



College of Nursing Newsletter

January/February 2021

Kris Claussen, Editor



From the Desk of...

DEAN JULIE SEBASTIAN

Awards!

Dear College of Nursing Family,

This is the season of awards! Whether we are looking at awards at the UNMC level, such as the Distinguished Scientist or the Visionary Leader in Education, or within the College of Nursing, or at the University of Nebraska system level or nationally through professional organizations, we are talking about recognizing the unique contributions people make. You will read a lot in this issue about members of the College of Nursing community who have received awards and we will celebrate more recipients at the 2021 Annual Meeting. In every case, awards represent the hard work and creativity of the recipient, and the caring and teamwork of the nominators.

It is our privilege as faculty, staff, students, alumni, and clinical partners to create innovative solutions to nursing and healthcare challenges. Some of those challenges are at the individual level as when we solve a care problem with a patient or family. Some are societal, as when we work with others to create policy solutions to systemic problems, such as health disparities and inequities. The threads running through all of this innovation are human caring, talent, and a keen desire to think broadly and design options that are truly transformative. When I see staff organizing an Innovation Day, or faculty pivoting teaching strategies to ensure excellence in the midst of a pandemic, or a million other examples, I see professionals whom I know should be recognized in every way we can through awards, thank you's, and celebrations. I shared a quote from Nelson Mandela recently in my regular email that is apropos here. He said, "It always seems impossible until it is done". I think the work members of the College community are doing may have seemed impossible at some point, but the creativity, humanity, and determination we see daily lead to tremendous accomplishments. As you read this issue of the College of Nursing newsletter, I encourage you to notice the many ways members of this community are creating a better world and join me in congratulating our many award recipients!

Thank you to each of you for all you do!

Julie Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor

STARS among us!

MNRS Distinguished Abstract

The abstract, "Symptom Evaluation of Responders and Non-Responders in a Self-Management mHealth Intervention for Heart Failure Patients" submitted by **Myra Schmaderer**, PhD, MSN, RN; **Leeza Struwe**, PhD, MSN, RN; **Courtney Loecker**, MSN, APRN-NP, AGACNP-BC; **Lauren Lier**, DNP, AGACNP-BC, BSN, RN; and **Lani Zimmerman**, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN to Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) was chosen as a distinguished abstract. After a rigorous peer-review process involving two blinded review panels, this abstract was among a total of 15 abstracts selected as Distinguished Abstracts for the 2021 conference. Data for this was obtained from CENTRIC grant "Self-Management in Health Failure: Mobile Health Interventions."



Dr. Myra Schmaderer



Dr. Leeza Struwe



Courtney Loecker



Lauren Lier



Dr. Lani Zimmerman

Young Investors' Research Forum (YIRF) of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine

Jennifer Miller, PhD, APRN-NP, has been accepted into the American Academy of Sleep Medicine's Young Investigator Research Forum. The program is designed to aid in the career development of promising young investigators in clinical and translational sleep medicine research. Applicants were chosen based on past research productivity and future promise in sleep research. This research forum is aimed at providing guidance, tactics, and strategies to better position young investigators for a successful career in clinical sleep research. Topics covered during the meetings progress through the grant review process to discuss sleep research funding opportunities. Informal "coffee break" meetings are encouraged with program mentors who are nationally funded sleep scientists. Typically, the forum occurs in person over several days;

however, has been moved to remote meetings secondary to the pandemic. Travel expenses to SLEEP 2021 in Seattle, WA was included in the reward; however, this meeting will be held virtually.



UNMC Impact in Education for Visionary Leadership in Education Award

Teresa Hultquist, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, NE-BC, is the recipient of the 2020-21 UNMC Impact in Education for Visionary Leadership in Education Award. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the ability to skillfully establish or administer an educational initiative or role at UNMC or a national organization.



JAANP Accepted Manuscript for Publication

Nancy Waltman, PhD, RN, APRN-NP and **Kevin A. Kupzyk**, PhD had their manuscript accepted by JAANP entitled Bone-Loading Exercises versus Risedronate for the Prevention of Osteoporosis in Postmenopausal Women with Low Bone Mass. It is published so far only at the JAANP online website, but is scheduled for publishing in the monthly journal. Drs. Waltman and Kupzyk will be conducting a presentation to CENTRIC on their paper in March.



