



Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

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2014 Praesto Awardee: Erin G. Rosenbaugh, Ph.D.



Erin G. Rosenbaugh, Ph.D., was the inaugural recipient of the Praesto Award at the UNMC Graduate Studies honors convocation ceremony held in May.

The new award recognizes the most outstanding or exceptional graduate for the academic year.

Pamela K. Carmines, Ph.D. -- who Dr. Rosenbaugh called a role model -- said she was a leader among her peers in the cellular & integrative physiology graduate program.

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Mentor Matthew Zimmerman, Ph.D., and Praesto Award winner Erin Rosenbaugh, Ph.D



A message from the Dean: Looking forward

Welcome to the latest edition of Graduate Posts. The 2013-14 academic year was a banner one for the UNMC Office of Graduate Studies. In addition to the inaugural Graduate Studies matriculation and honors convocation, the year also saw the creation of the first Graduate Studies Chapter in the university's alumni

association.

Despite these accomplishments, 2014-15 looks even more exciting.

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 14-19:

International Student Orientation

Aug. 20:

Matriculation Ceremony

Aug. 21:

Student Orientation (all new students)

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A First-Class Honors Convocation

Months of planning, and some last-minute decision-making, paid off with style on May 9 when the UNMC Office of Graduate Studies held its inaugural Honors Convocation Ceremony.



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Dr. Giridharan wins Jefferson Award

During May's convocation ceremony, Sai Srinivas Panapakkam Giridharan, Ph.D., received the Thomas Jefferson Ingenuity Award.

The award is given each cycle to a graduate student for their ingenuity in their doctoral research.

Graduate Posts spoke to Dr. Giridharan, currently at the University of Michigan, about the award and his experiences at UNMC.

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Alumni Spotlight: Gary C. Sieck, Ph.D.

Each issue of Graduate Posts will profile one of our successful alumni, with the intent of revealing the broad scope of their backgrounds and activities, as well as the wide range of career paths available to our alumni.

In this issue, we spotlight Gary C. Sieck, Ph.D.

Dr. Sieck, who was the keynote speaker at May's Graduate Studies Honors Convocation, talks about finding his passion as a scientist, his professional goals and his current research projects.

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Duy Ha: Sharing a lifelong love of science

Duy Ha has always loved science.

The graduate student association president, an M.D./Ph.D. scholar in the departments of cellular & integrative physiology and surgery, enjoys sharing his passion, as well.

Graduate Posts spoke to Ha to ask about his interests, his love of science and his commitment to serving as a role model to other students who share his passion for science.

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Alumni news: Share your accomplishments!

Each issue of Graduate Posts will feature news from alumni: new positions, exciting promotions, life events -- all are welcome.

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

Frequently asked question

Each issue of Graduate Posts will highlight a frequently asked question, to be answered by the staff or leadership of UNMC Graduate Studies. This issue's question:

The Office of Graduate Studies recently held its first convocation. What is the difference between "convocation" and "commencement"? Which one is graduation?

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