

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

Summer 2015

A message from the Dean

As the past semester comes to a close, we are busy preparing for the year ahead. Congratulations to all the students who graduated this spring. It was truly an honor to celebrate your significant accomplishments during our Graduate Studies Honors Convocation ceremony in May.



My special thanks to Provost Fritz, Regent Whitehouse, the Graduate Students Association, and all the graduate faculty who showed up in strong support of our students at Convocation. Based on many conversations with the graduates, it clearly meant a lot to the students and their families to see such a strong contingent of faculty, and it added to the richness of the event.

We have many exciting opportunities coming up, including the expansion of our Leadership, Transferable Skills and Outreach program, the completion of details for the new umbrella admissions program, and the development of opportunities for our students to become more aware of how to manage their personal finances. In addition, Sequidor continues to evolve and enhance the graduate training experience as new modules are added.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Graduate Posts, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming year.

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

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[Alumni Gives TedTalk in Lincoln UNMC M.D./Ph.D. Scholar Krupa Savalia \(Ph.D. 2014\) spoke in May as part of the TEDxLincolnWomen 2015.](#)

Dr. Savalia spoke on experimenting with experience and the value of uncharted territory at the event, which was held on Lincoln's Nebraska Innovation Campus

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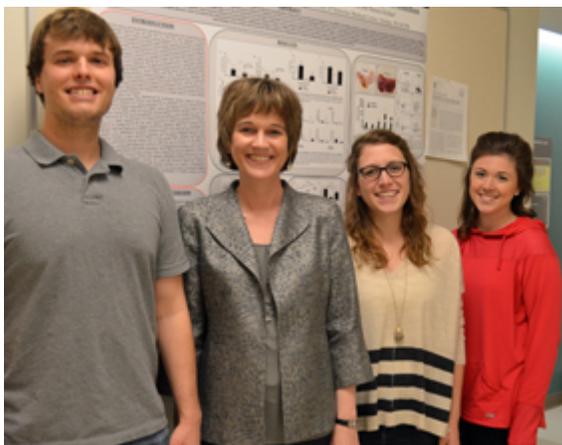
Dean of Graduate Studies Dele Davies, M.D., congratulates Alicia Schiller, Ph.D., as her mentor, Irving Zucker, Ph.D., prepares to present her with honor cords.

Alicia Schiller, Ph.D., was honored with the Praesto Award, given to the most outstanding or exceptional graduate for the academic year.

Her advisor praised Dr. Schiller not only for her research and publications, but her outreach efforts both within and beyond the UNMC community.

For more, [click here](#).

Dr. Kielian Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor



Dr. Kielian, second from left, with her students, Tyler Scherr, Megan Bosch and Cortney Heim.

Tammy Kielian, Ph.D., is the 2015 Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor, selected by the Graduate Student Association (GSA). She received the award at the Graduate Studies Convocation.

"This is one of the most meaningful awards that I have ever received," she said.

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and had a theme of "Momentum."

For more information on the event, [click here](#).

Graduate Studies Alumni Chapter
The UNMC Graduate Studies Alumni Chapter was formed in the fall of 2013. Our chapter is open to UNMC alumni who earned degrees from the UNMC Graduate Studies Program of the University of Nebraska Graduate College.

For information on the program, [click here](#).

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7 things grad students get instead of summer break

Once you graduate from college, you can kiss goodbye the concept of getting three months off in the summer. Although there are some exceptions (for example, if you are a teacher or lecturer), by and large the fun is over.

Still, graduate students can take some consolation in the benefits of working full time toward a degree during the summer.

Don't believe us? [Click here](#).

Convocation: 'I wouldn't have missed this'



Graduates prepare for the 2015 UNMC Graduate Studies Honors Convocation.

Thirty-seven students took part in the Spring 2015 UNMC Graduate Studies Honors Convocation.

"I wouldn't have missed this for the world," said one participant, who joined with students, mentors and university leaders at the event

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Graduate Studies Mentoring Program needs you!

It's not easy to find a career mentor who can provide insight and guidance about the challenges that lie ahead. The Graduate Studies Mentoring Program matches students with alumni or other professionals who share the same career interests.

The Graduate Studies Mentoring Program is currently seeking alumni and faculty to serve as mentors to our students. For information on joining the program, [click here](#).

E-submission in place for theses, dissertations



Emily McElroy, McGoogan Library director

Graduate students can prepare to help save a lot of trees.

Beginning this semester, Ph.D. and M.S. students will utilize electronic submission for their theses and dissertations.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Graduate Studies focused on career counseling

The Graduate Studies Office is now offering individual career counseling to UNMC graduate students in an effort to provide additional insight regarding career opportunities.

In addition, the Graduate Studies Office is working with the Graduate Student Association to present programming that enhances the professional development of UNMC graduate students, such as a recent presentation by Susan Carson, Ph.D., of Smart Leadership Coaching.

Dr. Carson, a scientist, author and coach, spoke to students about developing leadership and communication skills for scientists and technology professionals to leverage their knowledge into power and drive them toward the career results they want.

Students desiring additional insight regarding career options in both academic and non-academic settings are encouraged to revisit the [Career Counseling website](#) to access tools that provide career information relevant to the biomedical sciences.

Contact Cody Phillips (402-559-4476) to set up an appointment for career counseling. Students are encouraged to bring their IDP summary report to the career counseling session in order to facilitate the discussion.

Alumni news: Share your accomplishments!

Graduate Posts would like to feature news from alumni: new positions, exciting promotions, life events -- all are welcome.

Have news to share? Let us know!

Please email your news items (and photos, if available) to [Graduate Posts](#) with the subject line "Graduate Studies Alumni News."

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