Secondary Analysis of YFAS 2.0 ... Published

Koehler, A., Aguirre, T., Schulte, E., Bowman, R., Struwe, L. Secondary analysis of YFAS 2.0 symptom counts, impairment/distress, and food addiction severity in adults with overweight/obesity. *Eating and Weight Disorders - Studies on Anorexia, Bulimia and Obesity* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40519-020-01077-1>



2021 Infusion Nurses Society (INS) Infusion Therapy Standards of Care (8th edition) Published



The 2021 Infusion Nurses Society (INS) Infusion Therapy Standards of Care (8th edition) were published in January 2021. **Barbara Nickel**, MSN, RN, APRN-CNS, CCRN, CRNI served on the 9-member international team that revised the standards for this edition. She also presented at the INS Standards Committee national webinar for reviewing the standards. The webinar was held February 18 and 19.

Grant Funding



Cathrin Carithers, DNP, RN
Received funding through United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Titled: *Educating Nurses to Practice at the Top of their Scope in Telehealth Care Delivery*



Beth Culross, PhD, RN, GCNS-BC
Received funding through the Foundation for Academic Nursing
Titled: *Immersive Virtual Reality for COVID-19 Primary Care Nursing*



Margaret Emerson, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC
Received funding through the Great Plains IDeA-CTR Team Development Pilot grant
Titled: *Trauma Informed App for Integrated Underserved Primary Care Patients*



Marcia Shade, PhD, RN
Received funding through the Great Plains IDeA-CTR Team Development Pilot grant
Titled: *The Loneliness Epidemic: Tailoring Interventions to Reduce Loneliness and Pain in Aging Adults Through Voice Assistants*

Grant Submissions (January 2021—February 2021)



Beth Beam, PhD, RN
Submitted a National Strategic Research Institute IRAD application
Titled: *Pilot Testing A Videoconference-based Filtering Facepiece Respirator (N95) Training Program: Training Retention and the Impact of Spaced Repetition_Phase 1*



Cathrin Carithers, DNP, RN
Submitted a HRSA grant application
Titled: *Ensuring Workforce Diversity Program: Nebraska Border to Border Nursing Network*

Grant Submissions (cont.)



Robin Lally, PhD, MS, BA, RN, AOCN, FAAN
Submitted a Johnson & Johnson application
Titled: *Nurses Innovate Quick-fire Challenge on Mental Health*



Tiffany Moore, PhD, RN
Submitted an NU Collaboration application
Titled: *Maternal/Infant Microbiome in Rural Populations*

Subaward Submissions



Trina Aguirre, PhD, RN
Submitted a Subaward with UNL to NIH
Titled: *Project AIM: Developing an Adaption and Implementation Model for Evidence-based Childhood Obesity Prevention Programs to Online Environments*



Leeza Struwe, PhD, MSN, RN
Submitted a Subaward with UNK to NIH
Titled: *Fighting Dementia: Clinical Translation Effects of Learning a New Language*

NEW EMPLOYEES

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Welcome to the UNMC College of Nursing team!

CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION PROVIDED BY UNMC CON CNE

FREE WEBINARS – All you need is Internet and a mobile device!

Pain and Substance Use Disorder ECHO Webinar Series

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from noon to 1:15 pm (Central)
1.0 contact hour/credit AMA/ANCC/LADC

NETEC COVID-19 Webinar Series

Webinars are recorded and posted as online modules for credit
1.0 contact hour/credit AMA/ANCC
<https://netec.org/education-and-training/>

Coming Home to Primary Care: Pediatric Integrated Behavioral Health Webinar Series

Last Friday of each month January through June 2021 from noon to 1:00 pm (Central)
1.0 contact hour/credit AMA/ANCC/APA
<https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-mhttc/coming-home-primary-pediatric-integrated-behavioral-health>

2021 BHECN Webinar Series: Core Topics for Behavioral Health Providers

FREE webinars running January 25—March 22, 2021 from noon to 1:00 pm (Central)
1.0 contact hour/credit ANCC/ASWB ACE/APA
[BHECN Webinar Series: Core Topics for Behavioral Health Providers | BHECN | University of Nebraska Medical Center \(unmc.edu\)](#)
Each webinar will be recorded and posted as enduring modules for credit starting in April

LIVE ACTIVITIES

2nd Annual Pursuit to Excellence: Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Management—Virtual

Friday, April 16, 2021 8:00 am—4:30 p.m.
6.0 ANCC contact hours \$85.00
Register now: www.unmc.edu/cne/education/wound2021

Pan Pacific Lymphoma Conference—Hybrid

Monday, August 9—Friday, August 13, 2021 Big Island, Hawaii
Up to 29.75 contact hours/credit AMA/ANCC/ACPE
In-person: \$350 before May 14, 2021 \$450 after May 14, 2021
Web stream: \$300 before May 14, 2021 \$400 after May 14, 2021
Register now: [2021 Pan Pacific Lymphoma Conference | Center for Continuing Education Home | University of Nebraska Medical Center \(unmc.edu\)](#)

UPCOMING VIRTUAL CONFERENCES—Save the Date!

