At UNMC, we will always look to the future. It is in everything that we do. It is with this driving sentiment that I will enter a new role, as chancellor emeritus, in order to lead fundraising for our new cancer center campus.

I have loved my tenure as UNMC’s chancellor. That said, this new endeavor also is a great fit for my wife Beverly and me.

People often remark how much the campus of the medical center has changed in recent years. And as I prepare to start a new chapter, I, too, find myself reflective upon this growth.

I am proud to have been a builder. I am an infrastructure guy. Infrastructure is important. Infrastructure lasts, and infrastructure changes behaviors. As chancellor, my philosophy was to let our deans build our programs, and I would build the infrastructure.

It all starts with facilities. Our goal at the medical center is to be world-class. In order to be world-class, you have to provide outstanding research, which fuels education and patient care. Increasingly, our outstanding facilities have allowed us to grow in ways we otherwise might not have dreamed.

How have we sustained such growth? Success breeds success.

You start with one building, and then another, and then you get a Chuck Durham on board. Having Chuck behind our projects was a “game changer.” He not only believed in our future, few worked as passionately to help make it come true. His becoming our champion was transformational for UNMC. Once Chuck was behind us, others followed.

Now, in addition to incredibly generous private donations, our new cancer center campus has received unprecedented support from the state of Nebraska, thanks in part to the effort of Gov. Dave Heineman and our Legislature. Several other Nebraska municipalities and government agencies also have stepped forward to contribute to the construction of the cancer center, as are our medical center employees.

Time and again, the people of Nebraska have made a strong declaration that becoming a world leader in cancer care and research is something that is important to this state.

Success will continue to breed success.

If you walk through this campus you hear a certain hum. And that’s everybody working together to build a future.

Though our job titles will change, Beverly and I will continue to walk with and work with you. And we will continue to look to the future. At the University of Nebraska Medical Center, it is in everything that we do.

Harold M. Maurer, M.D.
UNMC Chancellor

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To Gail Walling, M.D., it was about ideas. Always, ideas. Harold M. Maurer, M.D., now stepping into a new role after having served as UNMC’s chancellor since 1998, is driven by ideas. And he drives them. He drives them relentlessly, until they come to fruition. You can see evidence of this everywhere on UNMC’s campus.

Under Dr. Maurer’s leadership, ideas have become new buildings, world-class facilities. Ideas have eventually taken the form of great faculty — researchers and teachers. They’ve been the juice that enticed movers and shakers to jump aboard the UNMC bandwagon, to breathtaking results. And ideas have borne fruit in breakthroughs. What Dr. Maurer likes to call Breakthroughs for Life.

Ideas: If they’re Dr. Maurer’s he shares them, Dr. Walling said. And if they’re yours, he shares them. They may as well have been his.

She realized this the first time they met. Dr. Walling was president of the College of Medicine Alumni Association, and the alums had come up with an idea, a wonderful idea. This is the idea that would eventually become one of UNMC’s great traditions — the White Coat Ceremony.

When the idea was presented to Dr. Maurer, who was then dean of the college, he recognized its brilliance immediately. He’d
already been thinking about doing something along those lines, and this was perfect. But it had to come from the dean’s office. It just had to.

Some of the alums were upset by this — this was their baby, after all. It had been their idea.

But Dr. Walling wasn’t worried: “I said, ‘Let me go and visit with him. I don’t think there’s a problem here.’”

They met. “We had a delightful conversation about what a great idea the White Coat Ceremony was,” Dr. Walling said. In the spirit of collaboration, they moved forward, and today you see the end result. “It has become a great tradition,” Dr. Walling said.

That meeting also sparked one of UNMC’s great partnerships, between Dr. Maurer and the Yanneys — Dr. Walling and her husband, businessman and philanthropist Michael Yanney.

Around the time Dr. Maurer was to become chancellor, Dr. Walling said, she suggested to him that the best thing he could do going forward would be to cultivate a “kitchen cabinet” of prominent Omaha businessmen.

“Within a matter of two weeks,” Dr. Walling said, “it was done.”

It hadn’t mattered whose idea it was. Dr. Maurer was driven. And once again, he was driving.

### IT’S ABOUT GOALS

The goal, said Jennifer Larsen, M.D., vice chancellor for research. With Dr. Maurer, it’s always about the goal.

“One of the most important things I learned from Dr. Maurer is that you have to set a goal to reach it,” Dr. Larsen said. “And when it is time to set a goal, Dr. Maurer always encourages us to set the goal high. Even if it seems out of reach to some, you are more likely to move the entire organization toward that goal when it is a clear and aspirational goal.”

While researchers usually focus on National Institutes of Health research grants, Dr. Maurer thought more broadly. “As he often reminds me,” Dr. Larsen said, “all money is green.”

So why talk about doubling research funding? “Because without that goal we would still think that $40 million or $50 million a year in research funding was outstanding,” Dr. Larsen said. “Instead, we achieved more than $100 million in research funding one year, and are now stretching toward $200 million in research funding.”

More funding means more research, attracting more scientists, building nationally recognized programs and increasing UNMC’s national ranking. With Dr. Maurer, the goal was always to take UNMC to world-class status.

### IT’S ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships, said Jialin Zheng, M.D., associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. It’s about relationships.

Dr. Maurer always said that a world-class institution needs world-class partners. And partnership is relationship-based.

Dr. Zheng soon realized that as one of UNMC’s point people in China, it was his job to build bridges that could reach across oceans, one handshake at a time.

That’s how the boss did it. “He and Mrs. (Beverly) Maurer have put their time and effort in building a strong relationship and importantly, friendships, with Chinese government leaders, university administrators, faculty members and most importantly, students,” Dr. Zheng said.

Getting to where UNMC is today in China was tough. But with Dr. Maurer, that’s the point. These are true partnerships, not superficial photo-ops. “If it is easy, everyone can do it,” Dr. Zheng said. “These collaborations never come easy. It takes vision. It takes nonstop effort. It takes perseverance.”

And those, like Dr. Zheng, who have since taken leadership positions in the effort, have found Dr. Maurer still following up, still offering ideas. Still stressing the importance of relationships.

UNMC’s partnership with Chinese institutions is “more focused and unique than any other U.S. institutions,” Dr. Zheng said.

It’s because, at UNMC, such partnership, “is not just an idea,” Dr. Zheng said. It is being built with a solid foundation, one handshake at a time. It is being built with relationships.
A commitment to students, said Dave Crouse, Ph.D., who held numerous posts at UNMC, including associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, before retiring last fall. Even an outsider could see it immediately, if you walked in on one of Dr. Maurer’s breakfast meetings with members of the student senate.

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Dr. Maurer’s new role

Dr. Maurer plans to move to a new role with the university. On July 1, he will become a professor in the UNMC Department of Pediatrics and chancellor emeritus. He will devote much of his time to his new position at the University of Nebraska Foundation, spearheading fund raising for the Ambulatory Care Center and Cancer Center Campus, a $370 million project that will include space for cancer research and care, as well as a new multidisciplinary outpatient facility.

“I look forward to dedicating my time completely to fundraising for the new facilities, which will truly transform UNMC,” Dr. Maurer said.
The saying goes, ‘A rising tide lifts all boats.’ So it is with UNMC’s upcoming new cancer center campus.

How will the new cancer center affect cancer care across the state?

Vincent Bjorling, M.D., is in Scottsbluff, Neb., which means many of his patients choose to travel to Denver when seeking big-city medical facilities, rather than look east. It makes sense. Omaha is about 450 miles away.

But as Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., likes to say, “UNMC’s campus is 500 miles wide.”

To Dr. Bjorling, it doesn’t matter that Denver is closer. “We’ve obviously been big fans of the university for a long time,” he said. If you’re in Nebraska, you have a relationship with UNMC.

He’s counting on that relationship to broaden and deepen after the cancer center is built. “It’s going to be a unique opportunity to engage the research side as well as the clinical side,” Dr. Bjorling said.

“One of the things we’ve been talking to the med center about is the opportunity to expand clinical trials across the state.”

That way, patients in Scottsbluff — and in North Platte, Norfolk, and the like — can take advantage of UNMC breakthroughs without leaving their home hospitals.

That has been happening in Grand Island for the past 18 years, where St. Francis Cancer Center Medical Director Mehmet Sitki Copur, M.D., also is an adjunct professor and clinician at UNMC. In partnership with UNMC’s Eppley Cancer Center, St. Francis Cancer Center boasts a clinical trials participation rate as high as 31 percent (the national rate is between 3 percent and 5 percent, Dr. Copur said).

“The St. Francis cancer program has been successful and has been a national player in the clinical trial and research arena,” Dr. Copur said. “That’s thanks to our longstanding strong connection and research infrastructure ties with UNMC.”

