s books on the market about amputation or limb deficiency, she decided to write one. In addition to being a fictional children’s story, the book contains a letter to parents/teachers about how to react in situations when children point, stare, and/or ask about someone who looks different than they do. It also includes a series of discussion starters for families/classrooms to broach the topic of being different to get children to think about ways to include others with disabilities. All proceeds of the book are being donated to send children with limb differences to amputee camps.

Paul Nielsen, Orthopedic Surgery ’16  

Sean Walker, Radiology ’17  
Scottsbluff, Neb., is a physician at Regional West Health Services in Scottsbluff.

Rebecca Thompson, Neurology ’17  
Lebanon, N.H., joined the faculty of Dartmouth College’s Geisel School of Medicine as assistant professor of neurology in the fall of 2017.

NURSING

Jo Ann Mulligan N’58  
Olathe Kans., and her husband of 57 years currently reside in a retirement community. She retired in 2000 after 30 years in Health Care Administration in Long Term Care. Currently she is a volunteer visitor in a Hospice Program. She and her husband have three sons and five grandchildren.

Dawn Frederick N’62  
Broken Arrow, Okla., retired from nursing in 2005 after 24 years in newborn/NICU. She married in 1961 and they have three married children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She enjoys fishing, indoor gardening, playing piano/organ, singing in the church choir, and crocheting/
Award. The award is sponsored by the American Association, as of July 1, 2017. This organization is at the forefront in providing health education and training in various worldwide locations. Sharon has worked with HOPE in China and Brazil. She also serves on the advisory board of the Biden Cancer Initiative.

Barbara Lankford N’68
Baton Rouge, La., retired from Our Lady of the Lake College in 2008. She and her husband David have three grandchildren and their son and family live in the Atlanta, Ga. area. As a result of major flooding in August 2016, they downsized and have a new residence that they love. She and David enjoy traveling and LSU football. She is very involved with fiber arts.

Sharon Redding N’68
Omaha, Neb., is president of the Project HOPE Alumni Association, as of July 1, 2017. This organization is at the forefront in providing health education and training in various worldwide locations. Sharon has worked with HOPE in China and Brazil. She also serves on the advisory board of the Biden Cancer Initiative.

Kathleen Hanna N’75, ’81
Omaha, Neb., received a 2017 UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award. The award is sponsored by the chancellor and recognizes researchers who have been among the most productive scientists at UNMC in the past five years. She serves as professor and Carol M. Wilson Endowed Chair in the UNMC College of Nursing.

Bunny Pozehl N’76, ’78, ’83
Gretna, Neb., has been named to the second Dorothy Hodges Olson Chair in Nursing at the UNMC College of Nursing. The chair supports a distinguished nurse scholar with research and teaching expertise who enhances the quality of the research, teaching and practice efforts of the college.

Kim Leighton N’82
Bradenton, Fla., is now the Clinical Curriculum and Instruction Designer for Chamberlain University’s College of Nursing. She was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2017 for her contributions to the science of healthcare simulation.

Sue Nuss N’82, GS ’07
Omaha, Neb., serves as the chief nursing officer at Nebraska Medicine and in the summer of 2017, was appointed associate dean for Nebraska Medicine Nursing by the UNMC College of Nursing. In her role, she serves on the UNMC College of Nursing Executive Council and works with the college to strengthen the academic-clinical partnership between Nebraska Medicine and the UNMC College of Nursing. This appointment is part of a national movement by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to strengthen such partnerships to advance student education, promote nursing research and engage faculty and staff in joint activities.

Carol O’Neill N’82
Kearney, Neb., retired after a 35-year career in nursing in June 2017. She worked at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege from 1982 to 1985 and at CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney from 1985 to 2017 in dialysis, employee health, human resources, and the Cancer Center.

Shelly Stansbury N’82
Evergreen, Colo., graduated in May 2017 from the University of Colorado – Denver, Anschutz Medical Center with a master’s of science in nursing, clinical nurse specialist. She received her board certification (AGCNS-BC) in August 2017 with a specialty in acute pain management and post-anesthesia care.

Christine Thurlow N’82 ’86
Overland Park, Kans., received an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in curriculum & instruction and gerontology/sociology at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) in 2016. She is an associate professor at the Research College of Nursing in Kansas City in the undergraduate and graduate programs. She teaches aging courses at UMKC part time. Her dissertation is on college students’ experiences and perceptions of older adults in online gerontology courses. She has two wonderful daughters ages 25 and 21.