July 13—16, 2021	11th Annual Agricultural Health and Safety Course— Virtual
July 15—16, 2021	26th Annual Pharmacological Conference for Advanced Practice Providers— Virtual
August 25, 2021	Breastfeeding: Baby's Natural Choice— Virtual
October 1, 2021	4th Annual APP Conference
October 8, 2021	Women's Health and Wellness Conference

ONLINE MODULES

Opioid Use Disorder Training Modules

“How to Implement Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in a Clinical Setting”

“Assessment and Initiation of Treatment for OUD”

Enduring Modules November 22, 2020—November 21, 2021 FREE
[Opioid Use Disorder Training Modules | Family Medicine | University of Nebraska Medical Center \(unmc.edu\)](#)

Expert Insights: Nursing Perspectives on the Increasing Role of PARP Inhibitors for Ovarian Cancer

Enduring Module November 18, 2020—November 18, 2021 0.3 contact hours FREE
[Expert Insights: Nursing Perspectives on the Increasing Role of PARP Inhibitors for Ovarian Cancer \(rievent.com\)](#)

Omaha Women's Health and Wellness Conference

“Pouring From an Empty Cup: Prioritizing Self-care While Caring for Others”

Enduring Modules November 9, 2020—November 8, 2021 5.0 contact hours \$30.00
[23rd Annual Omaha Women's Health & Wellness Conference Enduring Modules \(unmc.edu\)](#)

CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION PROVIDED BY UNMC CON CNE

NEW ONLINE MODULES—continued

Wound Treatment Associate Program

Online 12-week course plus Simulation Day New cohorts starting quarterly
32.25 contact hours \$1,000
<https://app1.unmc.edu/cne/19WTA007/index.cfm>

25th Annual Pharmacological Conference for Advanced Practice Providers

Pharmacological Management of Clients across the Lifespan

Enduring Module Topics:
Pain Management and the PDMP 3.0 contact hours/3.0 pharm content
Hot Topics 3.0 contact hours/3.0 pharm content
Infectious Diseases 3.0 contact hours/3.0 pharm content
Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Management 3.0 contact hours/3.0 pharm content
August 12, 2020—August 11, 2021 \$60.00 per module
<https://app1.unmc.edu/cne/20CE005e/registration.cfm>

NETEC COVID-19 Webinar Series

Online Modules Added Weekly 1.0 contact hour per module FREE
<https://netec.org/education-and-training/>

Infection Preventionist Specialized Training (IPCO) Version 2

Online Training Course 25.0 contact hours \$650.00
<https://educate.ahcancal.org/p/ipcov2>

Core Topics for Behavioral Health Providers

9 Enduring Modules Available 1.0 contact hour per module FREE
<https://www.unmc.edu/cne/education/online-activities/index.htm>

For additional information on upcoming live programs, webinars or online modules, please visit:
www.unmc.edu/cne

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RN HUDDLE

“Quality CE leads to Quality Care”

CNE Mission

To create engaging continuing nursing and team-based educational products in Nebraska and around the globe using state-of-the-art technologies and innovative educational modalities to improve patient outcomes.

CNE Vision

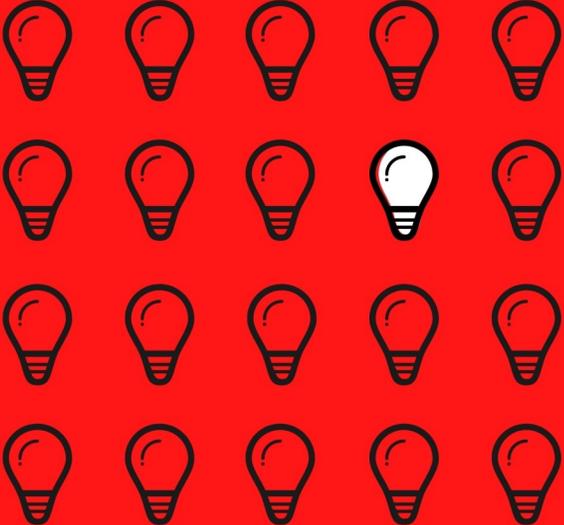
To be the world-wide leaders in integrated professional development that equips every nurse to provide person-centered care and practice at the top of his/her scope and excel at all levels of leadership within the healthcare team.



UNMC CON Continuing Nursing Education opportunities are springing up all around us!!