Dr. Copur testified last year before the Nebraska Legislature in support of the new cancer center because he believes it will further benefit his patients — and patients across the state.

“Over the years, the majority of advances for cancer diagnosis and therapy have come through the approaches taken by the NCI-designated cancer centers,” Dr. Copur said. “It’s a great opportunity, and when UNMC expands it allows us to become a Grand Island extension of an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.”

Dr. Bjorling said such a center would benefit his patients, because with UNMC working to establish protocols and clinical trials across the state, Nebraska’s oncologists and patients will be on the same page regardless of location.

Information would flow back and forth, Dr. Bjorling said. And with increased resources at UNMC, the tide rises 450 miles away, as well.

“Any time I’ve ever needed assistance, they’ve been there,” Dr. Bjorling said. “It’s a great relationship that we have.”
Gerald Luckey, M.D., starts each day before dawn and works past dusk. He is a primary care doctor in David City, Neb., on the frontline of U.S. health care.

The shortage of these physicians — including family medicine doctors, internists, pediatricians and gynecologists — is expected to reach nearly 45,000 by 2020, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

New medical school graduates are often lured into specialty practice by the promise of higher pay and shorter hours. Primary care doctors, though, say the opportunity to treat a variety of conditions and become part of a community is worth the trade-off.

Following Dr. Luckey, 67, through what he calls a typical day makes it clear what’s essential in primary care: broad and deep medical knowledge … and a good pair of tennis shoes.

6:19 a.m.: Dr. Luckey picks weeds in front of his two-story house — stethoscope in hand. Earlier, over a slice of toast and coffee, he dialed into the Healthland Network with his iPad to check the vital signs of hospitalized patients. “It helps me get a head start to the day.”

6:29 a.m.: Dr. Luckey hops on his bike for a quick ride to work.

6:36 a.m.: A mile and a half later, he arrives at the Butler County Health Care Center, where he has served the people of rural Nebraska for more than three decades. Inside, Dr. Luckey trades his loafers for tennis shoes, his slacks for scrubs and his tie for a white coat.

6:53 a.m.: In the procedure room, the docket lists two colonoscopies and an upper GI endoscopy. The 1973 alum uses a video-game like controller to view the woman’s intestines; he notes diverticulums in the colon — a weakness in the muscle wall. “She just needs to eat more old-fashioned oatmeal.”

In a town of fewer than 3,000 people, it’s not surprising that Dr. Luckey’s next patient taught his nurse’s teenage son to drive a stick shift and pulled her car out of a ditch last winter. That patient is John Dehner, and it’s his 81st birthday.

8:16 a.m.: The AM radio plays softly as Dr. Luckey performs an upper GI endoscopy on Dehner. A dose of “bubble buster” to clear away saliva reveals an abnormal, corkscrew-like swallow. With the help of his...
team, he nips a piece of esophagus to test for possible Barrett’s esophagus. They’ll know the results tomorrow. In the waiting room, he tells Dehner’s wife of 50-plus years that everything went well. “Now, let’s get John some birthday cake.”

10:27 A.M.: Procedures completed, clinic begins. Dr. Luckey’s first is a two-for-one — Albin and Gladys Shultz. He doesn’t mind. “You get more accurate information.”

Hanging on the wall is a plaque shaped like the State of Nebraska: “2003 Nebraska Family Physician of the Year.” Dr. Luckey also received the 2012 J.G. Elliott Award from UNMC for being an “outstanding physician, leader, educator and innovator in rural medicine practice.”

Unlike many office-based family physicians, Dr. Luckey and his students do hospital rounds, perform surgeries every Wednesday, dabble in obstetrics and gynecology and rotate on-call duties in the emergency room every fifth day. On his “day off” he rounds at the nursing home.

12:02 P.M.: Dr. Luckey helps himself to oven-fried chicken and cranberry salad as he joins a confidential credentialing meeting.

12:46 P.M.: Dr. Luckey sips a Diet Mountain Dew outside the clinic exam rooms then walks by the mailroom, past his overflowing inbox. He’s part of a physician’s group whose members exchange charts for review. He’s also affiliated with several physicians hoping to set up a rural Accountable Care Organization or Health Care Co-op. He spends weekend nights on these projects.


One woman brings in all 10 of her prescription bottles. This is why Dr. Luckey favors the medical home concept, where one physician coordinates all the care. The idea is to keep patient costs down by serving as a one-stop shop. “If we send people away (for their health care), that’s bad for the local economy,” he said. “We want to keep them home. Patients appreciate having their health care delivered in their hometown.”

4:07 P.M.: A patient with a marginally low thyroid level is feeling “pepless.” Dr. Luckey also checks her feet for psoriasis, places her shoes back on and tells her he always wanted to be a shoe salesman.

For the clinic staff, 5 o’clock signals quitting time. Dr. Luckey still has hours of work ahead — check on three patients admitted to the hospital, write a dozen or so prescriptions and finish documentation on today’s patient visits.

About 8 P.M., he heads home for dinner with his wife, but he’s back at the clinic by 9:30 to sign off on more than 35 messages.

11:45 P.M.: He’s home for the night. In less than 7 hours, he’ll pedal back to the clinic to do it all over again.

“It occurs to me that this schedule is not what many people desire,” he said. “It just happens to be what I enjoy.”

Read more about Dr. Luckey’s day. unmc.edu/connect
Ruti Margalit, M.D., is a champion.
Not a champion in the normal sense — rather, she champions students into heroes.
Dr. Margalit, associate professor in UNMC’s College of Public Health, founded and directs the Service Learning Academy (SLA) — a program to help health professions students find the true meaning of service through authentic community engagement.

“It is intended for students to rediscover their commitment to service and grow from these experiences to engage and address community identified needs.”

Students use classroom skills to educate, screen and treat members of several underserved communities. They work with county jail inmates who encounter sexually transmitted diseases, provide health services and education to newly arrived refugees from war zones, aid the homeless, help victims of domestic violence and work to decrease the bone marrow donor deficit among minority populations.

Every year, more than 600 students from the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, and the School of Allied Health Professions at UNMC, along with students from Creighton University’s medical and dental schools, make a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands in the Omaha area.

UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., calls it ‘high touch.’

“There’s tremendous technology at UNMC, but what’s important in health care is the high touch and communication between you and your patient, community and population,” he told students at a recent SLA recruitment event.

He knows because he’s been there and done that.

As a medical student he was assigned to care for a Puerto Rican family in Red Hook, an impoverished area of Brooklyn, N.Y. The family, who had immigrated a year earlier, barely spoke English and had many health problems. They didn’t know what services were available to them.

He spent the semester working with the family, coordinating care with community organizations. “It was an enormous experience.”

Even though he’d met his requirement, Dr. Maurer followed the family through the end of medical school. “It was a privilege and an honor to help someone in that situation.”

The goal at UNMC is to develop an undifferentiated student — “who has the skills to do whatever they want to do,” Dr. Maurer said. “This program provides an opportunity to do that.”

After Dr. Margalit joined the department of preventive and societal medicine in 2003 (now Health Promotion in the College of Public Health), she noticed two opportunities to enhance the curriculum — interprofessional education and community engagement.

With work experience from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Md., and with underserved communities in the United States and abroad, she started to make service learning part of the landscape.

“Students start their first year with high moral values, altruism and a sincere enthusiasm to serve, but stress, competition and time devoted to study can take a toll and by the second year, some are exhausted and cynical. We call it ‘the hidden curriculum.’

“We strive to create excellent professionals, and at the same time we need to affirm with students that who they are is as important as what they know; that the qualities of compassion, communication, leadership, respect and dignity are at the core of all health care professionals. Service learning provides that environment,” Dr. Margalit said.

By 2004, the interprofessional initiative started and students and faculty slowly began to realize the value of the program.

In 2009, the College of Public Health welcomed a new dean, Ayman El-Mohandes, M.B.B.Ch., M.D., M.P.H., who endorsed the vision of a service learning academy. Dr. Margalit’s grass root efforts were formalized.

Now, student leaders devote evenings and weekends to engage with the community, explore cultural competency, publish papers and write grants. Through it all they have developed great respect for each other’s health care fields. The SLA raised more than $200,000 to support activities, bolstered by grants from Dr. El-Mohandes, academic affairs, UNMC’s Alumni Associations and a major grant from the Weitz Family Foundation.
Five projects make up the Academy

Bridge-to-Care: Works with resettled refugees in Omaha to link them with health care providers and services. Refugees who resettle in Omaha face many needs as they make the transition from their home countries to the United States. An estimated 25,000 refugees are in Nebraska.

EMPOWER: With the Women’s Center for Advancement, EMPOWER develops health education, medical screening and women’s clinical services for women affected by domestic violence. This project was one of 15 Champions for Change projects recognized at the White House in 2012 (selected from more than 4,000).

