

# Dermatology News

Summer 2023



## The First Class has Graduated!

Jaida Carley  
Dermatology Residency  
Coordinator

This year, UNMC Dermatology is proud to honor three residents, Dr. Dillon Clarey, Dr. Tyler Evans, and Dr. Ritu Swali, who significantly contributed to starting our dermatology residency program. These Residents were the first class that the chair, Dr. Ashley Wysong, and Program Director, Dr. Jennifer Adams, had the privilege of seeing through from beginning to end.

The graduation was at Scott Hall inside of the Holland Art Center here in Omaha, NE, and it certainly met the vision we had in mind, from the decorations to the food and even the music! Program Director Dr. Jennifer Adams and Department

Chair Dr. Ashley Wysong shared opening remarks, acknowledging our senior residents' hard work and dedication throughout their dermatology training. Dr. Adams recognized each resident individually, highlighting their contributions to our program. The ceremony also provided an opportunity for our senior residents to express gratitude and share memorable moments from their time at the University of Nebraska Medical Center by honoring each faculty with their made-up awards that quickly turned the tears into laughter, followed by a comical video of their CO-residents made of each of them highlighting each of their personalities perfectly.

The Dermatology Residency Class of 2023 was honored with awards from the department, starting with the

Compassionate Physicians Award, which was determined by votes from faculty and residents; Dr. Dillon Clarey was the recipient of this award. The following awards were given for the highest Core Exam scores for each section of their Core Exam. Dr. Tyler Evans raked those in by winning two areas, Medical Dermatology, and Pediatric Dermatology, Dr. Ritu Swali received the section Pediatric Dermatology, and Dr. Dillon Clarey received the section Dermatopathology. These awards only highlighted a snippet of what they have given during residency.

We congratulate the class of 2023 on the completion of their dermatology residency and offer best wishes as they embark on their future careers.



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## From the Chair

We are excited to have officially celebrated the 5-year anniversary of the UNMC Department of Dermatology and our 2023-24 academic year is off to an amazing start!

We are proud to have graduated our first class of resident physicians in June with two remaining in practice in the state of Nebraska serving rural populations and our third graduate matching into a coveted cosmetic dermatology fellowship for advanced training in laser and aesthetic dermatology! We are extremely proud of all of our graduates -- congratulations Dr. Clarey, Dr. Evans, and Dr. Swali!

With the new academic year beginning on July 1st, we are proud to welcome 3 new resident physicians, 3 new faculty physicians, 2 advanced practice providers, 3 year-long medical student research fellows, a postdoctoral research fellow and so much more! We are looking forward to a big year at UNMC Dermatology.

Also in July, we launched our comprehensive dermatology clinic at the Nebraska Medicine Village Pointe expansion to expand access for our general dermatology, laser & cosmetic dermatology, and surgical dermatology patients. This space will allow our physicians, APPs, nurses and staff to care for individual patients with a great location in West Omaha allowing for easier access for our patients driving in from Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney and beyond.

Our “blue chips” or top priorities for 2023-24 are investing in culture, recruitment and retention of top talent, and securing our permanent home on the UNMC campus to ensure our future success as a department for many years to come. We need your help!

**Ashley Wysong MD, MS**  
Founding Chair and Professor  
Department of Dermatology  
University of Nebraska Medical Center



## Village Pointe Dermatology Opens its Doors!

**Dani Lamer, Clinic Manager**

The time has finally come for our Village Pointe location to open and for us to welcome our patients at our new location! It is wild to think that we have reached the finish line! This building has been years in the making, so we are incredibly excited that the time has finally come to use the space. With this new location, Dermatology has been able to expand our comprehensive dermatologic care to another area at Nebraska Medicine. We will maintain our Lauritzen Outpatient Center site along with a few satellite locations, including Westroads, Chalco, and the Specialty Care Clinic, in addition to this new Village Pointe site. This expansion offers many specialty clinic options and light therapy every day of the week. This location will also provide our patients with excellent Mohs surgery and vein programs. As we expand, we aim to bring as many of our specialty clinics and programs to these new locations as possible to increase access to dermatologic care across the Omaha metro area.