Rebecca Pick N’83
Oakton, Va., started bridge classes around four years ago and now plays in tournaments. She still plays tennis and is in two book clubs. She retired from nursing about 24 years ago. She and her husband Dennis have three grown sons. Her husband started his own natural gas business about five years ago, Ultimate Compressed Natural Gas, and it is thriving.

Kellie Allen N’88
San Rafael, Calif., has been working as a nurse for over 30 years with experience in cardiac care, open heart surgery, CNS, discharge planning, medical surgical CNS, admissions nurse, home care, simulation director, education director and hospice, but her main love is nursing education and she is board certified in nursing professional development and is a certified heart math trainer for Kaiser Santa Rosa.

Connie Miller N’93, GS’05
Omaha, Neb., received the Top 25 Nurse Award from the March of Dimes in December 2017. She is assistant dean of the UNMC College of Nursing Omaha Division and an associate professor.

Candice Haddon N’94, ‘17
Bartley, Neb., joined the medical staff at Tri Valley Health System as a family nurse practitioner in August of 2017. She sees patients at the Cambridge Medical Clinic and also provides care at the hospital and in the emergency department. She and her husband, Dave, live in Bartley, where he is an AG Pilot. She has four children and enjoys quilting. They have lived in Oklahoma since 1981, but she is a Nebraskan at heart.
attending their activities, spoiling her grand kids, traveling, riding horses and spending time with family.

Paige Lindstedt-Sweeney N'95
Lincoln, Neb., and her husband, John, adopted Kaysen (age two) and Colton (age one) and welcomed them into their family in 2017. Paige started working in interventional radiology and vascular access at Bryan Health Systems in August 2017.

Trisha Garner N’97
Marsland, Neb., is a flight nurse and clinical education coordinator at Regional West Medical Center was honored in 2017 with The Daisy Award. The award honors extraordinary nurses and this was the first time the RWMC gave out the award—one that over 2,500 health care facilities throughout the world give out. She loves her job and has served in her current role for ten years.

Sydney Buckland N’98
Omaha, Neb., is a nursing PhD candidate and is working on her dissertation research. She continues to work as a family nurse practitioner for Methodist Health System and is now in their community health clinic, as well as urgent care. She also volunteers doing outreach to the homeless with Community Alliance.

Carrie Boyd N’99
Gulf Breeze, Fla., is married and has three daughters ages 6, 9, and 11. She will graduate in May 2018 with her MSN in nursing education from Liberty University.

Katie Peters N’99, ’03
Grand Island, Neb., recently joined Family Practice of Grand Island, P.C. She has experience in the areas of cardiology, rheumatology, internal medicine, urgent care, and hospital care.

Tesha Broadfoot N’00
Kearney, Neb., joined the Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, in the summer of 2017, as the quality leader. Her focus is on the quality and safety of patients, visitors and staff. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Kearney with their two sons, Jacob and Trevor. She enjoys gardening, scrapbooking and following her sons in hockey and showing steers at the fair.

Kelley Hasenauer N’01
North Platte, Neb., was the featured speaker at the 2017 North Platte Women of Achievement Luncheon. She began her nursing career at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln and moved to North Platte in 1999, where she worked in the emergency room and began studying at UNMC. Upon completion of her nurse practitioner program, she spent nine years providing OB/GYN care to the community. In 2012 she completed her doctorate of nursing practice and pursued her dream of running a women’s health clinic. She is passionate about helping to improve the health of her community and is involved in numerous initiatives to reduce barriers to basic health services.

Korinne Murcek N’02, ’08
Papillion, Neb., joined the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center as an advanced practice registered nurse in the fall of 2017. The Cancer Center provides care in Lincoln and eleven communities in Southeast Nebraska.

Teresa Anderson N’03
Hastings, Neb., joined the Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska board in the fall of 2017. She serves as the director of the Central District Health Department which represents 78,000 people in central Nebraska in a three-county area. She is a public health clinical nurse specialist and is certified by the American Nurse Credentialing Council. She is an adjunct faculty member at Doane University’s Grand Island campus and serves as president of the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors.

Christine Eisenhauer N’03
Norfolk, Neb., was awarded research funding in October 2017 from the Health Disparities Section of the National Institutes of Health for a study, “Engaging rural men with mobile technologies for weight loss: A clinical trial.”

Carla Spikowski N’04
Spencer, Neb., recently joined the Niobrara Valley Hospital, practicing out of the clinic in Spencer. She is dual board certified as both a family and women’s health nurse practitioner and has worked in labor & delivery, women’s health clinics, medical/surgical units, intensive care, and emergency care. She and her husband, Andy, have been married for 38 years and have three grown children and three grandchildren. In her spare time, she likes to read, cook, cross stitch and ride a bicycle.