Do JuSTice: Addresses the epidemic rates of sexually transmitted infections in Douglas County by educating, testing and treating high-risk and underserved individuals, such as inmates. Health disparities related to education, race, income level, high-risk lifestyle and access to health care are common among those incarcerated in jail. Through this program, students address these disparities and promote social justice within the criminal justice system.

Finding a Voice: Works to identify, understand and prioritize the unmet needs of Omaha’s homeless population at the Siena/ Francis shelter. Students engage with guests and addicts in recovery to build self-worth, promote wellness and form a safe learning community where all can be treated with dignity and respect. Three projects occur at the shelter each week: the Creative Workshop and wellness education; Artist in Recovery; and The Turtle project — geared toward children and moms.

Decreasing the Donor Deficit: Recruits bone marrow donors to register with Be The Match. Every year, 10,000 patients need a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor, but only one-half receive one. Fewer minority patients find a match. Last fall, SLA students registered more than 180 potential donors.

What students say

“It gives me courage to pursue passions that may seem unconventional because I now know, somewhere, that others are also fighting a similar fight.”
— Tessa Commers, third-year medical student

“I felt honored to be included as a part of such an ambitious, motivated and talented group and left with incredible insight and inspiration to move EMPOWER to the next level.”
— Christine Hauschel, MPH student

“Service learning allows students to participate in a reciprocal manner with community members — serving and learning. Community members and leaders are co-teachers, and a true community-academia partnership is built,” Dr. Margalit said. “Students are reminded that they are part of a bigger world and that there’s a fine line between them and those being helped.”
Yes, heroes must have humility.

Learn more about UNMC’s Service Learning Academy.
unmc.edu/connect
An advertisement the size of a business card forever changed Murlene Nollmeyer Osburn’s life and, as a result, the lives of people in north central Nebraska.

At 52, Osburn is a wife, mother of nine, grandmother, nursing director, pilot and owner/operator of a Nebraska cattle ranch.

Now, the UNMC graduate has added family psychiatric nurse practitioner — a career she only dreamed about a few years ago.

Osburn’s 3,760-acre cattle ranch is near Wood Lake — a small town between Valentine and Ainsworth. The area she refers to as the “boonies” is far from a college or university where students learn to diagnose, treat and prescribe medications. Distance is measured in commute time — 30 minutes to her children’s school, 2 1/2 hours to Walmart.

One day, an ad in the Hooker County newspaper caught her eye: “Train to be a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and Stay Home.”

The application deadline for UNMC’s new Primary Integrated Psychiatric Nurse project was in two days. The project, funded by a $1.18 federal grant, seeks to increase the number of psychiatric nurse practitioners in rural Nebraska through an Internet-based learning and videoconferencing system.

In Nebraska, 88 of 93 counties are designated mental health shortage areas. About 70 percent of the mental health professionals who can prescribe medications...
Murlene Nollmeyer Osburn live in the Omaha/Lincoln areas. There is no mental health professional within at least a 150-mile radius of Osburn’s home.

“It was unbelievable,” Osburn said, “but I called.”

An hour later, she had submitted her resume. Soon after, she interviewed in Omaha with Michael Rice, Ph.D., professor and director of the PIPN project.

“So many young people applied,” she said. “I was 50-years-old and thought there was no way I would get in.”

But she did and was required to leave her home only to see patients in clinics.

“I joined class through my computer,” Osburn said. “I talked to my teachers and classmates while sitting in my house. Once, I had just come from milking the cows and had manure on my boots. It didn’t matter.

“I could never have done it any other way.”

Since there are no psychiatrists or psychiatric nurse practitioners in her area, she drove four hours to Hastings and Kearney where a preceptor supervised her required 540 clinical hours.

She’d leave home at 3:30 a.m. on Monday and return by 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday after putting in 30 hours of clinical work in three days — and living in a Hastings motel.

Family and neighbors stepped in to care for her cows, put up hay and repair fences, windmills and buildings.

“We don’t have anyone to provide mental health services and the need is so great,” she said. “I have no intention to go to the big city. My calling is in rural Nebraska.”

Osburn remembers when she needed mental health services but didn’t get them. At the time, she lived on a Montana sugar beet farm with her first husband and family and worked as a nursing supervisor in a geriatric psychiatry facility. After her son, Ben, was killed in a 1997 farming accident she sank into a deep depression.

“For a while, I thought there was no hope. Things were really dark. If I could have gotten the help I needed, my life would have been different,” she said. “Now, I want to make sure others have access to mental health treatment.”

Her marriage ended. She re-married, though she admits too quickly, and in 2004, she and her second husband bought a ranch in Nebraska. After a few years and two children, the relationship ended in divorce — while she was pursuing the PIPN program at UNMC.

“When I was left on the ranch, I had two young children to raise and the responsibilities of the ranch,” Osburn said. “I was overwhelmed.”

She wanted to give up.

But, in May 2011, neighbor Danny Osburn said: “Failure is not an option; we will not let you fail.”

Just when she thought everything was under control, her son, Brian, still in Montana, was diagnosed with brain cancer. He had surgery that fall, two days after he turned 23. She took time off of school and delayed her graduation. He was successfully treated and returned to work.

Back on the ranch and back in school, she and Danny became closer and married this past December, just days before graduating with a master’s degree from UNMC’s College of Nursing.

She doesn’t know what job she’ll take after certification, but she’s already being heavily recruited by two hospitals. Jobs are plentiful for this specialty, which gets an average annual salary of up to $90,000.

“I have the opportunity to be involved in the two fields I love — agriculture and nursing. The possibilities are unlimited.”

Rancher walks difficult road to help others
In the College of Pharmacy dwells the Joseph D. Williams Auditorium — the one with the name on the wall next to the oil painting and bronze bust and plaque. That’s Joe Williams, World War II vet, pharmaceutical salesman, company president, proud UNMC alum.
The 1950 graduate rose through the ranks of the pharmaceutical company Parke-Davis. After a merger, he was eventually president, then chairman and CEO of Warner-Lambert. But he was first “fascinated” by pharmacy as a kid visiting his granddad’s Pawnee City, Neb., drugstore.

He’d become the kind of guy they name auditoriums after at his alma mater. The kind of guy who can start a story with: “We were in Howard Baker’s office. And I said to Howard…” This was when Baker was President Reagan’s chief of staff.

It would be easy for a guy like that to forget where he came from, but he hasn’t.

On a recent visit back to UNMC he said he’s accomplished what he has because he had a good background, a good education. And because he enjoyed what he did.

“I had an aptitude for it,” he said. “And I liked it a lot.”

He succeeded, he said, because he was a pharmacist. His was a drug company that excelled at research in part because its CEO was a guy who knew the business from the ground up.

When he started his career, Williams’ home base was in Beatrice, Neb. By the time he retired, he had access to a corporate jet. So what did he do on his last day? He flew back to Beatrice. It looked like they were going to land on Main Street. “It looked like a strafing run,” Williams said.

That night, he had dinner with his pals from the old days.

Now long retired, Williams recently made a gift commitment of $2.5 million toward a proposed new $35 million College of Pharmacy building. Construction is expected to begin in February 2014 with completion in July 2015. The building would be located just east of the Sorrell Center.

When he was back, Williams met with College of Pharmacy investigators, who were excited to meet with an alum-done-good. He was excited to hear all that they were working on.

They’ll be able to do even more soon, Williams said. The new building will mean more graduates with good educations, who go on to love what they do.

The College of Pharmacy building project is one of UNMC’s top priorities for the Campaign for Nebraska: Unlimited Possibilities. To support this project, contact the University of Nebraska Foundation’s Patty Sherman at 402-502-4114 or psherman@nufoundation.org.
DR. BINHAMMER’S
LABOR OF LOVE

by Chuck Brown
Some people who love their jobs have been known to say they’d work for free.

UNMC’s Robert Binhammer, Ph.D., takes that sentiment literally. The longtime professor of anatomy retired mid-semester last fall, but stayed in the gross anatomy laboratory to continue to instruct first-year medical students, just like he had been for more than three decades.

“I plan to do everything I’ve always done, I just won’t be paid by my department,” Dr. Binhammer said at the time.

But that’s not to say he’ll get nothing for his efforts.

“They’re going to pay my parking.”

Dr. Binhammer “retired” so that the UNMC Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy could use his salary line to recruit new anatomy faculty—a precious and rare commodity in health care education.

Not many graduate students go on to be anatomy professors these days. This is so, Dr. Binhammer said, because most graduate students are on grant support and their mentors won’t let them out of lab to undergo the lengthy training needed to become anatomy professors.