GENERAL STAFF ORGANIZATION (GSO)

IT'S BACK!!!! Innovation Day: Thursday, March 18, 2021



INNOVATION DAY
Everything begins with an idea

March 18, 2021
10:00am-3:30pm

Presented by UNMC College of Nursing GSO

Two years ago the College of Nursing staff set aside an entire day to “innovate”. There were multiple ideas presented and solutions created throughout the day: new security measures in Kearney, automatic meeting recordings in Echo, an iWall recruitment presentation, organization of surplus supplies, campus 360 photo tours, and more. Even as the day came to a close, new ideas for innovation were being discussed. Innovation Day built bridges, gave staff an opportunity to explore ideas, and gave the College of Nursing *real* solutions. It was decided then that Innovation Day needed to continue, at least on an annual basis, if not more frequently.

Unfortunately last Spring the pandemic hit and with the whirlwind of changes that came with it, it was necessary to cancel Innovation Day 2020.

But now we are bringing it back. The next “organized” Innovation Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021. Watch your emails for further information.

TEAMWORK:

coming together is a *Beginning*.
keeping together is *Progress*.
working together is *Success*.
-Henry Ford-

STUDENT JOB FAIR

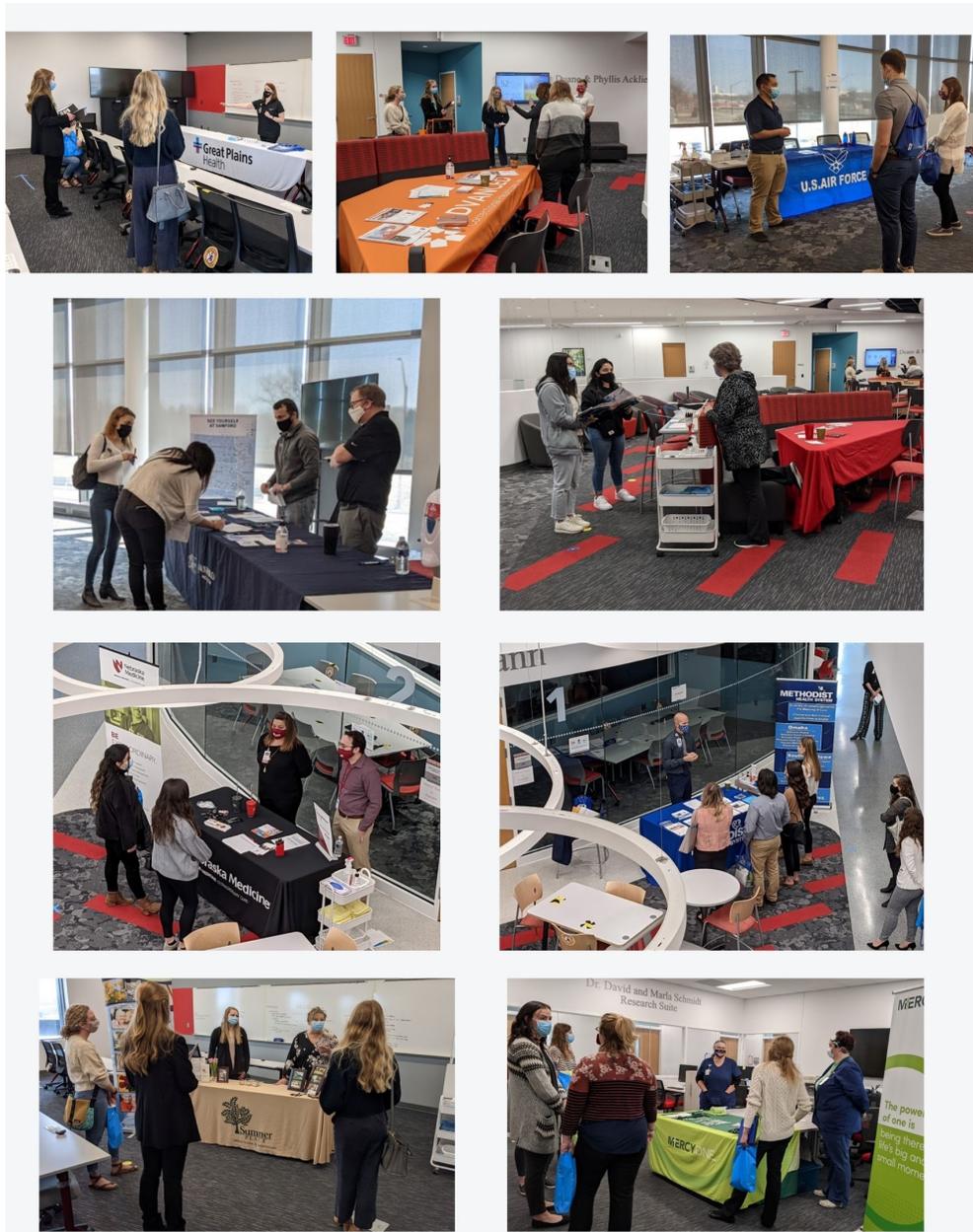
Saturday, March 6th the UNMC College of Nursing, Omaha and Lincoln divisions, in conjunction with Student Nurses Association, sponsored this year’s Job Fair. Faculty SNA advisors involved in this event planning include Jami Fulwider, Peggy Pelish, and Kelly Buchanan.

