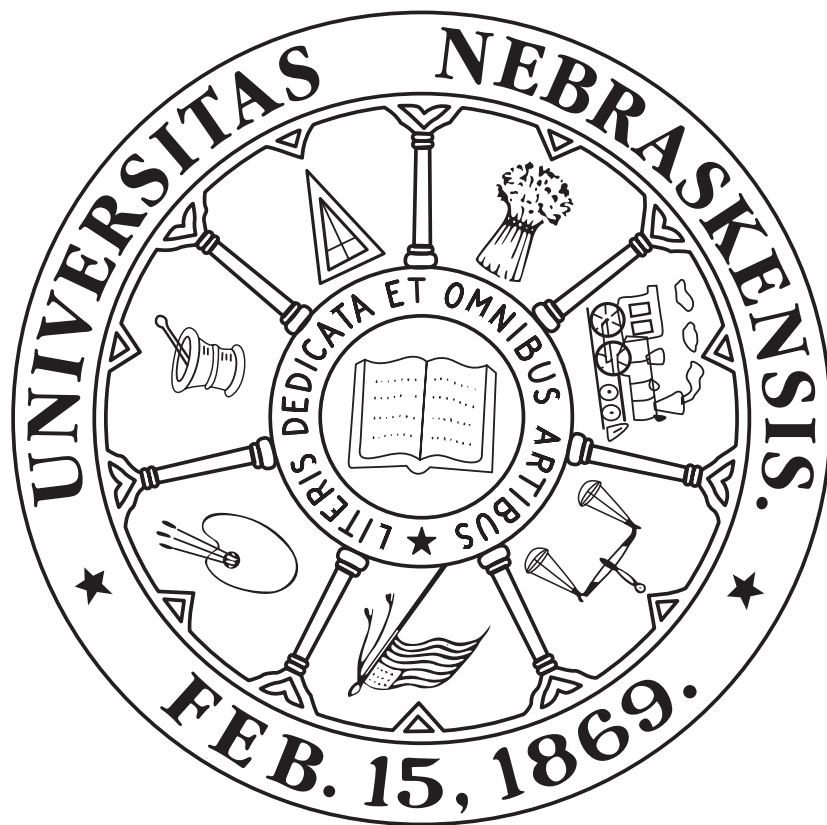


Commencement Program



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International Pledge for Nurses

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me, and refrain from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.

The Dental Hygienist's Pledge

In recognition of the honor of entering the dental profession and with respect for the significance of the dental hygiene degree which will be conferred upon me, I hereby pledge the following:

I will diligently uphold the dignity, honor and objectives of the dental profession and, to the best of my ability, will contribute to the profession's advancement.

I will solemnly accept my responsibilities to the patient, to give the best of my knowledge and skill, and to maintain an impeccable relationship that will warrant trust and confidence.

I will faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

I will lend my influence and support to dental education, to organized dental hygiene and to all aspects of the profession.

These promises I make freely and without hesitation.

Oath of a Pharmacist

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life to the service of all humankind through the profession of pharmacy.

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patients I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and maintain professional competency in my profession of pharmacy. I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate change in the profession of pharmacy that improves patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

The Dentist's Pledge

In recognition of the honor of entering the dental profession and with respect for the significance of the dental degree which will be conferred upon me, I hereby pledge the following:

I will diligently uphold the dignity, honor and objectives of the dental profession and, to the best of my ability, will contribute to the profession's advancement.

I will solemnly accept my responsibilities to the patient, to give the best of my knowledge and skill, and to maintain an impeccable relationship that will warrant trust and confidence.

I will faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

I will lend my influence and support to dental education, to organized dentistry and to all aspects of the profession.

These promises I make freely and without hesitation.

Explanation of Physician's Oath

The Declaration of Geneva was promulgated by the World Medical Association (WMA) in 1948. It has roots in the great moral traditions that go back to ancient Greek Hippocratic medicine. It also seriously reflects the times in which it was written. That was immediately after World War II when the crimes of men against humanity were being revealed through such things as the Nuremberg Trial. The current version was amended by the 68th WMA General Assembly in 2017.

The Physician's Pledge

(World Medical Association Declaration of Geneva)

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honor.

