

# Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

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## A message from the dean

Our past semester has come to a close. 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.



Now we are busy preparing for the year ahead. The fall semester will include a continuation of our professional skills development workshops, as well as increased networking opportunities for graduate students to connect with leading employers in the health sciences industry.

We also will be holding another Dissertation Boot Camp, scheduled for Aug. 1-4. If you're a Ph.D. candidate (or know someone who is), consider signing up for this interactive workshop to learn strategies to help you complete your dissertation faster.

In addition, we have completed the overhaul of the Graduate Studies website, which we believe is easier to navigate and more student friendly.

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

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Dean, Graduate Studies



UNMC's new Purdue Pharma Scholars, from left, Damian Daszynski and Dannah Miller

## UNMC announces second cohort of Purdue Pharma Scholars

UNMC Graduate Studies has announced its second cohort of Purdue Pharma Scholars, a program that provides funding for UNMC graduate students conducting neuroscience, pharmaceutical science or pain research. [Read more.](#)



Students and representatives from biotech companies met at a recent BioNetworking event.

### **Networking enhances opportunities for graduate students**

Students on their way toward earning a graduate degree learn many things, both inside labs and classrooms, and out. But, there's one thing essential to the career of every Ph.D. that previously was far too often overlooked. Networking. And the students know it. [Read how that is changing.](#)

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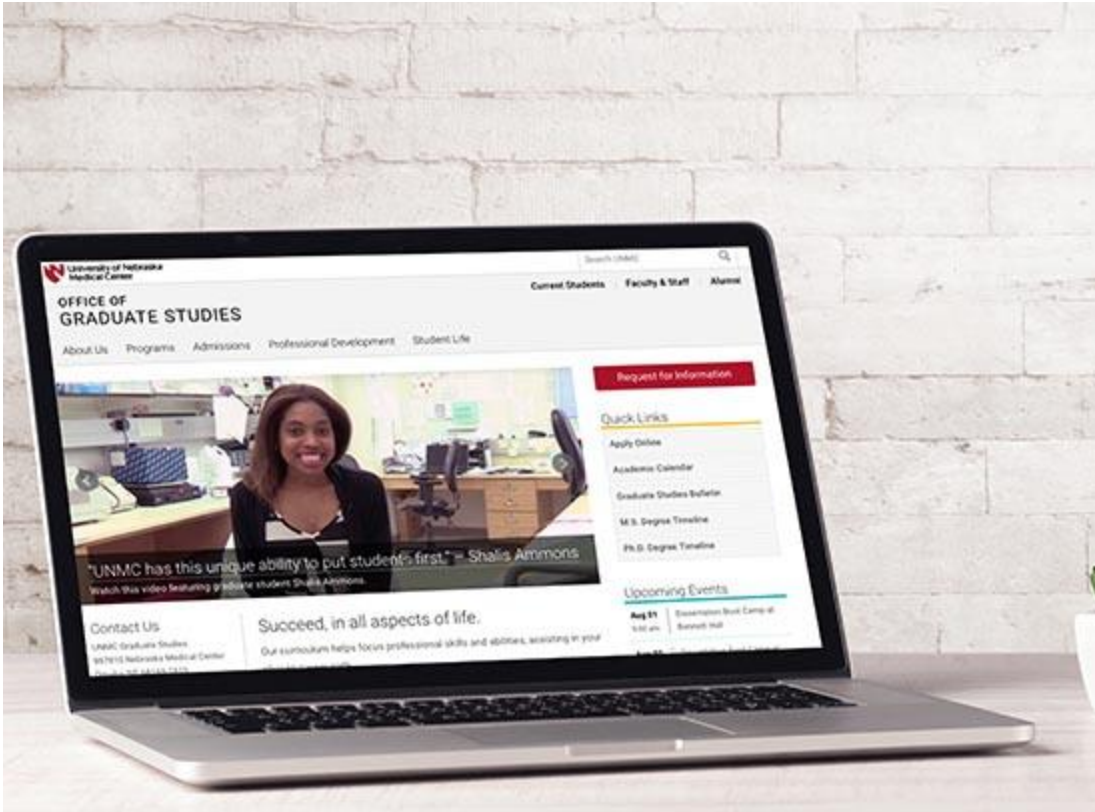
Graduate Studies scholars celebrated at the Spring Honors Convocation.

### **Spring Honors Convocation: a photo album**

UNMC Graduate Studies held its annual spring honors convocation May 4 at The Durham Museum in Omaha. Jennifer Pluznick, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a UNMC Graduate Studies alumna, gave the keynote address. [See a photo album from the event.](#)

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## Redesigned Graduate Studies website unveiled

The Graduate Studies website has been updated to provide a better user experience for prospective students, current students and faculty. [Learn about the changes.](#)



Students enjoyed pie on Pi Day.

## Graduate Studies student events offer fun, outreach

Grad Studies students have taken part in several fun activities these past few months, including one that was "PhUn." [Read more.](#)

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