

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

Spring 2019



Urmi Basu, Ph.D., right, and husband Soumitra Bhuyan, Ph.D., take part in the Graduate Studies winter convocation.

Convocation offers a walk to remember

For Urmi Basu, Ph.D., the convocation hooding ceremony was a triumph over adversity. [Read more.](#)

A message from the dean

Even the cold winter weather hasn't been able to diminish our excitement about the start of a new calendar year that is full of possibilities for graduate students.

Graduate Studies has many important activities planned for this semester, including professional development events offered in partnership with the other NU campuses and networking collaborations with Bio Nebraska. We are also making great progress and moving forward with our assessment initiative to help ensure all graduate students meet certain universal core and co-curricular competencies. Kudos to all members of the Graduate Council and our Assistant Dean for Assessment, Dr. Kendra Schmid, for their hard work on this major strategic initiative.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the students who graduated in December. It was truly an honor to celebrate your significant accomplishments during our Graduate Studies Honors Convocation ceremony.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Graduate Posts -- and be sure to also read our [Impact Report](#), which highlights all our student and faculty accomplishments for the last academic year.

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





Colin Weekes, M.D., Ph.D.

Alumnus paved M.D., Ph.D. path at UNMC

UNMC alum Colin Weekes, M.D., Ph.D., who delivered the keynote address on Dec. 12 at the UNMC Honors Convocation for Graduate Studies, was a trailblazer. He was on the M.D.-Ph.D. Scholars track before there officially was one. [Read more.](#)



Kimiko Krieger

Grad students earn prestigious early career opportunities

UNMC graduate students Laura Flores and Kimiko Krieger have recently earned prestigious early-career opportunities. [Read more.](#)



Graduate students turned out in costume to brighten the day of pediatric patients earlier this month.

Upcoming events

March 20: Women's History Month -- "[Boundaries: Let's Get REAL](#)". 1:30-2:30 p.m., Eppley Science Hall 3013

April 5: 2019 Graduate student and postdoc workshop - [Career advice for the strategic scientist](#). Featuring Dr. Isaiah Hankel, founder and CEO of [Cheeky Scientist](#), on alternate careers to academia. 9:30-11:30 a.m., DRC I 1002. [Afternoon workshop for graduate faculty](#) will run 1:30-3:30. [Please register here](#) .

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