Graduate Student Oath

I faithfully pledge to uphold my professional integrity by maintaining the highest standard of ethics and quality in my pursuit of academic and professional excellence.

I will uphold an unwavering commitment to report and interpret my research or professional findings with steadfast honesty and clarity.

I pledge to share openly and generously, my discoveries, obstacles and triumphs. I will work to improve our world through communication with peers and teaching students of all ages.

I will strive to be continually conscious of the responsibility that accompanies the endowment of my degree.

It is with tremendous pride and enthusiasm that I seal my commitment to advance humanity through extraordinary biomedical research, teaching or provision of service.

Pledge for Allied Health Professionals

I pledge and commit myself to the ethical, responsible and diligent practice of my profession. I will respect and uphold the laws that govern my profession and adhere to its ethical principals.

I pledge, faithfully, to honor the inherent dignity of all, to treat those who depend on my help with respect, consideration and appreciation for our diversities.

I pledge to protect the rights and confidentiality of those who seek my help and to act only for their benefit.

I pledge continually to strive to learn, to further my professional competence and to share my knowledge with those who seek it.

I pledge to always serve to the best of my ability, to conduct myself with dignity and to place service to humankind before personal or material gain.

With honor and pride, I commit myself to my profession.

ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 8, 2025

Kearney, Nebraska

H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL: Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION** MOLLIE PAXTON
College of Nursing

REGENT'S WELCOME

AWARDS:

Sigma Theta Tau KAMI LOEFFELHOLZ, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing

School Health Nurse Scholars Program KAMI LOEFFELHOLZ, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing

Irma Kyle Kramer BECKY RINK, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing

National Student Nurses Association DOUGLASS HAAS, DNP
Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

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Interim Chancellor

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Dean, College of Nursing

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Interim Chancellor

BENEDICTION** MADISON STEARNES
College of Nursing

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RECESSIONAL

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**Student Initiated

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

May 8, 2025
Kearney

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Brandon William Allen, *Kearney*
 Ian William Anderson, *Polk*
 Lydia Hope Anderson, *Lincoln*
 McKenna Lee Anderson, *St. Paul*
 Zoe Jeanine Anderson, *Gibbon*
 Aurora Bliss Athy, *Kearney*
 Benjamin Grant Baumgartner, *Stapleton, Distinction*
 Chloe Anne Besler, *Cambridge*
 Jackson Bespalec, *Kearney*
 Hannah Elizabeth Block, *Parker, CO, Distinction*
 Gillian Marie Brandt, *Columbus, Distinction*
 Ella Kay Bruggeman, *Kearney*
 Elizabeth A. Burki, *Hildreth*
 Amiya Renee Chamberlin, *Kearney*
 Claudia Selena Cobos, *North Platte*
 Ana Regina De Orta Canela, *Grand Island*
 McKenzie Kaye Deyo, *Elm Creek*
 Leah R. Dlouhy, *Beatrice*
 Ashley Song Marie Dye, *North Platte*
 Sydney Fellers, *Parker, CO*
 Gracie Maria Feltes, *Lincoln*
 Tayla Lakae Goettsche, *Saint Paul*
 Nayely Guido Vargas, *Lexington, Distinction*
 Cailyn Marie Henson, *Kearney*
 Andrew Thomas Herbek, *Grand Island*
 Josie Ann Jakubowski, *St. Paul*
 Madison Marie Kathol, *Elkhorn, Distinction*
 Allyson Sue Korus, *Lincoln, Highest Distinction*