This has created an environment at some medical schools where as few as two anatomy professors work to teach hundreds of students. Dr. Binhammer said as he noted that UNMC is fortunate to have several anatomy professors on faculty.

Binhammer’s generosity doesn’t stop at giving up his salary. He also set up a scholarship fund to help support graduate students who may want to become anatomy professors.

“I always tell students that geneticists are a dime a dozen,” Dr. Binhammer said. “But if you go into anatomy and become an anatomy professor, you will have a job waiting for you when you are done. I guarantee it.”

UNMC’s Kim Latacha, Ph.D., is among the newest generation of anatomy professors. She took gross anatomy from Dr. Binhammer in a one-on-one setting about 15 years ago.

On her first day, she prepared a dissection in a manner she thought would satisfy Dr. Binhammer. But within minutes, the master pointed out countless mistakes in the student’s work.

“Right then I knew I was about to learn more than I ever imagined,” Dr. Latacha said. “I knew it would be an awesome experience.

“And it was.”

Since then, Dr. Latacha’s relationship with Dr. Binhammer has shifted from student to colleague. When she thinks about Dr. Binhammer’s decision to give up his money and time to carry on his educational mission, Dr. Latacha has to fight back tears.

“That he would give back to this profession that has given him so much,” she said. “It just shows you the kind of person that he is.”

Dr. Binhammer puts no cap on how long he plans to continue his work.

“I plan to continue until, well, I can’t,” he said. “I always said if you like what you’re doing, why stop?”

Watch Dr. Binhammer in action. unmc.edu/connect
**Study shows dramatic primary care shortage in rural areas**

UNMC study found that Nebraska woefully lacks primary care physicians across the state and the shortage is even more dramatic in rural parts of the state. "The number of primary care physicians in Nebraska is 30 percent lower than previously reported by the American Medical Association (AMA) and rural areas are hit the hardest," said Jim Stimpson, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Policy in the UNMC College of Public Health and co-author of the report. "This is alarming in light of the thousands of people who will be entering the system seeking care as a result of the health care reform law."

Currently, there are 1,410 primary care physicians in Nebraska, Dr. Stimpson said. It’s anticipated the state will need 1,685 primary care physicians to meet the increased demand resulting from health care reform by 2014.

The study determined that:

- There are 63 primary care physicians per 100,000 residents, as compared to 84 as reported by the AMA.
- Of the 93 counties in Nebraska, 11 — all rural — do not have a primary care physician.
- The number of primary care physicians older than 65 has grown by 78 percent in the past five years.

On a positive note, the study found that ethnic diversity among primary care physicians increased by 7 percent in the past five years.

Also, the ratio of women to men shifted over the past five years as women now have an 11 percent higher share of the primary care physician workforce.

**Read the full study at unmc.edu/connect.**

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The UNMC Department of Psychiatry is back home.

In October, after 13 years off the main UNMC campus, the department moved into the newly renovated Poynter Hall and began seeing patients at its new location. "Being back on campus greatly enhances our visibility and allows us to better collaborate with clinicians and researchers in other departments," said Steve Wengel, M.D., professor and chairman of the department.

Constructed in 1912, Poynter Hall is the oldest building on the UNMC campus. As a result of the renovation, the six-story building features five exam rooms with video capabilities that allow the department to expand its telepsychiatry program with mental health patients in rural Nebraska.

The department’s geriatric psychiatrists continue to work nearby at the Home Instead Center for Successful Aging.

Renovation was made possible by LB605, a bill passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2006 allocating $7 million to the project.

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**Helmsley trust awards $3.5 million grant to the Eppley Cancer Center**

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust awarded a $3.5 million grant to the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center to fund the northern Great Plains Personalized Breast Cancer Program.

A $5.9 million project, the program will be a collaborative effort between the Eppley Cancer Center, Avera Health’s Avera Cancer Institute in Sioux Falls, S.D., and other rural health care centers across the Northern Great Plains.

The program will use Eppley’s statewide affiliate cancer center network in Nebraska and Avera’s network of more than 300 health care locations in five states along with Trinity Health Cancer Center in Minot, N.D., and Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Welch Cancer Center in Sheridan, Wyo. Collectively, it will provide breast cancer patients with state-of-the-art cancer genomic analysis and personalized cancer treatment options, as well as access to the Eppley Cancer Center’s Breast Cancer Collaborative Registry.

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Construction of new UNMC College of Pharmacy building approved

Groundbreaking for the new College of Pharmacy and Center for Drug Discovery building at UNMC will be June 13.

The Board of Regents has approved the program statement and budget for construction of the $35 million, privately funded project, expected to begin in February 2014, with completion scheduled for July 2015. The 85,000-square-foot building will replace and expand the current outdated College of Pharmacy, providing laboratory and research space designed to accommodate the specific technical needs of 21st-century pharmaceutical research in drug discovery and development, drug delivery, and clinical and translational research.

"Today the College of Pharmacy is recognized as one of the outstanding institutions for pharmacy education and research, and our graduates are influencing the quality of health care in communities across Nebraska and the U.S.,” said UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D. “This state-of-the-art facility will allow our medical center to take yet another step toward achieving world-class status.”

NU-DOD partnership brings opportunities for UNMC researchers


The University of Nebraska has entered into a long-term partnership with the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) at Offutt Air Force Base to create a University-Affiliated Research Center (UARC).

The center will serve as a primary research and development center that supports USSTRATCOM’s missions to deter and detect strategic attacks against the United States and its allies, and to defend the nation as directed.

Through the UARC — housed in the university’s National Strategic Research Institute — NU will provide research and development services for USSTRATCOM in areas such as:

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Ophthalmology welcomes new chairman

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College of Dentistry

- In November 2012 the COD surpassed its original goal of raising $12 million in gifts and pledges toward the NU Foundation’s Campaign for Nebraska, more than two years ahead of the scheduled end of the campaign in December 2014.
- Rob Bundy, D-4, received the Most Outstanding Presentation in Basic Science Research award at the 2012 Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis, Tenn. His faculty mentor is Tam Petro, Ph.D. Faculty member Bill Johnson, D.D.S., also was honored for his long-standing contributions to the symposium.
- Logan Veath, a D-2 student from Chadron, Neb., received an American Dental Education Association/Gies Foundation/American Association for Dental Research Academic Careers Fellowship Award, which is designed for students who hope to become dental school faculty. Henry St. Germain, D.M.D., will be his mentor during the yearlong experience.

College of Medicine

- Researchers at the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center are exploring determinants of poor surgical outcomes among U.S. veterans with arthritis undergoing joint replacement. Findings from the study will guide the development of future interventions aimed at improving surgical outcomes in arthritis sufferers and serve as a unique resource to arthritis researchers both in Nebraska and elsewhere.
- The National Association of Epilepsy Centers has recognized the Nebraska Epilepsy Center at The Nebraska Medical Center as a Level 4 center. Level 4 epilepsy centers have the professional expertise and facilities to provide the highest level medical and surgical evaluation and treatment for patients with complex epilepsy.

College of Nursing

- The College of Nursing hosted a team from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for its first accreditation visit for the new Doctor of Nursing Practice program in February.
- Sue Barnason, Ph.D., and Mary Cramer, Ph.D., were inducted into fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing in October 2012. This prestigious honor is held by fewer than 2,000 of 3.1 million nurses in the nation. Eight other College of Nursing faculty are fellows and eight are emeriti faculty.

College of Pharmacy

- Members of the Rural Pharmacy Student Association (RPSA) organized medicare workshops this past fall. RPSA members traveled to the rural Nebraska communities of Pender, Wayne and Crete and Iowa Falls, Iowa, assisting approximately 70 patients by counseling them on how to maximize their medicare benefits.
- David Oupicky, Ph.D., became director for the Center for Drug Delivery and Nanomedicine, department of pharmaceutical sciences on March 1. His research is in the broad area of nanomedicine with emphasis on the development of novel approaches to deliver drug combinations to better treat various diseases.
- Ram Mahato, Ph.D., will become chairman of the department of pharmaceutical sciences on June 1. Dr. Mahato’s goal is to understand how the individual components of delivery and expression systems would influence the disease state by controlling gene regulation, transcription, translation and replication.

College of Public Health

- Dean Ayman El-Mohandes, MBBCh, M.D., MPH, was elected to serve a four-year term on the executive board of the American Public Health Association (APHA). This is the first time in many years that a member of APHA Region VII, which includes Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas, has been elected to the position.
- The college has several new programs available online: master of public health with concentrations in biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, and public health practice; master of science in emergency preparedness, and professional certificates of public health and of emergency preparedness. Students will begin enrolling in the 2013-14 academic year.