Lisa Winterstien N’05
Plattsmouth, Neb., works as an ICU nurse at Nebraska Medicine. She will graduate with her master’s in health care administration in the spring of 2019.

Amy Birdsong N’08
Frederick, Md., started classes to pursue her doctor of nursing practitioner in the fall of 2017, at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore.

Andrea Obermiller N’08
Loup City, Neb., recently joined the Rose Lane Home as the director of nursing. She has experience in long-term care, home health, hospice, and in a clinic setting. In her new role she will provide oversight and direction to the nursing department while working closely with the administrator and other department leaders.

Meghan Blaylock N’09, ’17
Scottsbluff, Neb., is a certified adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner and she sees patients at the Regional West Medical Center as part of the Regional West Physicians Clinic-Hospitalist Service.

Emily Walker N’09
Waverly, Neb., has served the community of Waverly for years as a nurse practitioner with Waverly Health Care, but
in the summer of 2017, she left to begin a new venture by bringing Family Medicine & Urgent Care to town. The convenient healthcare clinic is a full-service practice.

**Ann Walker N’10**
Pleasant Dale, Neb., is a certified acute care nurse practitioner and in September 2017, began seeing patients at the Columbus Community Hospital’s Visiting Physicians Clinic.

**Hallelujah (Hallie) Yantzie N’10**
Ord, Neb., recently joined the Valley County Health System in the medical clinic in Burwell.

**Hilary Muhle N’11, 13**
Omaha, Neb., is co-owner of the Allure Health & Med Spa. The clinic and med spa provides an individualized, holistic approach to health.

**Manuela Wolf N’11**
Blair, Neb., has been named president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Memorial Community Hospital & Health System (MCH&HS) in Blair, which serves Washington and Burt counties. She began her career in health care leadership as the chief nursing officer at Harlan County Health System in Alma in 2008 and served as the CEO there since 2013. She serves as the Region 4 chair of the Nebraska Hospital Association and is a member of the American Hospital Association Advisory Council for Small and Rural Hospitals. She is a board member of the Nebraska Rural Health Association and a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has two grown children and enjoys the outdoors, water sports, horseback riding and winter sports.

**Emily Holmes N’12**
Lincoln, Neb., was hired in the summer of 2017 as the Nebraska Wesleyan University Women’s Golf Coach. She works as a registered nurse at Bryan Health and is a medical/surgical RN in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Reserve. She and her husband, Eric, live in Lincoln.

**Kira Friedrichsen N’13**
St. Libory, Neb., is the supervisor of the intensive care unit at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island.

**Nicole Maschmeier N’13**
Sioux Falls, S.D., is pursuing her doctorate in nurse anesthesia from Mount Marty.

**Kim Buser N’14**
Crete, Neb., was named the health director for Public Health Solutions in December 2017. She had served as an assistant director there since June of 2010.

**Jill Cohen N’14**
Flushing, N.Y., was promoted to the position of endoscopy clinical manager for the new David H. Koch Ambulatory Surgery Center at New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell in New York City. In addition, Jill recently attained PCCN (certification in adult progressive care nursing) after completing the nationally recognized exam sponsored by the AACN Certification Corporation.

**Vanessa Schott N’14**
Shawnee, Kan., completed her comprehensive exams as a Ph.D. candidate in early 2017. She is pursuing her degree in educational technology at the University of Kansas and her research and dissertation work is on nursing education with the use of simulation for nurse residents.

**William Warner N’14**
Omaha, Neb., works at Family Medicine at Legacy and his main function is chronic care management and becoming a Certified Health Coach (CHC) to perform patient education. The multidisciplinary team there collaborates on ideas to reduce the number of ED visits and hospital admissions from a clinical perspective.

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**PHARMACY**

**Roger Miller P’67**
Lincoln, Neb., and his wife, Margaret continue to support the Roger L. Miller & Margaret H. Miller Pharmacy Scholarship for UNMC students.

**William Cady P’71**
Lenexa, Kan., retired in 2017 as President of Quality Research Services. He and his wife Suzanne have six grandchildren (age ten and under). Four grandchildren live in Missouri and two in Kansas. He obtained his PharmD in 1976 from the University of Kentucky.