On Wednesday, June 21st, the organization held a ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate the new building. During this event, there were members of organizational leadership,

including our Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jim Linder, our Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Michael Ash, and Vice President of Operations, Tom Macy, who discussed how important this building will be for the expansion of ambulatory and to bring new specialties to the west Omaha area. Jay Noddle was also present to represent the team who helped to fund this building. Last but certainly not least, there were members of the clinical and physician groups present to represent the staff who would be occupying the space. Dr. Jill Poole spoke on behalf of the providers, echoing her excitement about the new space and how this expansion will help bring new specialties to this area and expand some of our current specialties. Dermatology was fortunate enough to be one of two specialties selected to have a representative help in the ribbon cutting to represent all the team members who helped to prepare and will continue to work in this space. Suzie Weiss, BSN, RN, was selected as Dermatology's representative and did a fantastic job representing our entire staff; she has worked tirelessly to ensure we are prepared to see patients in this building. Suzie is a nurse on our surgical team and has been innovative throughout this transition, thinking through details

of how we, as a department, could continue to make things better for our patients. Patients often call Suzie out for her kindness and for going above and beyond during their appointments. Many team members stopped by the open house to see the stunning space, and we were happy to have people see the space come to fruition finally. We welcomed our first patient to Dermatology on Monday, July 10th, and it was an exhilarating day! Dr. Sulewski was our provider in the clinic that day, and he, along with his team, did a great job in the new space and made our patients feel right at home. The space turned out beautifully, and we focused on how to make this experience best for our patients. With many other specialties and a pharmacy on-site, it has become the "one-stop-shop" that will allow our patients to receive all their care in one space. Dermatology is ever-evolving, and this space will enable us to change as needed and adapt as we continue to grow. We look forward to seeing how we continue to make the space our home and seeking opportunities for how we can continue to provide serious medicine and extraordinary care in this new location.



## Resident's Corner

Robert Borucki, MD, PGY-4

Summer is a time for change in residency training programs around the country, and this one was no different here at UNMC. We graduated our first class of residents, Drs. Clarey, Evans, and Swali. There was laughter, tears, and some world-class acting to poke fun at the graduates by the junior residents. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so we hope they forgive us. The graduates had fun giving out mock superlatives to the attendings, which I'm sure will be framed on their office walls in a short time. Seeing three people who have been here since the beginning move on was bittersweet. Dr. Clarey is headed to his hometown of Columbus, Nebraska, to practice dermatology, while Dr. Evans does the same back in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Swali is completing an ASDS cosmetic dermatology fellowship with Dr. Paul Friedman in Houston, Texas, where she can finally retire her winter coat, at least for now.

As sad as it was to see the graduates go, things quickly turned to excitement to welcome our three new residents. Drs. Clark, Grinnell, and Thieman started in July and, after a wonderful welcome party at the lake (thanks to Dr. Barrett), hit the ground running with didactics and clinical work. Dr. Clark is settling into Omaha after moving from Chicago with her family. Drs. Grinnell and Thieman were welcomed back after graduating from medical school at UNMC just over a year ago. They all seem thriving so far, so expect more positive updates in the following newsletter.

The now second and third-year residents have been hard at work, too, with several new research presentations, publications, and scholarships. Dr. Fernandez presented research at the Women's Dermatologic Society annual forum in Orlando, Florida, along with one of our medical student research fellows, Katie Plampton. Drs. Lee and Lloyd-McLennan are also presenting research at the Society for Pediatric Dermatology annual meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, this summer. The department has even gone international, with Dr. Kwan representing UNMC by presenting research in Singapore at the World Congress of Dermatology. Dr. Siller has been busy, too; every time I search his name online, his list of publications seems to get longer. Dr. Lee took over as chief resident this year and has had her hands full, keeping all of us in line.

Outside of work, the residents have been active with several volunteer outings around Nebraska. One highlight was handing out sunscreen and sun-safety information at Cattleman's Ball, held this year in Pender, Nebraska. I learned so much about raising cattle that I've contemplated a career change. We also gave out some much-needed sunscreen at the College World Series this year (can anyone say Geaux Tigers?).

There is much to look forward to this year, with many changes coming to the department. We expanded our clinics at the VA hospital and opened a brand-new clinic space at Village Pointe. These past couple of years of residency have flown by, and I can't wait to see what excitement this next year brings!



