

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

Fall 2017

A message from the dean

Fall is bringing all kinds of important changes to Graduate Studies, which holds great promise for further enhancing our programs.

From new Graduate Student Association (GSA) leadership to the restructuring of the Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area (MSIA) program to the launch of our new Strategic Plan focusing on Program Assessment, Graduate Studies is poised for another banner year. Additionally, we have a variety of upcoming professional development and networking events, and [registration is now open for our next Dissertation Boot Camp](#).

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the coming year -- and I hope you are as well. Please enjoy this issue of Graduate Posts.

H. Dele Davies, M.D.
Dean, Graduate Studies



Laura Bilek, Ph.D., Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area co-chair

Streamlined MSIA program will better serve students

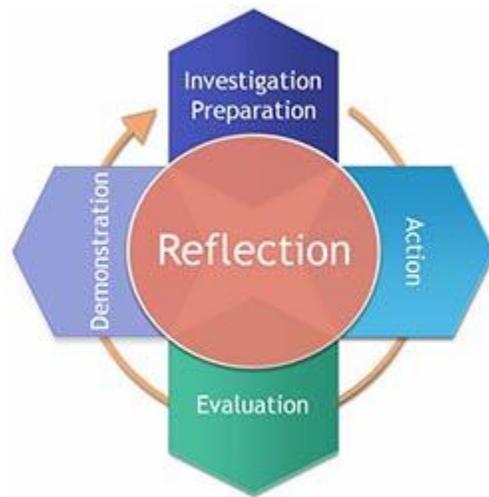
This spring, UNMC Graduate Studies introduces a new, streamlined Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area (MSIA) program, to better serve students studying research in the broad field of medical sciences. [Read more.](#)

Badge of achievement

A new program, the Service-Learning/Interprofessional Education Badge Program, empowers graduate students to document time spent outside of the laboratory or classroom participating in important activities that advance their careers.

The program offers four levels of recognition (bronze through platinum), with each increasing level requiring more service learning or interprofessional education activities.

For more details on the creation of this program, [click here](#).



From left, Swagat Sharma, Alisha Aggarwal, Brady Sillman, Aneesha Dasgupta, Joel Frandsen, Lee Sleightholm, Insiya Mukadam, Ethan Schroeder, Saswati Karmakar, Eli Lichter and Tayla Heavican.

Graduate Student board aims to increase involvement

The 2017-18 Graduate Student Association executive board will work toward increasing student involvement and student networking opportunities, said new GSA president Tayla Heavican. For more information, a list of new board members and contact information, [click here](#).



Dean of Graduate Studies Dele Davies, M.D., with a new UNMC graduate student at the matriculation ceremony.

More than 80 recognized at Graduate Studies matriculation

More than 80 incoming students were recognized at the Graduate Studies Matriculation Ceremony on Aug. 15. Students received a commemorative T-shirt and posed for photos with Dele Davies, M.D., senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies.

Jane Meza, Ph.D., senior associate dean, UNMC College of Public Health, served as keynote speaker.

"You have taken an important step in your education and your life will change because of it," Dr. Meza told the students. "I learned from my own experience the importance of an education.

"My advice is to treat graduate school like a job -- set regular work hours, have a defined work space and network with other students, faculty and professionals. Think about work-life balance and keep your family life, hobbies and exercise as priorities in addition to your education.

"Don't give up when it gets difficult. And it will get difficult. Remember that you are UNMC's best and brightest and you are inspiring the next generation of scholars."

[See a photo album from the event.](#)



Pamela Carmines, Ph.D., left, and Dele Davies, M.D., right, with graduates of the most recent Dissertation Boot Camp.

Registration open for next Dissertation Boot Camp

Organized by UNMC Graduate Studies, Dissertation Boot Camp provides access to writing experts and offers tips and strategies. Lunchtime workshops address topics such as grammar, time management and navigation of the electronic submissions process. For more information about Dissertation Boot Camp and a link to registration, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Oct. 27: UneMed Innovation Week panel -- "Alternative Science Careers," 11:30 a.m., Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, Yanney Conference Room.

Oct. 30: Presentation: "Immigration: Myths & Reality," Amy Peck, immigration attorney at Jackson Lewis, 11:30 a.m., Epley Science Hall, Room 3010.

Nov. 16: Professional Development Lunch & Learn -- "Professional Survival: How to Deal with Two Bosses, or Even One 'Difficult' Boss," Giovanni Jones, UNMC, noon, Sorrell Center, Room 2018.

Dec. 14: Graduate Studies Honors Convocation, 1 p.m., The Durham Museum, 801 S. 10th St., Omaha.

Dec. 15: UNMC Commencement (Omaha), 2 p.m., Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St., Omaha.

Jan. 2-5: Dissertation Boot Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bennett Hall, Room 3003. (Registration required.)

Jan. 18: Professional Development Lunch & Learn -- "Networking Skills," Belinda Vacanti, noon, Sorrell Center, Room 2018.
