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Dear Team,

Lots of kudos for our faculty, staff and students this month!

During the Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN) conference late last month, Professor Grimm was awarded the PHAN Service Award, Ms. Mariah Morgan was awarded the PHAN Outstanding Student Award and Mr. Moses New Aaron and Ms. Jessica Semin received two of the five posters awards that were presented!

Congratulations to Ms. Tonya Ngotel who participated in the study Safely Transporting Hazardous Liquids and Gases in a Changing U.S. Energy Landscape that was published by The National Academies of Sciences. Tonya was a member of the Committee for a Study of Domestic Transportation of Petroleum, Natural Gas, and Ethanol.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual United Way campaign. We kept our 100% participation streak going and will have a gathering in the near future to celebrate. A special thanks to Ms. Analisa McMillan who was once again the College's campus champion.

And, I can't forget that the Great Plains Leadership Institute graduated 12 scholars in their year 12 graduation ceremony. Ms. Katie Brandert has been at the helm of the Institute that is welcoming another cohort of 26 scholars, which is very exciting!

Ms. Athena Ramos got some press in the October 13, 2017, Midlands Business Journal. In an article titled Programs help communities gain better access to healthy food, she did an awesome job representing the College and the City Sprouts Program, specifically City Sprouts South. Well done, Athena!

I was honored to have our College host the inauguration of Binational Health Week this month. Mexican and Hispanic heritage has enriched our culture before we were a United States, and it continues to do so today. Our growing Latino population faces unique challenges when it comes to health care and public health. These events, and our work in the community, aims to change that.

I'm sure that a highlight for all of us this month was hosting the Drs. Warren L. and Gretchen G. Berggren Lectureship Series. Drs. Gretchen Berrgren, David Newberry, Don Krogstad and Carol Swarts were extremely kind to devote two full days teaching our faculty, staff and students in lectures, panels and informal sessions. This is all made possible by the generosity of this endowed lectureship through a gift from Dr. Carol Swarts. We are truly honored to have such



Global Health legends in our midst! For all interested students, we have the Suzanne and Ward Chambers Global Health Fellowship so you, too, can get global health experience this summer.

These global activities are a reminder to all of our students that Prof. and Mrs. Chambers have generously granted scholarship for students, especially those with no international experience, to do a project abroad this summer. Please follow up with Prof Goedert or Dean Meza for details.

A reminder to everyone to get their flu shot. There are still several clinics available here on campus in the next several weeks. You can even answer some questions ahead of time to speed up the process. Go to Quicklinks and select “Flu Vaccinations” for more information. Do what you can to help keep yourselves and others healthy during flu season.

Always listening,
Ask

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