

May 31, 2018

Dear Team,

May is always such an exciting month. We continue the tradition of Convocation, a time to celebrate and honor our College's graduates. For those who missed it, this was the first Convocation that I got to use a Jedi Lightsaber! Congratulations to all of our graduates and to all of our students, alumni, faculty, and community partner who [received awards](#) during this important celebration. Be sure to check out all the [great photos](#) captured. A special thanks to our Academic and Student Services team for making this another fantastic event.

Thank you to our outgoing 2017-2018 Student Association officers, Emma Schultz (President), Sachi Verma (Vice President), Bedant Chakraborty (Treasurer), and Alisha Aggarwal (Secretary) and Student Senate representatives Tanner Clark and Michael Sauter. Your hard work and dedication never goes without notice and is so appreciated, especially considering you balanced these positions with your studies. Congratulations to our incoming 2018-2019 officers Alisa Aggarwal (President), Balkissa Ouattara (Vice President), Jessica Wiens (Secretary), Treasurer (Bedant Chakraborty) and representatives Issaka Kabore, Jessica Wiens, and Orphee Tamba. I look forward to seeing what you have in store for the College this coming year!

Congratulations to those newly elected to faculty leadership positions in the College: Dr. Chandran Achutan (Chair, Governing Faculty), Dr. Evi Farazi (Chair, Curriculum Committee), Dr. Aaron Yoder (Chair, Research & Development Committee), and Dr. David Dzewaltowski (Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee). A big thank you to Dr. Nizar Wehbi, Dr. Chandran Achutan, Dr. Tricia LeVan, and Dr. Gleb Haynatzki for their past several years' service in these positions.

Congratulations to Dr. Wael ElReyes who has been appointed Fulbright Scholar Liaison at UNMC. Wael will work with a network across the U.S. who play an important role in the US Department of State's [Fulbright Scholar Program](#). The value of this appointment is large in scope as it aims to increase the mutual understanding between people in the U.S. and other countries. This appointment also supports our global health collaborations and opportunities, providing exchange programs and awards for faculty to perform research and teach internationally.



A warm welcome to Ms. Sara Norgelas. Sara is new to the Department of Health Promotion working as a Community Population Health Research Program Coordinator with Dr. Dzewaltowski.

UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has developed an undergraduate scholarship program to develop the next generation of agricultural leaders in Rwanda. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) recently conducted agriculture safety training for these students in a broad range of topics from hearing protection to tractor safety.

Summer's lull will give us opportunities to catch up on research, grant writing, and new courses for the upcoming semester, in between some fun in the sun. Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!

Always listening,

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