Over 80 Omaha and Lincoln undergraduate traditional and accelerated students attended this event. Students received information on job opportunities, summer internships and scholarship information. This year’s fair was hosted in Lincoln at the CON building. Sixteen vendors attended the event: CHI Health, Immanuel, Bryan Health, Madonna Rehabilitation, Craig Home Care, Nebraska Medicine, Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center, Methodist, UNMC CON Graduate Studies, Sanford Health, Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, Air Force Health Professions, Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Sumner Place Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Great Plains Health, and Mercy One Oakland Medical Center and Clinics.

The Job Fair was unique this year as many additional COVID safety measures were taken. Vendors were spread out in 16 different areas over 3 floors. Areas utilized were 6 classrooms, 2 labs, the Research Suite, and lobby areas. Students rotated through the building in a specific one-way path to reach all vendors. Students had designated spots to stand at each vendor location and masks were required. Students signed up for specific attendance times and group size was limited to five students. Many student volunteers helped make this an incredibly successful event. Nearly all the vendors expressed gratitude for being able to reach our students in person. Vendors stated previous Zoom job fairs have had poor attendance this past year. Students stated the event was extremely helpful for future career planning.

Event photos on next page.

2021 Lincoln/Omaha SNA Job Fair Event Photos



Nebraska Student Nurses Association Annual Convention February 6, 2021

West Nebraska Division Student Nurses Association members were recipients of several awards at the Nebraska State Student Nurses Association annual convention held February 6, 2021.

WND students took home the Most Unique Community Health Award for assisting with COVID screening and testing, and the Community Health Award for assisting with the Monument Marathon.



Ervin vonSeggern, December 2020 Accelerated BSN graduate was named as the Nebraska State Student Nurse of the Year and he was also the recipient of the Individual Community Health Award.

Mr. vonSeggern had heard of the Covid Connect Tech company who is a nonprofit that donates tablets to hospitals for their patients to video chat with their families during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. He contacted them about a local hospital where he was completing clinical hours where he had noticed the hospital did not have many ways to have family connect while in the hospital.

Through a lengthy application process, Mr. vonSeggern arranged the donation of 15 tablets to the hospital in early December 2020. He is grateful to his instructor, Amber Fulk, WND Accelerated BSN Program Instructor for her expertise, supervision, and encouragement in this process.

UNMC Administrative Professionals

The UNMC Administrative Professional Day Committee is currently offering its first 4-session series with the focus on GRIT (Growth, Resilience, Inspiration & Tenacity) for the administrative professionals at UNMC and UNO. Two sessions have already been presented with an impressive turnout. There's still time to attend the remaining sessions of Inspiration and Tenacity (which is a longer presentation occurring on Administrative Professional's Day). If you are unable to attend, all sessions are being recorded and can be accessed after the session on Bridge. If you have any questions, please contact committee members, Giovanni Jones, Amelia Stoltman, or Gwen Porter. Bridge: <https://nebraska.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/4196a8b3/enroll>

growth

the process of developing or maturing physically, mentally or spiritually

resilience

the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties

inspiration

the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative

tenacity

the quality or fact of being determined

Join us for our virtual presentations prior to and on
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Growth Dr. Phil Covington

Tuesday, January 26th 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Resilience Dr. Tara Rye

Tuesday, February 23rd 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Inspiration Perris Scott

Tuesday, March 23rd Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Tenacity Aileen Warren

Wednesday, April 21st

THEN...

Join us to celebrate
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Wednesday,
April 21, 2021 via Zoom
10:00 a.m. — Noon
Keynote Speaker: Aileen Warren

You must sign up for each individual session in Bridge.

<https://nebraska.bridgeapp.com/learner/training/4196a8b3/enroll>

Attending these sessions provides an opportunity for you to grow, know, and win prizes!

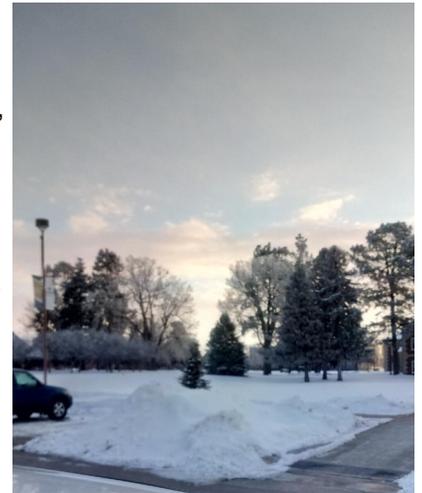
FIVE CAMPUSES SHARING ONE MISSION

KEARNEY

Winter brought 24 inches of snow to the Kearney Division. Even though Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd, the Kearney Division faculty, staff, and students are ready for spring!