**Dave Brehm P’76**
St. Paul, Neb., became a member of the Howard County Medical Center Board of Directors in the fall of 2017. Dave owns and operates Brehm’s Pharmacy and he and his wife, Marilyn, have two children, Elizabeth and Joel.
Ron Karmazin P’77  
Blue Hill, Neb., retired in July 2017, after 40 years behind the same counter at his business, Ron’s Pharmacy. He experienced many changes over the years, from serving food and beverages behind the counter, to the changes in prescription drugs from pricing to generic options.

Keith Olsen P’80  
Little Rock, Ark., currently the dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), was recently named chancellor of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM), becoming the first pharmacist to lead the national organization. Olsen has served on the Board of Regents of the ACCM for six years. As the most senior person on the board, he ran for secretary-general in 2016 and was elected. He next served as its vice chancellor, and as that term expired, Olsen assumed the office of chancellor at the recent Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress held in San Antonio, Texas. He specializes in critical care and infectious diseases, teaching and serving as the Infectious Disease Section coordinator for pharmacotherapy II and is a preceptor for the critical care and infectious diseases clerkships.

Steve Richards P’80  
Harrison, Ark., was awarded Staff Pharmacist of the Year in Arkansas by the Arkansas Association of Health-System Pharmacists in October 2017. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a staff pharmacist who has gone above and beyond the requirements of their position. He has worked at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison since 1982.

Dean Arneson P’81, GS ’85, ’91  
Mequon, Wis., was inducted into the faculty of the Universidad Norbert Wiener School of Pharmacy, Lima, Peru, in October 2017. Dr. Arneson is dean at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, Wisconsin and is the former associate dean at the University of Oklahoma.

Ken Saunders P’83  
Omaha, Neb., was recently elected to be an honorary member of the National Board of Directors of the National Board of Medication Therapy Management for a one-year term that will last until March of 2019. He currently serves as a hospital and ambulatory care pharmacist and an adjunct clinical assistant professor at CHI Health Lakeside Hospital in Omaha.

Ngoc Bich Chau P’00  
Lincoln, Neb., was featured in a fall 2017 NET Nebraska special about Vietnam entitled, “Safe Harbor.” In it she shared her family’s personal story of escaping post-war communist rule in Vietnam and the culture shock and transformation to life in Nebraska.

Michael Daly P’05  
Des Moines, Iowa, joined Drake University in June 2017 as an associate professor of pharmacy informatics. He serves as a preceptor for fourth-year pharmacy students at the Iowa Clinic in West Des Moines.

Ann Philbrick P’06  
Saint Paul, Minn., was elected fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP).

Anne Gerdes P’09  
Richfield, Minn., received the 2016 Preceptor of the Year Award from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy.

Katie Miller P’09  
Omaha, Neb., was named director of clinical integration at the Nebraska Health Network in September 2017. Previously she was clinical pharmacist for the NHN’s 1,500 physicians and now she works with network clinics and physicians to design and promote effective quality programs and cost-containment measures. Before joining NHN in 2015, she was lead pharmacist coordinator at the Nebraska Medical Center.

Mary Baumert P’11  
Howells, Neb., is the clinical pharmacy specialist for the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Norfolk, Neb., effective October 2017.

Michelle Borgmann P’11  
Beemer, Neb., joined Franciscan Care Services in West Point in December 2016 as a pharmacist. She and her husband, Ben, have two boys, Noah and Asher.

Tillara Kruse P’13  
Scribner, Neb., owns and operates the Fremont Drugstore and the Scribner Drug Store with her husband, Matthew. She serves as the pharmacist for the Scribner Drug Store. They have two children, Harrison and Nora, and will welcome their third child in June 2018.

DENTISTRY

Robert Roesch D’76  
Fremont, Neb., was appointed parliamentarian to the Academy of General Dentistry 2017 House of Delegates during the annual meeting in November 2017. This is his second year in the role. He practices in Fremont where he and his wife, Sue, have lived since 1979.

Richard Bokemper D’81  
Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, retired in July of 2017 from Sergeant Bluff Dental after more than 30 years of dentistry. He will continue his duties as president of the Iowa Dental Association and as a clinical professor at the UNMC College of Dentistry.
Daniel Maas D’81
Fullerton, Neb., is excited for Michael Pabian D’18 to join his practice upon graduation in the spring of 2018.

David G. Berkheim D’83
Lincoln, Neb., recently became executive director of University Dental Associates (UDA), the UNMC College of Dentistry’s private faculty dental practice. Prior to that he spent his career in private practice, first in York and then in Sutton and Lincoln. In this new role he is charged with implementing the directives of the UDA Board of Directors and overseeing the operation of the clinic. He will also practice at the clinic and teaches one half day a week on the clinic floor.