# Dermatology in Our Community

Roger Myers  
Administrative Associate

## Open Door Mission Cards- 1.4.2023-1.31.2023

Founded in 1954, Open Door Mission is a Gospel rescue Mission committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty throughout the Omaha area. To date they have provided 157,195 nights of shelter, served 1.42 million meals, and helped 528 patients experiencing homelessness receive treatment. As part of a effort to curb the stress and depression many individuals facing homelessness have, UNMC volunteered their time to create motivational cards in support of their cause. The 37 cards created by the Dermatology department were filled with uplifting messages and well wishes aimed at providing empowering individuals through tough times.

## Kicks for a Cure- 4.15.2023

Envisioned by Dave Karnes in 2004, Kicks for a Cure has raised over \$4.1 million dollars for cancer research. Though its primary purpose is to raise awareness for cancer education and prevention, KFAC has also helped encourage people to live healthy and active lifestyles. As part of the fundraising event held in April, UNMC Department of Dermatology joined participants on the field to promote sun safety by providing sunscreen, UV Patches, educational brochures, and awareness bracelets.



## Mexican Consulate Skin Exam- 4.15.2023

The Mexican Consulate provides

consular protection and assistance with immigration, human rights, emergencies, educational opportunities, health guidance, criminal, administrative, work and family matters. As part of their effort to provide accessible health services to the migrant community in Omaha, UNMC conducted free skin exams and medical consultation to participants.

## Minority Health Month Fair- 4.29.2023



Every April, the U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) observes National Minority Health Month to highlight the importance of improving the health of racial and ethnic minority and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities and reducing health disparities. This year the focus was on improving health outcomes for racial and ethnic communities by providing free health services and educational opportunities to nurture healthier outcomes in the community. UNMC participated in this endeavor by offering free skin examinations and handing out sunscreen and educational pamphlets highlighting the importance of sun safety. In total, 17 participants received care.

## Cattleman's Ball- 6.3.2023

The Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska is a charity whose mission is to raise money for cancer research through an annual fundraising event. Money raised during this event is used to further cancer research at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha Nebraska. UNMC Department of Dermatology participated in this cause by providing

educational pamphlets highlighting the importance of sun safety as well as handing out sunscreen, UV patches, and bracelets to all those who attended. In total, 325 participants came and visited the UNMC booth this year.

## College World Series- 6.25.2023

The College World Series, officially the NCAA Men's College World Series, is an annual baseball tournament held in June in Omaha, Nebraska. This year's MCWS saw attendance rates skyrocket attracting 392,946 attendants throughout its 16 sessions the highest number of fans in a single year. Throughout it all UNMC Department of Dermatology joined the NCAA in promoting importance of sun safety through educational pamphlets, providing sunscreen and UV patches, and handing out bracelets to fans. In total



UNMC gave away 2,246 items to help fans stay safe and enjoy the games.

# New Faculty and Residents



**Victoria L. Van Roy, MD**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Victoria Van Roy graduated from the University of Southern California, where she majored in biology. She received her MD from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, graduating with distinction. While attending UNMC, Dr. Van Roy joined the Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha sororities. Due to her academic standing, she also received the Regents Scholarship while completing her medical doctorate at UNMC. She completed her residency at the University Of Minnesota Department Of Dermatology.

Dr. Van Roy sees general dermatology patients at UNMC's Department of Dermatology Village Pointe location.

Achievement Award, and the Robert M. Coe Distinction for community service. She completed her residency and served as chief resident at the Stony Brook University Hospital Department of Dermatology. Her fellowship in Mohs surgery and dermatologic oncology was completed at the University of Missouri Hospital. During her fellowship residency, she won the Theodore Tromovitch Award from the American College of Mohs Surgery.

Dr. Voss specializes in Mohs surgery , transplant dermatology, and cares for patients with skin cancer.



**Mollie D. Oudenhoven, MD**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Mollie Oudenhoven is a board-certified dermatologist and pediatric dermatologist. Dr. Oudenhoven is a Duke University Pratt School of Engineering graduate, where she majored in Engineering and minored in Biomedical Engineering. She received her MD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving the Michiko Kuno Award for Excellent Public Health Poster Presentation and graduating with distinction. Dr. Oudenhoven completed her dermatology and pediatric dermatology residency at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. While attending the University of Colorado School of Medicine, she was given the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System's Bravo Award and an Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Education of Medical Students. During her fellowship at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, she also served as the Section of Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) Liaison.



