

Global Connections

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



The UNMC Office of Global Engagement greeted five visitors from Ukraine on campus learning about disaster medicine from Sept. 26-29. The visitors toured several areas on campus.

Forty-nine new international students from 17 countries were welcomed to UNMC in August. An in-person, two-day International Student Orientation was organized by the OGE staff. We are very happy to have these students

on campus and look forward to learning more about them. The OGE staff is here to help the students have a successful time at UNMC.

Also, several activities including a Husker football watch party and trip to the Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo have been held so far this fall for our new international students. Photos are included in the newsletter.

We congratulate Nidhi Dwivedi, a graduate student, who was elected the 2022-23 global engagement liaison for student senate.

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

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Jane Meza, PhD, associate vice chancellor for global engagement

Ukraine visitors learn about disaster medicine systems



Five Ukraine visitors were at UNMC from Sept. 26-30. The purpose of the visit was to become familiar with the organizational structure of national and regional disaster medicine systems, study of mechanisms for responding to emergencies, involvement of related services, and principles of developing a disaster medicine network and regulations.

The Ukrainians had the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Jeffrey Gold, MD, as well as visit with leaders from the Davis Global Center, Department of Emergency Medicine, Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, Global Center for Health Security, and Maurer Center for Public Health.

UNMC welcomes 49 new international students



UNMC welcomed 49 international students for the fall 2022 semester. A two-day, in-person orientation was held Aug. 11-12. Students heard presentations such as academic integrity, culture shock, immigration, stress management, and Title IX. Pre-orientation sessions including housing and immigration and were held in June via Zoom.



Nidhi Dwivedi

Dwivedi sets goals as 2022-23 global engagement liaison

“I want to come together and celebrate each other,” said Nidhi Dwivedi, third year graduate student in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology, who was elected as the 2022-23 global engagement liaison for student senate.

[Read more here](#)

Office of global engagement hosts events for new international students

As international students arrive in Omaha, they may only know a small bit about the city. The office of global engagement planned several outings so students can get to know each other, Omaha and its culture.



A Husker football game watching party was held for Nebraska's first game of the season, which took place in Ireland. Attendees enjoyed typical football game food including hotdogs and hamburgers.



New international students visited the Henry Doorly Zoo Sept. 17. Students enjoyed their time viewing all of the animals at the zoo.

In the coming months, planned events include a UNO hockey game and a shopping trip to the Nebraska Crossing Outlets.

Students, scholars attend welcome lunch and ambassador appreciation



More than 125 international students and scholars attended the welcome lunch and ambassador appreciation, which was hosted by the office of global engagement Sept. 7. Jane Meza, PhD, addressed the group and welcomed them to campus. To show appreciation for the global ambassadors for their time and dedication, they were gifted with red UNMC frisbees.



Summer PT program proves an international success

The UNMC Division of Physical Therapy Education offered a 3-week Summer Experiential Education (SEED) program since 2017 for international PT students. This summer, the program enrolled 33 international students from seven universities around the world.

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Ka-Chun (Joseph) Siu, PhD, director of the global health opportunity program

Recent achievements by UNMC faculty & staff

College of Public Health leads workshop in Egypt

Members of the UNMC College of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Select Agents and Toxins led a three-day workshop in Cairo, Egypt, in August.

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Nada Fadul, MD, to discuss work in Sudan

Nada Fadul, MD, professor in the UNMC Division of Infectious Diseases, will be the featured speaker for September's Child Health Research Institute Global Health Principal Investigator Seminar Series.

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UNMC response model adapted in Sudan

A new effort by Sudan University of Science and Technology, in cooperation with Peace Engineering, including faculty from The University of New Mexico School of Engineering, is hoping to improve public health in the nation of Sudan.

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Abraham Mengist, PhD, brings malaria work to Ethiopia

Abraham Mengist, PhD, an assistant professor of epidemiology in the UNMC College of Public Health, is continuing data collection in Ethiopia as part of a two-year malaria project. The project is a collaboration with researchers from Addis Ababa University to investigate the impact of repeated deworming treatment on the epidemiology and clinical outcomes of malaria, anemia, undernutrition and academic performance of children.

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