Jay Hansen D’85
Lincoln, Neb., and his wife, Linda, moved to Lincoln from West Point recently and he assumed the position of co-director of the general practice residency program at the UNMC College of Dentistry. He and Linda owned and operated a private dental practice in West Point for 32 years. They have three grown children, Haeley (spouse Trent), Alex and Mattie, and a granddaughter, Lennon.

Joyce Simmons D’83 ’86
Lincoln, Neb., retired from orthodontic practice in Valentine, Neb. in 2015. She recently finished service with the Republican National Committee and is starting a third term in Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education.

Lannie Weak Jr. D’87
Waterloo, Neb., joined Midlands Dental Group in the summer of 2017. He has practiced in the Omaha area for 30 years. He enjoys all aspects of general dentistry and especially loves caring for children. Recently, he has been pursuing his passion of treating sleep apnea and is working on obtaining diplomatic status with the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. He and his wife, Carol, have been married for 34 years and enjoy spending time with their three children and two grandchildren. He is active in his church and enjoys old cars and Packers football.

Scott Haas D’90
Kansas City, Kan., is an associate dentist in a group practice. He and his wife, Awilda, have three children.

Gregory Tuttle D’90
Orem, Utah, formed TuttleNumbNow LLC to help dentists and patients with tough to numb teeth to change the way dentistry is practiced. “Set Down the Syringe and Pick up the Drill” is not only the slogan, but the hallmark test of the effectiveness. Dentists are trained by Dr. Tuttle himself through a kit he has developed and sells online and has sold in all 50 states and 16 countries with an approval rating of 87 percent.

Jeffrey Chaffin D’92
Des Moines, Iowa, serves as the president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry—the sponsoring organization for the specialty of Dental Public Health.

Michael Burwell D’96
David City, Neb., recently sold his dental practice in Columbus and is working on Tuesdays and Fridays at Sullivan’s Family Dentistry in York. He and his wife, Sandra, have five children ranging in ages from 11 to 19. In addition to spending time with family, he enjoys building airplanes.

William Callahan D’99
Huntsville, Ala., served three years active duty as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1999 to 2002 and received the General Sachsel Award as top resident.

Jordan Cochran D’05
Kearney, Neb., opened her dental practice, Jordan Cochran, D.D.S., P.C. in 2010 after spending five years at Kearney Dental Clinic. It was her dream to own and operate her own office and she was recently featured in the Kearney Hub to share her story as a thriving small business owner. In August 2017, she moved into a bigger office space to welcome more patients.

Kristen Hermansen-Ryan D’07
Central City, Neb., received the prestigious Mastership Award during the Academy of General Dentistry’s (AGD) commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member’s commitment to excellence in dental education. This is the highest honor available in the AGD and one of the most respected designations in the profession. To accomplish recognition, she completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques. Dr. Hermansen-Ryan currently practices at Central City Family Dental. She and her husband, Nick, also own and operate Prairie Creek Vineyards outside of Central City. They have three children.

Alison Shields D’09
Harlan, Iowa, is one of seven recipients chosen from the state of Iowa to receive an educational loan repayment award from the Fulfilling Iowa’s Need for Dentists (FIND) project. The program engages dentists to establish a dental practice in Iowa communities for a five-year commitment, while devoting at least 35 percent of their practice to underserved populations.

Chase Pruitt D’10
Ashland, Neb., practices at Omaha Oral Surgery and is focused on the minimization of opioid exposure within his practice. He developed an opioid-free recovery campaign called “NOPIOID” which educates patients and referral dentists about his goal of reducing the need for opioids following dental implant and wisdom tooth extraction procedures. He utilizes a non-opioid option called EXPAREL to manage postsurgical pain and has reduced prescriptions of opioids by 95 percent over the past seven months. In addition, he uses an alternating treatment of over the counter medications to manage pain after surgery.
Travis Dickey D’11
Chappell, Neb., purchased Chappell Family Dentistry in May 2017. He and his wife, Taylor, have two children, Tucker and Tessa.

Danielle Freburg-Hoffmeister D’11
Gainesville, Fla., joined the faculty of the University of Florida as a clinical assistant professor in the summer of 2017 after completing her residency in the oral and maxillofacial surgery department at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, in Gainesville.