Amanda Rose Kulp, *Grand Island, High Distinction*
 Alexis Nicole Long, *Grand Island*
 Joel William Maris, *Wauneta*
 Sebastiana S. Mateo-Domingo, *Grand Island*
 Nia Ashley McClure, *Ord*
 Rylee Jaidyn McCurdy, *Kearney, High Distinction*
 Claryssa Carol Ala-Cara Moss, *Bridgeport*
 Melaney Lynn Nuss, *Sutton*
 Molly Jane Paxton, *Mullen, Distinction*
 Neleigh Grace Perkins, *Culbertson*
 Joslyn Kathryn Poff, *Kearney*
 Alyssa Olivia Post, *Kearney*
 Marissa Rose Preister, *Petersburg, Distinction*
 Kylie Purkeypile, *Holyoke, CO, High Distinction*
 Emilee Grace Robak, *Columbus*
 Carlie Jo Rupe, *Hildreth*
 Allie Elaine Schumacher, *Sterling, CO*
 Emma Kay Schumacher, *Bennington*
 Madi Stearnes, *Omaha*
 Rylee Lynne Stohlmann, *Louisville*
 Ahnika Juhl Svajgr, *Johnson Lake*
 Morgan Elizabeth Theis, *Superior, High Distinction*
 Carter Daniel Thorson, *Columbus*
 Calysta Marie Trevino, *Alliance*
 Makenzee Lana Umstead, *Columbus*
 Stephanie Vielmas Duarte, *Lexington*
 Madison Marie Welch, *Ainsworth*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Breanna Nicole Fiene, *Cambridge*
 Megan Loeffler, *Wood River*
 Megan Kathleen Scheer, *Saint Libory*

Shelby Shipp, *Kearney*
 Sara Ann Slingsby, *Kearney*
 Adeline Starr, *Pleasanton*

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Brandy Hanes, *Benkelman*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Ashley Causa, *North Platte*

ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 8, 2025
Lincoln, Nebraska

H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL: Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar

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Dean, College of Nursing

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY PRESENTED BY: GERARD KUGEL, DMD, MS, PhD
Dean, College of Dentistry

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May 8, 2025

Lincoln

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Austin Elizabeth Branch, *Pawnee City*
 Mikayla DeBaets, *Malcolm*
 Raegan Grace Demuth, *York*
 Emily Rose Erickson, *Aurora*
 Elizabeth G. Freeman, *Ozark, MO*
 Morgan Anderson Harris, *Las Vegas, NV*
 Ashlyn Kucera, *Grand Island*
 Gloria Francesca Larkin, *Amherst, MA, Distinction*
 Tiara Matson, *McCook*
 Jessica Diem Nguyen, *Lincoln*
 Madeline Rose Ochsner, *North Platte*

Maiah Danielle Phillips, *Omaha*
 Jennifer Quebrado-Arcos, *Omaha*
 Morgan Mae Sila, *Omaha, High Distinction*
 Skylar Kathryn Solomon, *Lincoln*
 Kaelyn Clare Tejral, *Lincoln*
 Kennedy Paige VanScoy, *Lincoln*
 Alyssa Ann Walters, *Fremont*
 Allison Marie West, *Omaha, High Distinction*
 Madeline Elise Zaborowski, *Lincoln*

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Madyson Anglim, *La Vista*
 Yiwen Chen, *China, Highest Distinction*
 Therese Cooney, *Kenilworth, IL*
 Gabriel Philip Crocker, *Kearney*
 Baylor Marie DeVries, *Sioux Falls, SD*
 Anna Arit Edet, *Elkhorn*
 Kinsley Rae England, *Kearney*
 Gage Lee Fenski, *Mitchell, SD*
 Delaynie Reed Field, *Colorado Springs, CO*
 Bobbie Jean Fowler, *Omaha, Distinction*
 Delaney Dawn Glazier, *Rapid City, SD, High Distinction*
 Juan Carlos Gonzalez, *Miami, FL*
 Peyton Gibbens Halverson Granger, *Cando, ND, High Distinction*
 Claire Alexandra Janecek, *Omaha*
 Hannah Marie Janecek, *Omaha, High Distinction*
 Lucas John Jarecke, *Columbus, Highest Distinction*
 Jaisleen Kaur, *India*
 Payton Wayne Kidder, *Holdrege*
 Samuel Galvin Kline, *Omaha*
 Carter Thomas Kocian, *Gretna*
 Natalie Rose Kurtenbach, *Osceola, WI*
 Morgan Elizabeth Lashley, *North Platte*
 Tyler Jeffrey Lutt, *Wayne, Distinction*
 Adam Christopher Mackley, *North Platte*
 Joshua A. Madsen, *Wheatland, WY, Distinction*
 Huy Khoi Mai, *Lincoln*
 Ella Marie Majerus, *Lincoln, High Distinction*
 Megha Mathur, *India*

