

# Global Connections

Quarterly Newsletter from the Office of Global Engagement  
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## A message from the Office of Global Engagement



Seven visitors from the Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare visited UNMC Dec. 19-20. The delegation toured several areas on campus.

Twelve new international students from seven countries were welcomed to UNMC this month. An in-person International Student Orientation was organized by the OGE staff. We are very happy to have these students on campus. Our staff is here to help the

students have a successful career at UNMC.

This issue of Global Connections includes features about the delegation and events and mentioned above.

Please follow our [website](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay in touch with us. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our programs.

Jane Meza, PhD, associate vice chancellor for global engagement

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## Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Minister visits UNMC



Seven delegates led by the Honorable Minister Zahid Maleque of the Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare visited the UNMC on Dec. 19-20. The trip centered around opportunities for bilateral collaboration between the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Ministry in establishing a national cancer program, a national organ transplant program, a vaccine research and development program, and health security and biopreparedness. The delegation also discussed education and training opportunities with College of Public Health leadership. A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed during their visit.

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## **UNMC welcomes 12 new international students for spring semester**



*New international students participate in the UNMC International Student Orientation held January 5.*

UNMC welcomed 12 international students from Bangladesh, Canada, China, India, Iran, Nigeria and South Korea, for the spring 2023 semester. A one-day, in-person orientation was held January 5. Students heard presentations such as academic integrity, culture shock, immigration and Title IX. Two additional students are expected to arrive later in January.

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## Student Alliance for Global Health holds adult diaper drive for Ukraine



*Gisselle Hernandez, College of Dentistry student*



*Viktoriia Mashinson, College of Pharmacy student*



*Sara Pirtle and DJ Thayer, Office of Global Engagement*

In October and early November, the Student Alliance for Global Health (SAGH) organized an adult diaper collection to benefit the medical relief efforts in Ukraine. In consultation with Olga Taraschenko, MD, PhD, associate professor, department of neurological sciences and Valentina Gumenyuk, PhD, assistant professor, department of neurological sciences, along with Viktoriya Mashinson, College of Pharmacy doctoral student and SAGH board member, SAGH focused on the collection of adult diapers at the request of a Ukrainian physician working with immobile adults in Kharkiv.

The Omaha campus, as well as the College of Dentistry in Lincoln participated in the drive. In addition to the adult diapers collected from these locations, SAGH received a generous donation from the family of DJ Thayer, director, international and domestic business affairs in the Office of Global Engagement, after the recent death of DJ's father.

The collected diapers will be shipped with other medical supplies to Ukraine in early January. SAGH extends heartfelt thanks to the UNMC community for its support of this collection drive.

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### Recent achievements by UNMC faculty & staff

#### **Dr. Khan and UNMC reappointed to global outbreak committee**

Dr. Ali Khan, MD, MPH, dean of the UNMC College of Public Health, and UNMC also were just reappointed to the World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) Steering Committee. His trip to Uganda, the second in the last month, is part of GOARN's response to an Ebola outbreak in the country.

[Read UNMC Today article here](#)



### Request for ideas

Have an idea for a story or want to discuss an international program or event?

Have a suggestion for our newsletter?

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