

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

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A message from the dean

Welcome to the latest issue of Graduate Posts.

Winter may still be lingering, but things are really heating up in Graduate Studies. We have a variety of upcoming events planned for the professional development of our students. These types of training have historically proven to be some of the most popular sessions we offer, with venues normally filled to capacity. Additionally, applications are now being accepted for the Purdue Pharma Scholars program, which offers students extensive training and collaboration opportunities.

I am also honored to wish **Dr. Jim Turpen** a very happy retirement. He has been an excellent colleague and a great asset to UNMC during his tenure here. His many talents will be missed. I'm pleased to announce **Drs. Pamela Carmines and Kendra Schmid** will be filling the void left by Dr. Turpen's retirement.

Finally, be sure to [read the latest Graduate Studies annual report](#) to discover how our faculty, students and staff continue to pave the path for excellence in health science training.

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Dean, Graduate Studies



UNMC UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER™ | **NE SCIFEST**

SAVE THE DATE **APRIL 28, 2018**

The UNMC Office of Recruitment and Student Engagement, in conjunction with NE Scifest, is excited to announce a

UNMC Graduate Poster Presentation & Career Fair

at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Any graduate student that is beyond their third year and is doing basic science research is eligible to participate.

Details on registration, prizes and event time to follow.

For more information contact **Channing Bunch** at 402-559-3809 or channing.bunch@unmc.edu

NE Scifest, UNMC poster/career fair coming

The UNMC Office of Recruitment and Student Engagement, with NE SciFest, will offer a graduate poster presentation and career fair on April 28.

Cash prizes will be available for top poster entrants. Basic-science research graduate students beyond third year are eligible to compete. The presentation and fair will be held at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center as part of NE SciFest -- the Nebraska Science Festival. This year's NE SciFest runs April 19-28 at venues across the state.

For more information on the event, contact [Channing Bunch](#) at 9-3809.



James Turpen, Ph.D.

Dr. Turpen retires after 34 years at UNMC

James Turpen, Ph.D., whose multiple roles at the med center included a long and influential imprint on graduate studies, retired Dec. 31 after 34 years at UNMC. [Read more.](#)



From left: Pamela Carmines, Ph.D., and Kendra Schmid, Ph.D.

Drs. Carmines, Schmid assume new grad studies roles

Pamela Carmines, Ph.D., and Kendra Schmid, Ph.D., have assumed new roles in graduate studies, following the Dec. 31 retirement of James Turpen, Ph.D. [Read more.](#)



Cathleen Piazza, Ph.D., hugs a student at the winter convocation.

Students honored, hooded at winter convocation

UNMC Graduate Studies feted 43 soon-to-be graduates at its recent winter honors convocation. The M.S. and Ph.D. candidates were hooded by their mentors at a Dec. 14 ceremony at the Durham Museum. [Read more.](#)



The Graduate Studies Engagement Council and Graduate Student Association sponsored a Jan. 25 panel event and Q-and-A session.

Networking event features nonacademic-career alums

UNMC Graduate Studies and its affiliated organizations continue to emphasize networking, as a way to enrich the student experience, and to enhance future professional prospects. [Read more.](#)

The logo for Purdue University, featuring the word "PURDUE" in a bold, black, italicized sans-serif font. The text is centered within a blue oval shape that is partially open at the top. A horizontal red line crosses the middle of the oval, passing behind the text.

Call for applications for next Purdue Scholars cohort

UNMC is recruiting for its third cohort of Purdue Pharma Scholars. The award's goal is to foster graduate training in pharmaceutical sciences and neurosciences, and to foster collaborations between UNMC and Purdue Pharma. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

March 14: Pi Day

March 15: Professional Development Lunch & Learn - "Audience Analysis: Preparing presentations for effective listening and learning." Deborah Smith-Howell, Ph.D., UNO Dean of Graduate Studies, noon, Sorrell Center, Room 2018.

April 7: Student Senate's Day of Service. Students interested in participating should contact gsapres@unmc.edu for more information.

April 8: HOLI Festival of Colors (Rain date: April 29th)

April 19: Professional Development Lunch & Learn - Panel Discussion: Life/work balance. Vimla Band, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, UNMC Department of Genetics, Cell Biology & Anatomy, noon, Sorrell Center, Room 2018

May 4: Graduate Studies Honors Convocation - 2 p.m. at the Durham Museum

May 5: UNMC Commencement (Omaha) - 9 a.m. at the Baxter Arena

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