Eppley Institute / UNMC Eppley Cancer Center

- More than 600 guests attended the 2012 Ambassador of Hope Gala, which raised more than $725,000 for cancer research at the Eppley Cancer Center. Gallup chairman and CEO Jim Clifton was honored as the 2012 Ambassador of Hope, and Omaha philanthropists Mike and Gail Yanney received the Margre and Chuck Durham Spirit of Nebraska Award.

Munroe-Meyer Institute

- Shelley Smith, Ph.D., director of the developmental neuroscience department, was named the first-ever recipient of the Bruce A. Buehler, M.D. professorship. Bob and Myrna Krohn established the Professorship through a donation to the University of Nebraska Foundation. Dr. Buehler was the director of MMI from 1983 to 2007.

School of Allied Health Professions

- The SAHP was awarded two grants last fall totaling $1.6 million to improve health in rural communities. The physician assistant program was one of only 12 universities nationally to receive funding to increase the number of physician assistant graduates who become primary care clinicians. The grant received by the physical therapy education program will fund interdisciplinary research on the prevention of falls in Nebraska’s rural critical access hospitals.
- Karen Honeycutt was named the new director of the clinical laboratory science program replacing Linda Fell who retired in February after 20 years.
- The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the Division of Radiation Science Technology Education’s proposal to award post-baccalaureate certificates to graduates of the division’s six specialty programs. Pending approval by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and the U.S. Department of Education, post-baccalaureate certificates could be awarded to graduates as early as spring 2014.
Another Successful Alumni Reunion Weekend Held in Omaha

The theme of the 2012 Alumni Reunion Weekend, “Now & Then,” showcased the transformative changes on campus. More than 200 alumni from the colleges of medicine, nursing and pharmacy attended reunion activities on Sept. 7-8. Two physical therapy classes held events that weekend.

Here is what participants had to say:

“I loved talking with students in the Gross Anatomy Lab and wish I could have spent more time with them. The overview of the clinical skills lab was outstanding. The staff was friendly and informative. I am so very proud of how my school has grown and all that there is to offer to the students.”
— John Watson, MD ’67

“My class was fortunate to get together for our 25-year class reunion this year. We had a great time catching up with each other, touring campus and seeing what has changed at UNMC. Getting together and sharing our memories from our days in pharmacy school was very entertaining — we had a great time!”
— Linda Urban, PharmD ’87

“My class celebrated our 40-year reunion and had great participation. We are a close group and I am truly proud of what my classmates have accomplished. We take great pride in our UNMC education and whenever we get together it reinforces that pride.”
— Anita Evers, BSN ’72

Members of the College of Medicine Class of 1987 gather for their class party on Sept. 7, 2012 at Rock Bottom Brewery in Omaha’s Old Market.

Alumni Reunion Award Recipients

The following individuals were recognized during Alumni Reunion Weekend in September 2012. For biographies of their accomplishments, please visit www.unmc.edu/alumni.

- College of Medicine Alumni Association
  Distinguished Alumnus Award
  John O’Gara, MD ’62

- College of Medicine Alumni Association
  Honorary Alumnus Award
  Robert Binhammer, PhD

- College of Nursing Alumni Association
  Distinguished Alumnus Award
  Mary Moller, DNP, APRN, CPRP, FAAN, (MSN ’82)

- College of Nursing Alumni Association
  Inaugural Dorothy Patach Spirit of Service Award
  Dorothy Patach, BSN, MSNED, BSHE (Nursing Diploma ’44)

- College of Pharmacy Alumni Association
  Honorary Alumnus Award
  Edward (Ted) Roche, PhD

2013 alumni reunion dates

- School of Allied Health Professions alumni
  July 19 - 20
  Omaha, Neb.

- Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy alumni
  Oct. 11 - 12
  Omaha, Neb.

- College of Dentistry Alumni Homecoming
  Oct. 4 - 5
  Lincoln, Neb.
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CONAA and Continuing Education Office Form New Partnership
The College of Nursing Alumni Association has partnered with the Continuing Education Office at the College of Nursing to offer nursing alums discounted registration for the 18th Annual Pharmacological Conference for Advanced Practice Nurses on July 18-19 in Omaha. CON alumni are eligible for a $20 discount off early registration. This offer is limited to the first 50 alumni registrants. For conference information, visit: www.unmc.edu/nursing/Continuing_Nursing_Education.htm.

COMAA Launches HOST (Host our Students as they Travel) Program
One of the most important tasks for a fourth-year medical student is to interview for residency positions. Oftentimes, students embark on up to 10 trips around the country in search of their perfect match, and these trips bring expenses. With the help of fourth-year medical student Amanda Schnell, the College of Medicine Alumni Association has launched a new pilot program that will match fourth-year medical students traveling to pilot cities for residency interviews. The program will ask alums to share information about the medical community and the city, provide meals if needed, and/or provide lodging for the students. For more information about the program, or to see if you live in one of the program’s pilot cities, visit www.unmc.edu/alumni.

Alumni Association to Offer Discount on Family Medicine Board Review Course
Through a new partnership with the UNMC Center for Continuing Education, the Alumni Association will offer UNMC alumni a 10 percent discount on registration for the family medicine board review course. Regular registration for the course is $950. The course will be held April 8-13 at UNMC in Omaha. Register online at www.unmc.edu/cce/fmr.

SHARING the Vision Conference
The UNMC SHARING Clinic will host Sharing the Vision, a conference for faculty preceptors, leaders and supporters of student-run clinics for underserved populations on April 19-20. Faculty and student-leaders who are, or would like to be involved, in student-run free clinics should attend. Sessions will focus on best practices, communicating research findings and networking with peers. Confirmed keynote speaker is John W. Reinhardt, DDS, professor and dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry. The UNMC Alumni Relations Office provides administrative support for the SHARING Clinic. For more information, visit: www.unmc.edu/cce/sharing_conf.htm.

Alumni Eligible for Event Center Discount
UNMC alumni are entitled to a 10 percent discount on the room rental fee at the Truhlsen Campus Events Center inside UNMC’s Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education for personal events, such as wedding receptions, anniversary parties, retirement receptions and baby showers. The discount does not apply to business or organizational functions. To receive the discount, alumni must be the event honoree or the parent/grandparent of the event honoree. Alumni discounts cannot be combined with other discounts offered. Clients must mention that they are alumni at the time of reservation. Once alumni status is confirmed, the discount will be applied.

For more information, contact the Campus Events Center Coordinator at 402-559-5192 or eventscenter@unmc.edu.
Assembling Health Care Heroes July 19–20

Health care professionals are real-life superheroes — they analyze, diagnose, restore, discover and heal every day. That’s why the theme for the 2013 SAHP alumni reunion on July 19-20 is “Allies Assemble,” drawing comparison to The Avengers comic superhero characters. Read on to learn about our SAHP superheroes — fictional and real life. Learn more about the reunion at www.unmc.edu/alumni

Primary Care Man
Represents the medical nutritionists, physical therapists and physician assistants.

Electromagnetic Spectrum Man
Symbolizes all the radiation sciences — CT, CVIT, MRI, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, radiography and sonography.

Laboratory Woman
Characterizes clinical laboratory scientists, clinical perfusionists and cytotechnologists.

Michele Betts Schultz became interested in psychiatry while working as a nurse. She was accepted to PA school at UNMC and during her last clinical rotation, which happened to be in psychiatry, she was offered a full-time job. Upon graduation in 1983, she began work at Nebraska Psychiatric Institute.

Michele practices in Colorado Springs, Colo., at AspenPointe Health Services, using the dialectical behavior therapy model (known as DBT) in her work with adolescents and youths. She also trains new colleagues. “My career is so rewarding — every day I am able to help people find an escape from the nightmares and tragedies in their lives.”

In the fall of 2012, Jordan Voss participated in a mission trip with the Friends of Barnabas Foundation, which takes health care professionals to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. One of two perfusionists on the trip, he and his colleague participated in 26 pediatric congenital heart procedures, up from 19 procedures on a 2011 trip. Jordan, who lives in Golden, Colo., also supervised a UNMC perfusion student on the trip as part of his work as a preceptor.

Days were long — often running from 6 a.m. to midnight or later — and operating conditions were not ideal as the team encountered occasional power and supply outages. Still, the challenges pale in comparison to the pediatric patients, who live with life-threatening heart conditions. Jordan’s UNMC education served as a foundation for his missionary work, encompassing service to patients, students and those in need.

Michele Betts Schultz (right) with a colleague.

A member of the second graduating class from the UNMC physical therapy program in 1973, Reynold McMeen knew he wanted to “create something.”

After his son Jeff graduated from UNMC in 1994, the father-son duo opened their own private practice in Broken Bow, Neb. With Reynold’s therapist experience and Jeff’s business acumen, the two found their niche serving rural Nebraskans with physical therapy services. The McMeen Physical Therapy business grew from one location in Broken Bow to seven clinics and 11 therapists, enabling rural Nebraskans to access care close to home.