Jonathan M. Mitzel, *Aberdeen, SD, Highest Distinction*
 Trent Hoang Ngoc Nguyen, *Lincoln*
 Riley J. Nitsch, *North Platte*
 McKenzie Leigh Nutter, *Malcolm*
 Priyaben Sagar Patel, *Bear, DE*
 Bailey Allen Peckham, *Benkelman, Distinction*
 Gisselle Alejandra Perez, *South Sioux City*
 Ellie Nicole Petersen-Burkle, *Yutan, Distinction*
 Lauren Michelle Peterson, *Montrose, CO, Distinction*
 Nicholas Lee Peterson, *Bemidji, MN*
 Kimberly Emily Pierre, *Miami, FL*
 Ryan Vee Rawlings, *Lincoln*
 Alec John Redwine, *Grand Island, Distinction*
 Trent Alan Roth, *Columbus*
 Laura Elizabeth Ruiz, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
 Sierah Renae Samway, *Mitchell*
 Harrison Henry Sanny, *Kearney*
 Delaney Claire Springer, *Lincoln*
 Taylor Nicole Steiner, *Indianola, IA*
 Jacob Scott Stewart, *Lincoln, Distinction*
 Lydia Ayn Sigler Stigsell, *O'Neill*
 Nicholas Dean Stolze, *Norfolk*
 Emily Paige Swanson, *Hoople, ND*
 Jordan J. Tice, *Las Vegas, NV*
 Yuliya Victorovna Vaniurskaya, *Belarus*
 Benjamin Jon Wetovick, *Cozad, Distinction*
 Emma Lynn Wilkinson, *North Platte*
 Justin Patrick Willson, *Derby, KS*
 Ryta Sergiyivna Wodzinski, *Sioux Falls, SD*
 Luke David Wordekemper, *Omaha*

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ashlyn Adam, *Crete*
 Claire Elizabeth Allen, *Arlington*
 Jane Cartwright Anderson, *Lincoln*
 Kierstin Nicole Anderson, *Bakersfield, CA*
 Avery Ballenger, *Lincoln, Distinction*
 Michele Evonne Barron, *Lincoln*
 Halle Jade Berner, *Norfolk*
 Grace Cecilia Biltoft, *Gretna, Distinction*
 Lauren Elizabeth Bolte, *Anchorage, AK, Highest Distinction*
 Jady Lynn Brooks, *Bartley, Distinction*
 Payton Elizabeth Burch, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
 Jessica Rose Carrier, *Bellevue*
 Jocelyn Elise-Marie Cheek, *Panama, IA*
 Kennedy Christensen, *Hickman*
 Emma Lee Cline, *Ord, Highest Distinction*
 Shea Ryan Dolezal, *Gretna*
 Hannah Helaine Dudley, *Gretna*
 Emma LeeAnn Dutton, *McCook, Highest Distinction*
 Sadie Marie Evans, *Columbus*
 Sophia Marie Feilmeier, *Elkhorn*
 La' Var Dunell Felder Jr., *Saint Joseph, MO*
 Alyssa Finch, *Omaha*
 Brooke Elizabeth Frey, *Tilden*
 Rachel LeeAnn Gale, *North Platte, Distinction*
 Meredith Erin Gaura, *Lincoln, High Distinction*
 Katelyn Elise Geaghan, *Fremont, Highest Distinction*
 Kaylee L. Gehrt, *La Crosse, WI, High Distinction*
 Claire Elise Gideon, *Burwell, Highest Distinction*
 Ellie Tayler Goble, *Elkhorn*
 Brooke Lee Goshorn, *Harlan, IA, High Distinction*
 Sage Isabella Graves, *McCook, High Distinction*
 Mollie Grosshans, *Waverly, Highest Distinction*
 Morgan A. Habrock, *Elkhorn*
 Monica M. Hanus, *Lincoln, Highest Distinction*
 Braeden Joseph Haptonstall, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
 Delaney S. Hartz, *Lincoln, High Distinction*
 Hannah Julia Havlik, *Kimball*
 Peyton Ann Heaney, *Stilwell, KS*
 Alayne Heisler, *Gretna*
 Jessalynn Mae Hellbusch, *North Bend*
 Morgan Hemphill, *Lincoln*
 Morgan Michaela Holdorf, *Madison, Distinction*
 Nikki Michelle Hutfless, *Papillion*
 Samantha Ann Jaeke, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
 Leah Joletta Jesske, *Omaha, Distinction*
 Madalyn Jane Johnson, *Lincoln*
 Karly Mae Kalin, *Norfolk, Highest Distinction*
 Addison LaRee Karre, *Elkhorn*
 Kelli Ann Kaufman, *Geneva, IL*