**Vanessa B. Voss, MD, FAAD**  
**Assistant Professor**

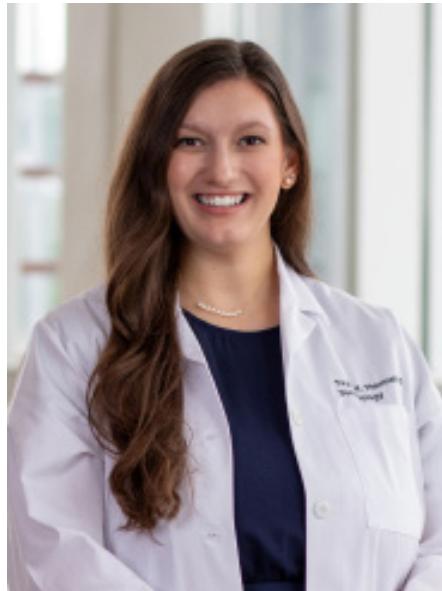
Dr. Vanessa Voss graduated from the University of California, Berkley, where she majored in Integrative Biology. She received her MD from the Saint Louis School of Medicine. While attending Saint Louis School of Medicine, Dr. Voss received several awards for distinction, including the Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society, The Saint Louis University Robert H. Felix Dean's Award, The American Medical Women's Association Glasgow-Rubin



Kayla Clark, MD



Madison Grinnell, MD



Taylor Thieman, MD

## Welcome to the Team!

### Kayla Clark, MD

Kayla Clark, MD received her undergraduate degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She subsequently completed a pre-medicine post-baccalaureate program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Clark then attended medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine (UICOM), where she earned the American Academy of Dermatology Diversity Mentorship award and was elected into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Between her third and fourth year of medical school, Dr. Clark completed a yearlong research fellowship at UICOM and Rush College of Medicine, with an emphasis on increasing dermatologic access to care in underserved areas, skin of color, and medical education. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Clark completed her internal medicine preliminary year at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oaklawn, Illinois.

### Madison Grinnell, MD

Dr. Madison Grinnell graduated from Yale University majoring in Art with a concentration in Photography. While at Yale she studied Chinese in Beijing through the Richard U. Light Fellowship. She also received the Mary Hotchkiss Williams Fellowship which sponsored a photography project in Japan. After graduating, she completed a post baccalaureate program at Columbia University and then returned to Omaha to attend medical school at The University of Nebraska Medical Center. During medical school, she completed a research fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. Victoria Werth where she published numerous papers on dermatomyositis and cutaneous lupus. She enjoys traveling, trying new foods, and learning Chinese and Spanish with her son!

### Taylor Thieman, MD

Dr. Taylor Thieman graduated as a Regent's Scholar from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Nutritional Sciences and minor in Biochemistry and Humanities in Medicine. She attended medical school at UNMC, where she was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. She then completed a transitional year residency with USD in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Growing up in Norfolk Nebraska, her dermatology interests include increasing access to dermatologic care, in rural communities. Her research interests include medical and patient education, transplant dermatology, nutrition and skin disorders, and dermatopathology. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family which includes her husband, dog (cockapoo) and a new baby girl born recently. They are huge husker volleyball fans and enjoy watching games (Go Big Red!). Fans of National Parks. Their favorite is Glacier National Park, where they got engaged.



Tom Thompson,  
NU Foundation



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## Ways to Support our Department

Developing new clinical programs, innovative education strategies, and cutting-edge research protocols depends on support from our philanthropic partners. UNMC alumni, grateful patients, and community partners have expressed an interest in learning more about our program, opportunities to enhance the impact we have at UNMC and across Nebraska, and our vision to become a national leader in treatment, physician training, and outreach. If you would like to learn more about private gifts and partnerships in these or other areas, or about volunteering for our programs, we welcome the chance to share them with you. We are grateful for every gift, as well as each person who would like to be a part of the team serving our dermatologic community.

**We have immediate needs  
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