In preparation for the spring semester, the COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity for faculty and students to learn about and participate in “fit-testing” to maintain the highest safety standards for faculty and students in the clinical setting. Dr. Beth Beam and the Healthcare and Emergency Responder Organization Education through Simulation (HEROES) program collaborated with Dr. Chandran Achutan, College of Public Health to develop fit testing education and training for College of Nursing faculty. Dr. Kate Fiandt, UNMC College of Nursing Associate Dean for Transformational Practice and Partnerships performed medical reviews



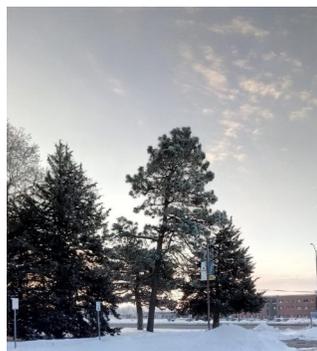
for fit testing of many CON students and Max Kuentling, Research Program and Communications Manager, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research developed the REDCap electronic database for fit testing documentation. The “train the trainer” model was used to prepare the Kearney Division Fit Testing Faculty Team to plan and implement fit testing for faculty and students scheduled to be in the clinical setting during the spring semester. This was truly a herculean interprofessional effort that proved to be an invaluable learning experience for our students.

The Kearney Division teamed with Two Rivers Public Health Department in February to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to students, faculty, and staff at the Health Science Education Complex. The College of Nursing and College of Allied Health Professions Kearney Division staff collaborated to plan and implement the dual events which were executed without a hitch and received high praise from all involved. Kearney nursing student Sara Hinds receives her COVID-19 vaccination during the recent clinic.



The Kearney Division Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) is holding its annual career fair virtually this year on March 11th and 12th. This will be their first “virtual” fair. With the fair being offered virtually, the SNA has added an additional afternoon as an option to provide students multiple opportunities to attend. Douglass Haas serves as the Faculty Advisor for the Kearney Division SNA. We are fortunate to have faculty, including Douglass who have embraced technology and are able to support virtual events to enable physical distancing!

Kearney Division students, faculty, and staff are looking forward to graduation in May. We are proud of the resilience demonstrated by the faculty, staff, and students during this academic year. We celebrate the new cohort of nurses who will join the nursing workforce to meet the healthcare needs of Nebraskans and beyond!



LINCOLN DIVISION

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, UNL has been continuously working to effectively plan for, react to and mitigate its impact to our university community. They have employed multiple approaches to testing for COVID-19. To create the safest possible environment for in-person classes and activities in the Spring Semester on the UNL campus, they chose to use a minimally invasive, saliva-based testing for COVID-19, and paired it with a new app called *Safer Community*. The Lincoln Division College of Nursing faculty, staff, and students were required to comply with this testing which began in January and required three tests, two weeks between each one. Due to the university community's success in diminishing the spread of COVID-19, they transitioned to random mitigation testing mid-February.

Tess McKinney is shown here providing a saliva test to remain compliant.



SAFER COMMUNITY



Stay Healthy

MOST RECENT EVENT

March 08, 2021

COVID-19 PCR

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

[View Health History](#)

NEXT STEP

March 16, 2021

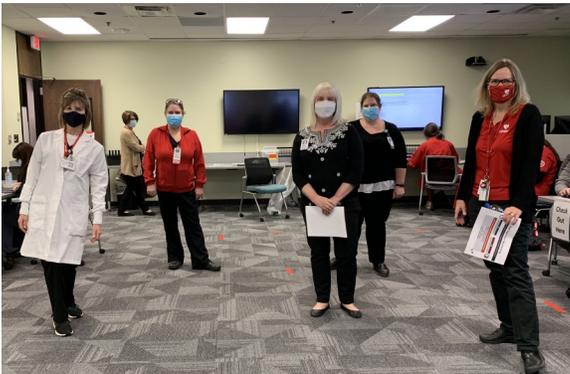
Continue to Practice Safety Measures

Recommended by Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Health

Your app will turn Orange/Building Access Denied if you do not have a negative saliva test result on file by Tuesday, Mar 16. To remain compliant, ensure you schedule an appointment at least 24 hours prior to this deadline.

Testing is not a substitute for good hygiene practices. Continue to wear a face mask, keep at least 6 feet of physical distance from others, wash your hands, avoid large gatherings, and self-monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19.