Sarah Villasenor D’11
Denver, Colo., and her husband, Mario, welcomed a daughter, Eloise Leona in December 2016. She practices pediatric dentistry in Westminster and is an adjunct faculty member at Children’s Hospital Colorado in the pediatric dentistry residency program. She has served as president of the Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Sharlene Hock D’12
Lincoln, Neb., joined Edgewood Dental Group in the summer of 2017. After graduation, she practiced in Sioux Falls, S.D., and returned to Lincoln in 2014 to continue her career. Dr. Hock is a member of the American Dental Association, as well as the Lincoln District Dental Association.

Mike Sanders D’14
Omaha, Neb., opened a new dental office in Gretna in October 2017. Sanders Family Dental is a general dentist office.

Leslie Ellingson D’15

Heidi Dammast D’16
Nebraska City, Neb., joined Smile Innovations Dentistry in August 2017.

Melissa Schock D’17
Aurora, Neb., and her husband, Dustin Schock D’17, joined the staff at the Aurora Dental Clinic in the summer of 2017.

Jill Smith D’17
Lincoln, Neb., joined Sullivan Family Dentistry in York in July 2017. She and her husband Kevin enjoy running, biking, walking and outdoor activities.

Scott Wilmes D’17
Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, joined Sergeant Bluff Dental in July of 2017. He and his wife, Kylie, have made Sergeant Bluff their home.

Erin Carlson PH’04
Fort Worth, Texas, received the 2018 UNMC College of Public Health Distinguished Alumnus Award during the college’s May 4th convocation ceremony. She is an associate clinical professor at the University of Texas at Arlington’s College of Nursing and Health Innovation where she oversees development of graduate public health programs.

Brandon Grimm PH’05, GS’13
Papillion, Neb., received a service award from the Public Health Association of Nebraska during their 2017 fall conference. He serves as the director for the Office of Public Health Practice and is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Promotion, Social & Behavioral Health at UNMC.

Salomon Compaore Medical Nutrition ’13, PH ’14
Ouagadougou, Africa, received the 2018 UNMC College of Public Health Early Career Achievement Award in May 2018. He is the head of the Disease Control and Prevention Office at the Center Region Health Directorate.

Courtney Frost PH’15
Omaha, Neb., is an administrator for plastic surgery and neurosurgery at UNMC and recently received a Gold U Award. She has been at UNMC since 2007, starting as the administrator in plastic surgery and also managing clinics during that time on an interim basis. In 2015, she added the neurosurgery administrator responsibilities. She is a certified medical practice executive (CMPE) and is working toward becoming a fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives through the Medical Group Management Association and plans to pursue her Ph.D.

Angela Sucha PH’15
Clearwater, Neb., joined the medical staff of Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh as a physician assistant in September 2017. Sucha is a board certified physician assistant and completed the PA program at Wichita State University in Kansas in July 2017. She enjoys playing volleyball, gardening, cooking, baking and spending time with her husband, Nolan.
Robert Keefer GS’72
Raleigh, N.C., received FDA approval of a new German audiology medical device in 2012 and formed Now Hear This to use the device to elevate the standards and delivery of hearing healthcare.

Ravishankar Kalaga GS’96, Residency ’03
North Platte, Neb., practices at the Great Plains Heart and Vascular Center in North Platte and in September 2017 began seeing patients at the McCook Community Hospital’s Medical Specialists Center as a visiting specialist. Dr. Kalaga specializes in interventional cardiology.

Sreenivas Koka GS’99
Spring Valley, Calif., began a two-year term as one of two vice-presidents of the International College of Prosthodontists (ICP) on January 1, 2018 and will become one of two presidents in two years and serve a two-year term as co-president.

Jarrod Tremayne GS’08
Windsor, Calif., was appointed vice president of translational research and early development at Mercaptor Discoveries in the fall of 2017. Mercaptor Discoveries is a preclinical-stage pharmaceutical company that develops therapies based on proprietary injury-activated, brain-protecting technology.

Daniel Flaherty GS’10
West Lafayette, Ind., is an assistant professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at Purdue University.

Corrine Hanson GS’10
Omaha, Neb., received an Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Junior Faculty Award from UNMC in April 2018. She serves as an associate professor in medical nutrition education in the College of Allied Health Professions.

Trevor Hedman GS’12
Roscoe, Ill., was accepted into the graduate program of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Northern Illinois University for the fall 2017.

John Lowe GS’12
Omaha, Neb., was named an assistant vice chancellor for Interprofessional Health Security Training and Education in the Office of Academic Affairs at UNMC as of June 2017.