Reynold served as president of the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association, as well as a physical therapy program preceptor, training countless UNMC students and doling out lessons he learned over his 40-year career. In 2004, he retired, but his work was not finished. From 2006-2010, he was mayor of Broken Bow.

Jordan Voss, ’09 (right) with UNMC perfusion student Kelly Cole.
Medicine

John Reed M’61
Lincoln, Neb., is wound care certified and preparing to take the wound specialist certification test. He does five clinics a week.

Calvin Hobel M’63
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., works part-time at Cedars Sinai Medical Center where he researches Vitamin D and its relationship to pregnancy.

Richard Fruehling M’71
Grand Island, Neb., received the Physician Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Francis Regional Medical Center. The award honors a physician for his or her exemplary qualities and contributions to health care in the community and to the hospital medical staff. Dr. Fruehling serves as a key leader for UNMC’s rural family medicine residency training program.

Kenneth Hatch M’71
Tucson, Ariz., wrote a textbook on surgical procedures for gynecology that recently was translated into Chinese. He spends one month a year operating in China.

Kenneth Petersen M’71
Goshen, Ind., retired from active practice in December 2011. He continues to make mission trips to West Africa to provide obstetrical and gynecological care.

Max Elliott M’72
Fort Collins, Colo., retired in December 2011 after 20 years of working as a pediatrician at the Fort Collins Youth Clinic.

James Roudebush M’75
Crofton, Md., recently was named president of Martin, Blanck and Associates, a health care consulting firm that assists companies seeking business in the federal, state and non-profit sectors.

Marsha Gaunt Alexander M’77
Hopkins, Minn., joined Wolters Kluver Health as a research development physician in April 2012. She loves to travel, garden and dance.

Kent Lacey M’79
Scottsbluff, Neb., was named the Nebraska State Family Physician of the Year by the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. He also is a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Association and a past president and board member of the Nebraska Heart Association.

Gary Enszi M’79
Auburn, Neb., received the Nebraska Medical Association’s 2012 Physician of the Year Award at the Association’s 144th Annual Session and House of Delegates. He has practiced family medicine in Auburn since 1979.

Steven Davis, MD’81
Waterloo, Iowa, has joined the Mayo Clinic Health System and Winneshiek Medical Center in Decorah. He also is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association and the Iowa Medical Society. He and his wife Patti have six children who live in all corners of the country.

Dwight Jones M’83
Omaha, Neb., was named chairman of UNMC’s Head and Neck Surgery Department. Previously, he was an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and worked full time at Boston Children’s Hospital.

Luanne Thorndyke M’83
Shrewsbury, Mass., was recognized with the 2012 Elizabeth Blackwell Award from the American Medical Women’s Association, given annually to an honoree that has made outstanding contributions to women in medicine. Dr. Thorndyke is the vice provost for faculty affairs at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS). She was part of a UMMS team that received a $250,000 grant from the American Council on Education and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for innovative work in career flexibility for academic faculty.

Karen Phillips M’84
Kennewick, Wash., is medical director of HPM Corporation Occupational Medical Services, which includes a role as the site occupational medical director for the Department of Energy’s Hanford nuclear facility in Richland, Wash.

Mark Ptacek M’84
O’Neill, Neb., became medical director for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital’s Emergency Department in August 2012. He recently was elected to the UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Paul Grow M’86
Scotland, S.D., recently joined Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital as a family practice physician.

Tracy Dorheim M’87
Paso, Hawaii, joined the Maui Heart and Vascular Program at the Maui Memorial Medical Center as a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Margaret Cavanaugh-Boyer M’87 and Steve Boyer M’88
Mullen, Neb., were presented the Alumnus of the Year award from the Family Practice Residency Program at UNMC. The award is given each year to a person(s) who graduated from the Family Practice Residency program and has demonstrated leadership and service to the community and innovation in their field.

Brenda Roman M’88
Dayton, Ohio, was one of 54 individuals selected to be part of the 18th class of Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine with Drexel University. The program prepares senior women to take on leadership roles in academic health organizations.

Laura Peter M’93
Eleva, Wis., accepted a position in the physical medicine and rehabilitation department at the Mayo Clinic Health System. She also serves as a volunteer for the U.S. Adaptive Ski Team.

Chad Carlson M’94
Urbandale, Iowa, is serving his second term on the National Board of Directors for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine. He has owned his practice since 2006. He and wife, Amanda, have three children.

Michael Haferty M’95
Lincoln City, Ore., marked 10 years with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. He is now the medical staff president. He and wife, Barbara, have three children.

Grant Nitzel M’96
Hastings, Neb., recently joined the Moscatl Health Center. In the past, he served as a local family doctor, ER physician and nursing home medical director.

Richard C. Starkin M’96
Omaha, Neb., recently opened a satellite practice in the Medical Office Building adjacent to the Columbus Community Hospital. He specializes in infectious disease and is president of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Associates in Omaha. He is a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Physicians and the Society of Hospitals Epidemiologists of America.

William Pae M’98
Bellevue, Neb., recently started working at Prudential offering financial services.

Joseph Tuma M’98
Rapid City, S.D., is the director of cardiac catheterization laboratories at Rapid City Regional Hospital and is a staff cardiologist at Regional Heart Doctors. He also is an associate professor of biomedical engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.
Jill Grennan M’99
Omaha, Neb. offers specialty clinics at Community Medical Center in Falls City. She works for Midwest Eye Care and travels regularly to Falls City.

Daniel Crone Jr. M’01
Elkhorn, Neb., began work at Methodist Physicians Clinic in Omaha as a bariatric surgeon. He spent his first five years of surgical practice with the United States Army which included three tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Maria Michaelis M’01
Omaha, Neb. is in her seventh year as assistant professor with UNMC’s anesthesiology department. She has three daughters: Lexi, Laini and Leyton.

Sarah Swarts M’01
Carvalis, Ore., joined Samaritan Health Services as an endocrinologist. She previously worked as an adult endocrinologist and medical director of the diabetes program at Centracare Clinic in Minnesota.

Natasha Burgert M’03
Stilwell, Kan., was featured in the Oct. 8, 2012 edition of the New York Times. The story, Texting the Teenage Patient, detailed how physicians use social media to connect with their teenage patients.

Todd Lowgren M’05
Omaha, Neb., recently joined the Methodist Women’s Hospital Perinatal Center as a perinatologist.

John Park M’05
Omaha, Neb., joined Methodist Physicians Clinic as a vascular surgeon.

Eric J. Avery M’06
Lincoln, Neb., recently joined the Nebraska Hematology-Oncology staff. He was recognized as Rookie of the Year in 2007 and received the Senior Resident Award in 2009. He also was a chief fellow.

Justin Sharp M’06
Sioux Falls, S.D., was awarded the Fellow Teaching Award for outstanding fellow educator of the year at Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He now works at Avera McKennan in Sioux Falls, S.D., as a neonatologist.

Brandon Seifert M’06
Lincoln, Neb., recently joined the Lincoln Orthopedic Center. After completing his orthopedic surgery residency, Dr. Seifert was accepted into a prestigious orthopedic sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute. He now specializes in orthopedic sports medicine and joint replacement and also serves as a team physician for the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team and numerous local high school teams.

Jeremiah Ladd M’07
Omaha, Neb., joined the Nebraska Spine Center in September 2012. As a physiatrist, he will support the non-operative treatment options provided at the center.

Brent Ellison M’08
Scottsbluff, Neb., recently joined Regional West Physicians Clinic. He and wife, Amy, have two children, Julie and Wesley.

Abel Luksan M’08
Mitchell, Neb., accepted an anesthesiology position with Regional West Physicians Clinic. He and wife, Mesha, have two young sons, Isaac and Brady.

Alyssa Rutan M’08
Lincoln, Neb., joined the team at Millius, Gibbens, Friesen, Hattan, Martin & Rauner as an OB/GYN specialist.

Randall Goldfish M’09
Ord, Neb., joined Kearney Clinic, P.C., as a family physician.

Joseph Margheim M’09
Gering, Neb., returned to his hometown and accepted a position with Regional West Medical Center as an emergency medicine physician. He also served in the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., and Seoul, South Korea. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children.

Zachary Meyer M’09
Grand Island, Neb., joined Family Practice of Grand Island, P.C. He specializes in complete family care, including obstetrics, pediatrics and minor surgery.

First year medical student Steven Ebers received his white coat with his legacy family members present, grandfather Dale Ebers, MD ’55, and father Doug Ebers, MD ’83.

Natalie Hart M’11
Edmond, Okla., received the Outstanding Intern Award in the pediatrics department at the University of Oklahoma Children’s Hospital. The award is based on contributions to pediatric education.