If you develop symptoms, seek a nasal swab test and stay home until you receive results. Consult a medical provider as needed. Free testing for symptomatic individuals is available on the UNL campus
<https://covid19.unl.edu/demand-nasal-based-testing>.



The Lincoln Division CON faculty, staff, and students partnered with Nebraska Medicine University Health Center to provide four COVID-19 vaccination clinics—two at College of Dentistry and two at College of Nursing. Pictured L-R: Rita Antonson, Myra Schmaderer, Kathy Thompson, Wendy McKeighan, Diane McMurray, Heidi Gubanyi



Lincoln Division Semester 4 students participated in a 4-room simulation experience covering labor and delivery, shoulder dystocia, postpartum hemorrhage, preeclampsia, and HELLP syndrome. Students worked in groups of 2-3, rotating through each simulation room, to care for each patient while using their critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills. This experience included an escape room in which students were given 45 minutes to identify and solve clues regarding postpartum hemorrhage nursing care and interventions. This simulation experience was developed by Dawn Tassemeier, MSN, APRN, FNP-C. Lincoln LRC staff, Tia Stevenson and Amanda Filipi assisted with each simulation day.



NORTHERN DIVISION



The Northern Division College of Nursing students have been invited to assist the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department with administering COVID-19 vaccinations. Several students have volunteered for this opportunity which includes vaccination clinics held in February and March.

OMAHA DIVISION

Remembering Jill Thewke — It's Never Easy to Say Goodbye!



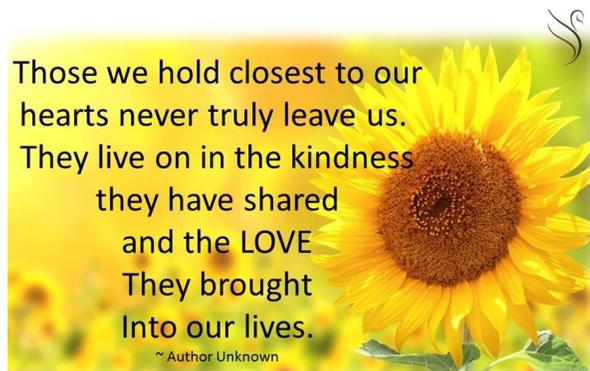
Goodbyes hurt the most when the stories are not finished. Jill Thewke, who left us on January 15, 2021 had a story that was not finished. She was a daughter, a sister, an aunt, a friend, and a coworker—with so much yet to give. A memorial tribute was held by the College of Nursing honoring her memory on February 18. There were over 120 people who attended via zoom including her brothers, Doug, Craig and Ray; her sisters-in-law Cassandra and Shareen; and her nephew Landon. Two former deans attended, Rosalee Yeaworth and Virginia Tilden; as well as seven emeritus faculty.

Jill had a love of gardening, reading, socializing with family and friends, and traveling. Julie Sebastian said that “Jill lived her life with care and concern for others, a ready wit, keen insight, and exemplary knowledge of her work.” Cara Mouw commented that “she is one of the strongest and smartest persons I have ever known”, and Lisa Muschall said that “she was the most gracious and patient mentor.”

Jill started at the College of Nursing on November 4, 1991 as a Staff Assistant in the Dean's Office and ended her term as an Administrator II. She was the budget “go to” person and anyone who needed advice about their appointment contract, development account, or any budget related item could always count on Jill to explain things in such a way that made it easy to understand.

Jill could connect with anyone and showed a genuine interest in each life that she touched. All of us who knew her will keep her memory alive by continuing the stories we loved to tell about Jill.

Submitted by LaDonna Tworek



WEST NEBRASKA DIVISION

WND Accelerated Students Recognized at the Nightingale White Coat Ceremony on January 30, 2021



WND Students Assist with COVID-19 Vaccinations

February 11, 2021—a day when the best place for anyone to be was at home enjoying the comfort of a soft fleece blanket, a good book, and the warmth of a fireplace. Nursing Instructor Melissa Snyder, MSN, RN and 2nd year students, along with area nurses and other volunteers braved wind chill temps of –20 to assist with a local drive-through COVID vaccination clinic. Each student was paired with a nurse and rotated through several stations including a welcome station, offering instruction as vehicles came to a stop; the scribe station, verifying all biographical information was correct and noting in which arm the vaccination would be given; and finally, students had the opportunity to administer vaccinations. Seven hundred (700) people were vaccinated at this clinic. Ms. Snyder brought students together to assist with the clinic in coordination with their schedules as well as supervising on site. Many volunteers cut the sting of the cold by dressing in layers and wearing hats and gloves. Of course, plenty of hot chocolate was available to warm the soul!