Anne Skinner GS’15
Omaha, Neb., assistant professor in research in the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions, will receive the Significance in Research Award from the College in May of 2018. This award is based on accomplishments, publications, research that adds significant knowledge to the scientific, clinical, or educational community, and contributions to the College of Allied Health Professions.

Marcia Shade GS’16
Omaha, Neb., assistant professor in the UNMC College of Nursing, received the Edna Stillwell Writing Award for her article “Factors Associated with Potentially Inappropriate Medication use in Rural, Community-Dwelling Older Adults.” The article was published in the September 2017 issue of the Journal of Gerontological Nursing.
In Remembrance...

Edythe Moore N'39
Omaha, Neb., December 2, 2017

Irene Traphagan N'43
McCook, Neb., February 12, 2018

Eunice Goldner N'44
Durham, N.C., August 2, 2017

Milton Simons M'45, '47
Seward, Neb., October 10, 2017

Ruth Ann Vogel N'45
Marysville, Kan., October 28, 2017

Joan Harvey N'46
Omaha, Neb., March 24, 2018

George Horner M'46
Shawnee, Wy., November 25, 2017

Eleanor Jensen N'46
Lincoln, Neb., March 12, 2018

Betty Dalby N'47, '48
Palmer, Alaska, September 13, 2017

William Fawell M'47
San Pedro, Calif., January 11, 2018

Audrey Solberg Smith N'47
Monroe, Wash., January 14, 2018

Charles Cerney M'48
Zanesville, Ohio, January 11, 2018

Frances Bauer N'51, '52
Beatrice, Neb., January 21, 2018

Louise Longnecker N'51
Lebanon, N.H., September 1, 2017

Robert Sawtell M'51
Rochester, Minn., September 25, 2017

Paul Beithon M'52
Fergus Falls, Minn., February 7, 2018

Norma Giddings N'53
Springfield, Mo., November 23, 2017

Virginia Golodetz N'53
Shelburne, Va., December 17, 2017

Beverly Hoagland N'53, '54
Brady, Neb., February 5, 2018

Gene Lewallen M'53
Rochester, Minn., August 13, 2017

Joan Huffer N'54
Omaha, Neb., September 29, 2017

Donald Lee M'54
Phoenix, Ariz., September 1, 2017

Clarence Swanson M'54
Clinton, Wash., September 29, 2017

Vernon Ward M'54
Omaha, Neb., January 1, 2018

Robert Beckman M'55
Salem, Ore., March 10, 2018

Greta Chleboun N'55
Columbus, Neb., December 17, 2017

John Hansen M'55
Wahoo, Neb., September 8, 2017

Robert Mastin M'55
Hastings, Neb., March 23, 2018

Alice Rumery MLS'55
Kearney, Neb., July 14, 2017

James Arntzen P'57
Lincoln, Neb., August 5, 2017

Edward Lebo P'57
Vancouver, Wash., September 7, 2017

Monte Scott M'57
Omaha, Neb., October 26, 2017

K. George Hachiya M'58
Lincoln, Neb., February 23, 2018

Loretta Little N'58
Melbourne Beach, Fla., January 2018

Joseph Langan P'59
Atkinson, Neb., October 27, 2017

Mary Owen N'59
Brookfield, Wis., December 27, 2017

Julie Schaar N'59
Dallas, Texas, August 30, 2017

Leslie Chisholm M'60
Lutz, Fla., December 31, 2017

Marilyn McCubbin N'60
Madison, Wis., March 1, 2018

James Reisner M'62
Longview, Wash., February 23, 2018

Richard Dolbec M'63
San Francisco, Calif., November 25, 2017

Terence McDonnell M'63
Orinda, Calif., December 17, 2017

Roger Dilley M'64
Fremont, Neb., September 2, 2017

Ruth Bosley MLS'65
Sandpoint, Idaho, November 27, 2017

Donald Beerline M'67
Lafayette, Calif., November 26, 2017

John Baller M'71
Sioux City, Iowa, September 7, 2017

Donna Houchin MLS'71
Lincoln, Neb., March 5, 2018

Stephen Golka P'72
Hemingford, Neb., January 7, 2018

Marion Paulson MLS'72
Omaha, Neb., March 14, 2018

Richard Harper N'76
Omaha, Neb., January 31, 2018

LaVonne Ruley N'80
Lincoln, Neb., December 27, 2017

Deborah Brogan M'81
Tempe, Ariz., July 31, 2017

Sandy Knobbe MITS'81
West Point, Neb., October 3, 2017

Michele Nickel-Northrop P'81
Hastings, Neb., September 5, 2017