Bradley Witbrodt M’12
Decatur, Ga., was awarded the Nancy and Ronald Regan Alzheimer’s Scholarship Fund Award to continue his research in Alzheimer’s disease.

Nursing

College of Nursing Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, Mary D. Moller, DNP, APRN, CRNP, FAAN, ’82 and CONNA President Anita Evers, ’72, ’96.

Barbara Moss N’55
Lincoln, Neb., is retired and volunteers for several area organizations.

Barbara McCluskey N’63
Lynn Haven, Fla., is retired from school nursing. She and her husband raise puppies for various service dog organizations in Florida. She and her dogs also volunteer with at-risk youth.

Marilyn Braun N’65
San Diego, Calif., is a pediatric nurse practitioner. She retired from active pediatric practice three years ago and received a lactation education certification last year. She is the past president of San Diego NAPNAR, the local pediatric nurse practitioner organization.

Joan Vehec N’67
Herndon, Va., recently received an award for 20 years of service from her employer, allergist Richard Rosenthal, M.D.

Jane Hawks N’81
Underwood, Iowa, was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in October. She is editor of Urologic Nursing, professor of nursing at Nebraska Methodist College and chairwoman of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Medical-Surgical Nurse Expert Panel.
Mary Lundgren N’86, ’87
Omaha, Neb., joined Home Care Assistance of Nebraska as a care manager.

• Teresa Anderson N’87
Omaha, Neb., is president of the Nebraska Nurses Association, a position she will hold for two years. She also is a consultant for the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Susan Longsley N’89
Omaha, Neb., recently took an RN refresher course at Bellevue University and completed a telemetry unit clinical at Valley Medical Center in the summer of 2012. She is returning to work now that her youngest child is of school age.

• Susan Bristol N’91
Omaha, Neb., works at Methodist Women’s Hospital as a casual RN in the NICU. She began her nursing career as a NICU nurse more than 30 years ago and feels she has come full circle in her career. Previously, she held a position at Children’s Physicians for more than 10 years.

Traci Hawk N’93
Omaha, Neb., joined Home Care Assistance of Nebraska as a care manager.

Francie Cable N’97
Lincoln, Neb., was named community outreach liaison for Tabitha Health Services. She will serve as the link between Tabitha and Lincoln-area health care organizations. She has been with Tabitha for 11 years.

Ernestine Olson N’00
Marlow, Okla., received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of South Alabama in June 2012. She is a family nurse practitioner at a rural health clinic in Marlow, Okla.

• Tiann Colwell N’09
Alliance, Neb., is pursuing her MSN specializing in women’s health at UNMC.

Dougg Haas N’09
Kearney, Neb., was recognized as a young nurse leader award winner at the Honoring Nurse Leadership: 40 Under 40, sponsored by the Nebraska Action Coalition. He is pursuing his MSN from UNMC in preparation to become an adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioner.

Alyssa Curl N’11
McCook, Neb., joined Community Hospital in McCook and McCook Clinic as a nurse practitioner. Before her role in McCook, she worked at Select Specialty Hospital in Omaha as a nurse practitioner and clinic manager.

Jay Swanson N’12
Lincoln, Neb., accepted a position in the Inpatient Medical Services Department of St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. He was previously awarded the Nurse of the Year Award from Catholic Health World.

Calista Kirby N’12
Brookings, S.D., is the reigning Miss South Dakota. In January, she competed at the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas.

Tiffany Moore N’12
Elkhorn, Neb., recently joined the UNMC College of Nursing Families & Health System Department as an assistant professor.

Jina Nemnich N’12
Scottsbluff, Neb., recently joined the staff of Regional West Physicians Clinic in the department of ear, nose, throat, head & neck surgery. She and her husband Jeff have two children.

Anne Knap N’12
Omaha, Neb., recently joined Nebraska Endocrinology Specialists. She previously worked as a staff nurse in the Diabetes Center at The Nebraska Medical Center.

Heather Sorensen N’97
Lincoln, Neb., recently joined the Arthritis Center of Nebraska as a family nurse practitioner where she provides care for patients suffering with rheumatic diseases, including educational support and pain management. She also volunteers her time at Clinic with a Heart and the People’s City Mission Free Medical Clinic, providing free family health care to the uninsured.

• Mary (Millard) Bassett P’72
Turner, Ore., works for a professional compounding pharmacy. She has enjoyed her time in the pharmacy field but looks forward to retiring within the year.

• James Ray P’81
Charleston, Va., recently relocated from Erie, Pa. He is a pharmacy clinical coordinator for Pain and Palliative Care at the University of Virginia Health System.

Lourdes Heermann P’82
Grand Island, Neb., received the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Association’s Excellence in Innovation Award, which recognizes pharmacists for significant innovation resulting in improved patient care. She is a clinical pharmacist at the VA in Grand Island.

Debra Smolik P’99
Alma, Neb., joined Alma Public Schools as the seventh- through 12-grade science teacher.

• Janelle Sellers P’05
Grand Island, Neb., was awarded the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award. The national award is presented by Pharmacist Mutual Companies to a pharmacist who has been practicing less than 10 years and who has exemplified leadership in their field. She is the pharmacy residency program director and clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care for the VA in Grand Island.

Pharmacy students enjoy smoothies prior to finals week, courtesy of the College of Pharmacy Alumni Chapter.

• Craig Reha P’11
Omaha, Neb., completed a one-year pharmacy practice residency and now works as a clinical pharmacist on the in-patient cardiology team at The Nebraska Medical Center.

Jordan Curtis P’12
Omaha, Neb., started work at U-Save Pharmacy in Wayne, Neb.

Dentistry
Patricia L. Brinkman-Falter D’81
Lincoln, Neb., is the president of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association. She recently completed work with the State Dental Board and State Audiology and Speech Board to declare the practice of myofunctional therapy within the scope of dentistry and dental hygiene practice. She passed National Boards in the orofacial myology field and is Nebraska’s first dental hygienist to practice in this area.

Christopher Stanosheck D’01
Omaha, Neb., is celebrating his seventh year as owner of Smile Design Studios in Omaha. Since opening, he has seen more than 4,000 patients from across the country due to the technology used in his practice. He and wife, Amanda, have one daughter, Lily.
Andrew Benson D’12
Grand Island, Neb., recently accepted a position with Family 1st Dental of Grand Island. He and wife, Kristen, chose to live in a rural area central to both of their families.

Katrina Conrad D’12
Auburn, Neb., recently joined Bucy Family Dentistry which allowed the office to expand its operations. She and husband, Nate, look forward to raising a family in the community.

Ashton Hecox D’12
Cozad, Neb., is preparing to open his own dental clinic in Gothenburg, Neb. He and his wife, Sara, will run the clinic together. Within his family, Dr. Hecox is the fourth generation to go into dentistry.

Jon Jessen D’12
O’Neill, Neb., joined Family Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in O’Neill, Neb.

Natalie Fendrick D’12
Wayne, Neb., joined Gentle Dental Care in Ponca, Neb. Her special interests include preventive care and providing accessible, high quality dental care. She enjoys reading and staying active.

Physical Therapy

Nicholas Reiss PT’00, ’05
Lincoln, Neb., recently opened his own private practice, Complete Physical Therapy, in Lincoln. He and his wife, Amy, have two young sons. Nick is the immediate past president of the UNMC Physical Therapy Alumni Chapter.

Amy Kerkman PT’00, ’05
Lincoln, Neb., recently joined Complete Physical Therapy in Lincoln. She specializes in breast cancer rehabilitation and the treatment of lymphedema and has other clinical experience that includes rehabilitation of patients with neurological injuries, cardiopulmonary conditions and home health physical therapy.

Wendy Rickard PT’04
Grand Island, Neb., joined Rathjen Physical Therapy as a full time physical therapist. She specializes in orthopedics, sports medicine and injury prevention. She and husband, Jake, have one daughter, Emma.

Samantha Minnick PT’08
Holdrege, Neb., enjoys her position with New West Rehabilitation. She and husband, Kyle, have one son, Brayden.

Charles Kasson PT’12
Amherst, Neb., joined Snyder Physical Therapy’s rehabilitation team. He sees patients with all types of injuries.

Erin (Hagemann) Kottich PT’12
Elm Creek, Neb., began work at Peak Physical Therapy in Lincoln. She and husband, Jonathan, have one daughter, Reece.

Emily (Bartels) Young PT’12
Cozad, Neb., accepted a physical therapist position with Physical Therapy Complex.

Physician Assistant

Chelsea Schuster PA’99
Ashland, Neb., joined the Ashland Family Medical Clinic.

Krystal Jackson PA’04
Milford, Neb., joined Saline Medical Specialties. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Angela Moser PA’11
Lincoln, Neb., joined Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Associates, P.C., last summer.