WND Students Participate in Interprofessional Education Day

WND students joined other UNMC schools across the campuses to participate in interprofessional Education Day via Zoom. First year students were divided into groups and, their assignment was to develop and share their code of professional ethics. The assignment for second year students was to develop a profession specific care plan for a complex older adult patient and then develop an interprofessional care plan using the SBAR tool.

Nursing Instructor, Wendy Wells, MSN, RN coordinated and facilitated the educational activities for the WND campus. She stated that she was pleased that students had the opportunity this year to collaborate with students enrolled in other UNMC health professions schools. Students were engaged and appreciated the time they had to work together!

Chadron State College RHOP Students Visit WND

Student Services Coordinator, Maegen Graham coordinated a RHOP visit with Kristal Kuhnel, Director of Health Professions for Chadron State College. Kelly Stratman, Academic Success Coach, also assisted with the event. The students from Chadron State College RHOP program visited the Scottsbluff campus on Thursday, March 25. Dr. Kelly Betts, Asst. Dean, opened with a welcome and introductions. We had a wonderful presentation on NP-AHEC services, scholar program and shadowing opportunities. AHEC raffled off a stethoscope and a pair of shears. Jerry Schledewitz, LRC Technologist, introduced the students to the iWall and zSpace; followed with students having the opportunity to experiment with both. The current UNMC RHOP students held a Q&A session over lunch allowing the RHOP students to ask any questions of the UNMC students pertaining to a variety of topics. This was very informational and helpful to the students. Later in the day, the RHOP students joined the UNMC students for the HEROES training; participating in six different health and emergency preparedness rotations. This was a great hands-on learning experience for the students and provided for an all-around successful and fun day!



RHOP Students

WEST NEBRASKA DIVISION (cont.)

HEROES Team Visits WND

WND 2nd year students and Chadron State College RHOP students participated in HEROES training activities on February 25th. Students rotated through six stations facilitated by WND faculty and the HEROES team:

- ◆ Transport of a highly infectious patient—ISO-POD — Wendy Wells
- ◆ Medsled, splinting and blanket carry — Ashley Satur
- ◆ Intraosseous Access EZ-IO — Dana Samson
- ◆ Mock triage — Student Leader
- ◆ Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) — Kim Hayes
- ◆ High level PPE for Ebola virus disease — Stephen Smith



Intraosseous Access

Blanket Carry



ISO-POD



Powered Air Purifying Respirators – PAPRs
Kim Hayes demonstrates



Mock Triage

High Level PPE for Ebola virus Disease
Stephen Smith demonstrates.

Wendy Wells coordinated the event with the HEROES team. She is extremely to announce that the HEROES Team donated the ISO-POD and a wall mount Stop the Bleed kit to the WND campus! A huge thank you to Stephen Smith and Kim Hayes from everyone at the WND!

Comments shared by the students:

- ◆ I enjoyed everything overall, hands on experience is the best teacher.
- ◆ This entire experience was very educational.
- ◆ I was glad that we were able to do a lot of hands-on.
- ◆ All of it was excellent.
- ◆ I liked the ISO-POD—good info to have.
- ◆ I thought the bone IVs were the most interesting.
- ◆ The PPE was good, especially now w/CO.

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Latina Red Dress Event



Dr. Trina Aguirre

The Latina Red Dress Event, cardiovascular health affair targeting Latinas, was held February 27th as part of Dr. Trina Aguirre's UNMC faculty diversity grant. The event was organized by Dr. Aguirre, Ann Koehler, and partners in the Latino community. Attendees received free health screenings by traditional and accelerated WND students and community health services providers. The event also included vendor booths, a heart healthy dinner, music, performances by the Los Guadalupanos Dancers, a fashion show featuring models who have made healthy lifestyle choices to combat heart disease and diabetes, and two presentations.



Ann Koehler



Dr. Maria Cantu Hines

The cardiovascular health education presentation was given by Dr. Marie Cantu Hines, a Disease Investigator with the Nebraska Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity both under the Department of Health and Human Services. Her presentation was titled, "Latino Women Take Care of their Hearts."

The motivational presentation, "The Mountains and Valleys of a New Journey," was given by Mayra Heeman. She shared her heart health journey. In September 2018, Ms. Heeman suffered an acute heart attack, followed by a quintuple bypass performed on November 1, 2018. After six months of recovery and two years later, she is well and prospering with her repaired heart.



Mayra Heeman



Los Guadalupanos Dancers



WND student Jessica Blakeley performs a blood glucose screening.

Laughter
is an
instant
vacation. 😊
- Milton Berle

The next CON newsletter will include UNMC College of Nursing annual award information. It will be sent out late May 2021. Please send any newsletter articles to me between now and May 10, 2021 to be included in the next newsletter.