Richard Thompson M'82
Lincoln, Neb., July 20, 2017

Norma Fuelberth M'83
Little Elm, Texas, November 4, 2017

Jeanne Fox N'84
Omaha, Neb., September 17, 2017

William Hammel M'85
Anchorage, Alaska, October 10, 2017

Leonel Herrera M'85, Neurology '89
Volin, S.D., January 26, 2018

Renda Russell P'85
Omaha, Neb., October 17, 2017

Sheryl Hanssen N'86
Plattsmouth, Neb., September 29, 2017

Judith Mooberry N'86, '87
Lincoln, Neb., October 2, 2017

Wayne Wolfrey M'88
El Dorado Hills, Calif., February 8, 2018

Tracy Sells N'89
Rulo, Neb., March 11, 2018

June Dail N'92
Burgettstown, Pa., January 23, 2018

Jennifer Grosse N'96
Lincoln, Neb., December 7, 2017

John (Jay) Segrist, Jr. D'98
Rapid City, S.D., March 29, 2018

Paula Lacombe PA'01
Blythewood, S.C., January 20, 2018

Loretta Belknap N'10
Hemingford, Neb., October 2, 2018

June Dail N'92
Burgettstown, Pa., January 23, 2018

Jennifer Grosse N'96
Lincoln, Neb., December 7, 2017

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Hemingford, Neb., October 2, 2018

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Burgettstown, Pa., January 23, 2018

Jennifer Grosse N'96
Lincoln, Neb., December 7, 2017
Births

Seth Cheatham M’03
Richmond, VA, and wife, Pae, welcomed their third daughter, Ava, on December 16, 2017.

Kathleen Brandert PH’04
Omaha, Neb., and her husband, Corey, welcomed their fourth child, a son, Cameron August, on March 22, 2018.

Erica Haake M’06
Grand Island, Neb., and her husband, Trevor, welcomed their third child, a son, Quincy Wayne, on March 23, 2017.

Lyndsey Casaceli N’07
Imlay City, Mich., and husband Dave, welcomed a daughter, Francesca Louise, on December 18, 2017.

Emily Griess N’08
Hastings, Neb., and husband, Josh, welcomed a son, Johnathan Thomas, on March 30, 2018.

Curtis McKnight M’09
Phoenix, AZ., and wife, Holly, welcomed their third child, a son, Landon Joseph, on June 30, 2017.

Elizabeth Wellsandt PT’09
Omaha, Neb., and husband, Michael Wellsandt PT’09, welcomed a daughter, Rae, on July 16, 2017.

Karín Bellows MITS’10
Council Bluffs, Iowa, and her husband, Paul, welcomed their third child, Ayden Hunter, on September 28, 2016.

Stacy Hellwege P’10
Doniphan, Neb., and her husband, Kirk, welcomed a daughter, Harley, on May 1, 2017.

Natalie Forsythe N’12
Rochester Minn., and her husband, Tim, welcomed their second child, a daughter, Zibella Elise, on July 8, 2016.

Alysia Sheets PA’12
Cambridge Neb., and her husband, Mitchell, welcomed a son, Broghan Wayne, on November 8, 2017.

Kira Friedrichsen N’13
St. Libory, Neb., her husband, Daniel, and son, TJ, welcomed a baby girl, Abigail Renee, on October 1, 2017.

Kendra Kapels P’13
Columbus, Neb., and her husband, Kyle, welcomed a son, Konnor Brian, on February 10, 2017.

Amanda Baldwin N’16
Omaha, Neb., and Adam Bridges welcomed Abigail Monroe, on December 3, 2017.

Amber Rupe P’16
Hastings, Neb., and her husband, Calvin, welcomed their first child, a son, Landry Wade, on December 26, 2016.

Melissa Schock D’17
Aurora, Neb., and her husband, Dustin Schock D’17, welcomed a daughter, Everly Marie, on July 11, 2017.

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- Awards: Professional or service related recognition
- Personal: Wedding, birth announcement or civic involvement/volunteer work

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Marriages

Jessica Foster PT’05
& Denny Schatzle
Spearfish, S.D., February 25, 2017

Suzanne Clabaugh GS’10
& Adam Birnley
Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 4, 2017

Anna Murta N’13
& Brian Polodna
Omaha, Neb., May 20, 2017

Elisa Rempe PT’17
& Jacob Zeiss
Wymore, Neb., October 7, 2017

Allee Kuska M’17
& Teemu Tiihinen
Omaha, Neb., June 17, 2017