Clinical Laboratory Science

Steven Starman CLS’82
Omaha, Neb., is employed at Boystown National Research Hospital.

Donna Noble CLS’94
Albion, Neb., retired three years ago. She remarried in 2002 and her combined family includes six children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gina Mentzer CLS’00
Columbus, Ohio, is completing subspecialty training in Heart Failure and Transplant at Ohio State University. She will join Nebraska Heart Institute in Lincoln, Neb. She and her husband, Mike, have a 2-year-old daughter.

Craig Boyer CLS’02
Omaha, Neb., recently joined the UNMC School of Allied Health Professions’ research administration as an administrative research coordinator. He will serve as a consultant and resource for the SAHP faculty seeking grants and contracts from both public and private funding sources. He has worked for UNMC since 2002 in the department of genetics, cell biology and anatomy, and most recently in the department of surgery.

Radiation Science Technology Education

James Temme RSTE’74
Omaha, Neb., received the 2012 Nebraska Community College Association Distinguished Alumni Award in November.

Sandy Knobbe RSTE’81
West Point, Neb., has worked at Fremont Area Medical Center; St. Francis Hospital in West Point, Neb.; Clarkson West; and Providence Medical Center; St. Francis Hospital in West Point, Neb.; Clarkson West; and Providence Medical Center in Wayne, Neb. Knobbe has earned additional certification in mammography, sonography and vascular imaging. She serves on the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter Board of Directors.
• Carol McGlade RSTE’81 ‘82
Omaha, Neb., left Children’s Hospital in 2000 after working there nearly 20 years. Since then, she has explored a wide range of jobs and community activities including: relief technologist at numerous offices, consultant for pediatric-related equipment and accessories, educator for Limited Operators and standardized patient and volunteer faculty at UNMC. In 2010, she became the founding president of the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter and served in the position for two years.

• James Reiling RSTE’87
Omaha, Neb., is employed in The Nebraska Medical Center Radiology Department as a manager in interventional radiology. In July 2012, he was elected to the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors.

• Randy Wobig RSTE’87, ‘88
Bennington, Neb., has worked for Cassling Diagnostic Imaging since 1999. In January 2010, he was named chief information officer of Cassling and subsequently serves in that role for the newly formed CQuence Health Group. Wobig is vice president of the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors.

• Melissa Unvert Kocour RSTE’92
Atchison, Kan., graduated from Weber State’s Radiologic Practitioner Assistant program in 2010 and works with a radiology group at Atchison Hospital. She has served as a co-host on a Kansas City radio show called “Doctor’s Orders” with her sponsoring radiologist. She and her husband, Mark, have four children.

• Lisa Bartenhagen RSTE’93
Gretna, Neb., has served as program director for the radiation therapy program at UNMC for 12 years. In July 2012, she was elected secretary/treasurer of the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors.

• Wendy (Schade) Reiling RSTE’93
Omaha, Neb., has worked in the sonography field both in a private setting and a hospital setting. She continues to support the education of current and prospective students by volunteering to host clinical shadowing sites. In July 2012, she was elected to the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors.

• Tanya Custer RSTE’95
Gretna, Neb., was elected president of the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors in July 2012 – she is the second alumnus to hold this position. She is a faculty member in the UNMC Radiation Science Technology Division. In 2009, Tanya earned a master’s of science degree in leadership education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

• Jeff Broz RSTE’98
Elkhorn, Neb., has been vice president of operations at Banyan Medical Systems, Inc., since September 2009. In July 2012, he was elected to the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors and spoke about his career at the August professionalism ceremony for incoming students.

• Jana Koeth RSTE’98
Bellevue, Neb., recently completed her master’s degree in public health from UNMC. The capstone was titled, “A Survey of Community Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Smoke-Free Parks in Douglas County, Nebraska.”

• Chirsten Broz RSTE’99
Elkhorn, Neb., continues to support sonography education by providing shadowing opportunities for students and prospective students. In July 2012, Chirsten was elected to the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter board of directors.

• Samantha Palensky RSTE’08
Omaha, Neb., is a staff member in the nuclear medicine department at The Nebraska Medical Center. In 2010, Samantha began her master of health care administration from Clarkson College in Omaha and plans to finish this spring.

• Kelsey Malm RSTE’11
Wahoo, Neb., is a radiology technologist at The Nebraska Medical Center. In addition to her UNMC bachelor’s degree, she has an associate’s degree in radiology through the Mayo Clinic.

Public Health

Nicole Carritt COPH’06
Missoula Valley, Iowa, was selected executive director of Project Extra Mile, a Nebraska statewide network of community coalitions working to prevent underage drinking.

Chelsey Matter COPH’11
West Fargo, N.D., recently served as chairperson of the Smoke-Free North Dakota initiative, which voters approved in November 2012. The initiative led the efforts for a statewide smoking ban to include bars and other public places. Matter also serves as a senior business network consultant at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

• Elizabeth Chentland COPH’12
Hubbard, Iowa, is employed with the Partnerships in Aging, Inc., a non-profit organization that aims to identify and obtain funds and resources to provide services for older adults in Eastern Nebraska. In addition, Chentland is the respite resource coordinator for the Nebraska Respite Network, a state-funded network that links caregivers in Douglas and Sarpy counties in Nebraska with appropriate resources and providers that can relieve them from the demands of caregiving.

• Andrea Haugen COPH’12
South Burlington, VT, recently joined the Vermont Department of Health as chief of the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes program.

• Lauro Vinson COPH’12
Omaha, Neb., works at UNMC’s College of Public Health as the service learning academy coordinator. In this position, she assists COPH students with their service-learning/capstone experience and coordinates community engaged volunteer programs for all UNMC students.

In Remembrance...

Mavis O’Connell N’40

Helen Rees N’43

Warren Bosley M’44

Jesse C. “Doc” Pollard D’44

Thomas Dworak, D’45

Bernard Moran D’49

@ Lou Mitchell N’52

Deryl D. Swanbom D’54

• Robert F. Getty M’55

Bernard Doyle D’57

Walter Reiss M’58

Donald Nickman M’61
Salt Lake City, Utah, June 25, 2012.

Norman Nickman M’62
Missoula, Mo., Sept. 6, 2011.

Chester “Chet” Paul M’69

William “Bill” Obrecht N’73

Harold Pumphrey M’74

Michael L. James M’82

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Jeanne M. Bentz N’85

Eugene Hauck M’07

Rahman Strum PH’11
Omaha, Neb., June 26, 2012.

Births
Kathryn Wampler RSTE’02
Omaha, Neb., and her husband welcomed a son, Ben, in August 2012.

• Nathan Reyelts PA’03
Fairmont, Minn., and his wife welcomed a son, Collin Michael, in November 2011.

Maria Dosseh CLS’04
Omaha, Neb., and her husband welcomed a son, Nicholas, in August 2012.

Jill Selzle PA’05
Omaha, Neb., and husband Sam welcomed a son, Samuel Patrick, in October 2012.

• Joshua Hite P’06
Omaha, Neb., and his wife welcomed a son, Lincoln Mac, in November 2012.

Katie Penas RSTE’06
Papillion, Neb., and her husband welcomed a son, Beau Kenton, in October 2012.

Lindsey Collette CLS’08
Omaha, Neb., and husband Dave welcomed a son, Mason David, in April 2012.

• Samantha Palensky RSTE’08
Omaha, Neb., and husband Andy welcomed a son, Paxton Michael, in June 2012.

• Lindsay Seidel P’08
Omaha, Neb., and her husband welcomed a son, Henry Michael, in September 2012.

Andrew Gard M’09
Omaha, Neb., and wife Amber welcomed a son, Andrew Joseph, in November 2012.

Patricia Moyer RSTE’10
Lone Tree, Colo., and her husband welcomed a daughter, Nora, in September 2012.

Marriages
Kristina McCoy P’04
Sioux City, Iowa, married Shane Vondrak on Sept. 14, 2011.

Amber Balius PT’06
Cheyenne, Wyo., married Trent Carroll on Oct. 21, 2011.

Brandy Persson P’05

Nicole Dickmeyer PT ’10

Tiffany Gorecki N’11
Cairo, Neb., married Christopher Burton on July 21, 2012.

Emily Bartels PT’12
Cozad, Neb., married Jeremy Young on May 19, 2012.

Upcoming Events
Showdown in O-Town
Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Creighton Bluejays Baseball Game
May 14
TD Ameritrade Park
Omaha, NE

School of Allied Health Professions Alumni Reunion
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July 19-20
UNMC Campus
Omaha, NE

College of Dentistry Homecoming
October 4-5
Lincoln, NE

Alumni Reunion
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October 11-12
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