Elizabeth Rayann Keber, *Spalding*
 Siddhartha Vijay Khanvilkar, *Lincoln*
 Natalia Kleinjan, *Hastings*
 Meghan Elizabeth Knudson, *Omaha, High Distinction*
 Thea Elizabeth Kohmetscher, *Lincoln*
 Emily Anne Korinek, *Lincoln, Distinction*
 Ella Jane Kostal, *Lincoln, Distinction*
 Olivia Sue Krause, *Elkhorn*
 Mercy Wawira Kubuta, *Lincoln*
 Grace Anne Laczynski, *Carterville, IL*
 Olivia Larson, *Woodbury, MN*
 Kendall Le Phung, *Crete, High Distinction*
 Kyler Beth Ledbetter, *Ogallala, Highest Distinction*
 Samantha Lenort, *Fairmont, MN*
 Janet Giselle Lima, *Lincoln*
 Nathaly Loza, *Schuyler*
 Silvia Leticia Lucas, *Crete*
 Riley N. McFarland, *Colorado Springs, CO, Distinction*
 Lily Katherine McKenzie, *Omaha*
 Morgan Nicole Mihm, *Omaha, Distinction*
 Abigail Anne Mills, *Eagan, MN, Distinction*
 Tobias Jacob Nolting, *Murray*
 Jason Olson, *Aurora, Highest Distinction*
 Courtney Kae Oswald, *Aurora, Highest Distinction*
 Makenna Parde, *Beatrice, Highest Distinction*
 Sarah Paronto, *Lincoln*
 Maren Marie Pelikan, *New Berlin, WI*
 Dayvie Jade Perrien, *Sutton*
 Lizeth Pesina Cruz, *Lincoln, Highest Distinction*
 Elizabeth Kathryn Peters, *Quincy, IL, Highest Distinction*
 Ashleigh Ragone, *Bellevue, Highest Distinction*
 Sophia Helene Lourdes Riera, *Omaha*
 Rosalia Riquenes Castro, *Lincoln*
 Samantha Mae Robinson, *League City, TX*
 Hannah Rush, *Gretna*
 Vanessa Sanchez, *Omaha*
 Cora Katherine Scott, *Lincoln, Distinction*
 Kynley Sage Sis, *Papillion*
 Ally Marie Smart, *Windsor, CO*
 Chelsea Raynee Strom, *Norfolk*
 Reiah Stroup, *Hazen, ND, Highest Distinction*
 Emily Ann Tanner, *Elkhorn, High Distinction*
 Cora Adele Thomas, *Lincoln*
 Emma Katelin Vejraska, *Saint Joseph, MO*
 Amanda M. Wassinger, *Seward*
 Emily Way, *Seward, Highest Distinction*
 Chaney Mae Weiss, *Beatrice*
 Claire Rose Whitesel, *Neligh, Highest Distinction*
 Audrianna Grace Wolf, *Milford*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Raeann Jo Anderson, *Lincoln*
Brenden Michael Heckenlively, *Falls City*
Jami Lea Hermsmeier, *Clatonia*
Patricia Orcutt, *Ceresco*
Madison Nicole Switzer, *Grand Island*
Brennan Winkler, *Lincoln*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Christopher N. Bell, *Lincoln*
Lakin Meryl Braman, *Lincoln*
Matthew Scott Carver, *Lincoln*
Linh Ngoc Hoang, *Lincoln*
Bianca Lowe, *Omaha*
Collin David Yoachim, *Arkansas City, KS*
Joscelyn Christine Zimmerman, *Beatrice*

ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 8, 2025
Norfolk, Nebraska

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

REGENT'S WELCOME

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Sigma Theta Tau WENDY RAMAKERS, MSN
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Assistant Dean, College of Nursing

School Health Nurse Scholars Program LISA WALTERS, MSN
Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

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May 8, 2025
Norfolk

COLLEGE OF NURSING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Carissa Nicole Allen, *Humboldt*
Elly Kristine Becker, *Hartington, Highest Distinction*
Sierra RaeLynn Bryant, *Firth, Highest Distinction*
Gracie Hanna Dickes, *Hartington, Highest Distinction*
Alyssa M. Dorau, *Columbus, High Distinction*
Noel Marie Eckert, *Marquette, High Distinction*
Jenna Etmans, *Murrieta, CA*
Kirstyn Kaye Evans, *Tilden*
Elise Lyn Fitzpatrick, *Bellevue, Distinction*
Bridget Frasch, *Neligh*
Hannah Rose Harding, *Lindsay*
Clayton James Kupon Harris, *David City, Distinction*
Lauryn Grace Hoffman, *Spencer, Distinction*
Kelsey Diane Horton, *Alliance, Distinction*
Joshua Ryan Jansen, *West Point, High Distinction*

Trevor John Jorges, *Johnson Lake*
Christy M. Kemper, *Genoa*
Sofia Elaine Kuenzi, *Sabetha, KS, Distinction*
Bailey Nicole Lemburg, *Clarkson*
Macy Claire Majerus, *Lincoln*
Maria Carla Nodal-Planells, *Yankton, SD*
Halle Laine Olsen, *Tekamah*
Kaitlyn Ann Pochop, *Battle Creek, High Distinction*
Joseph Patrick Reimers, *Seward, High Distinction*
Melany Noemi Ruiz, *Columbus*
Miriam Sanchez Ramirez, *Norfolk*
Reganne Rose Schrunk, *Valentine*
Brandi Nicole Simonsen, *Lyons*
Hayley Nichole Smith, *Grand Island*
Carsten Joseph Stanczyk, *Fullerton, High Distinction*
Alyssa Rose Zwingman, *Columbus*
Emma Marie Zwingman, *Columbus*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Alyssa Nicole Ludwig, *Spencer*
Tiffany Jo Rice, *Osmond*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Ashley Dee Dewey, *Elgin*

ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 10, 2025
Omaha, Nebraska

H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION**Pranita Chetana Devaraju
College of Medicine
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

REGENT'S WELCOME

HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SCIENCE. JANE MEZA, PhD
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

J.G. ELLIOTT AWARD..... JANE MEZA, PhD
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES/CERTIFICATES..... H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM
Interim Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS/CERTIFICATES BY THE DEANS

COLLEGE OF NURSING PRESENTED BY: LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONSPRESENTED BY: KYLE P. MEYER, PhD, MS, PT, FASAHP
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTHPRESENTED BY: ALI S. KHAN, MD, MPH, MBA
Dean, College of Public Health

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY PRESENTED BY: DONALD G. KLEPSE, PhD, MBA
Interim Dean, College of Pharmacy

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE PRESENTED BY: BRADLEY E. BRITIGAN, MD
Dean, College of Medicine

GRADUATE COLLEGE PRESENTED BY: KENDRA SCHMID, PhD
Interim Dean, Graduate Studies

CLOSING REMARKS..... H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM
Interim Chancellor

BENEDICTION** Theodore Anthony Blum
College of Pharmacy
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RECESSIONAL

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** Student Initiated

HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SCIENCE

The University of Nebraska awards Alexander (Sasha) Kabanov, PhD, an honorary Doctor of Science degree for achievement in science and his service to our nation and to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Throughout his career he has personified intellectual leadership, dedication to the community, commitment to education and service to both the academic community and society at large.

Dr. Kabanov currently serves as Mescal S. Ferguson Distinguished Professor and the Director of the Center for Nanotechnology in Drug Delivery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. But he continues to be associated, nationally and internationally, with Nebraska and UNMC, and we with him.



While serving as Parke–Davis Endowed Chair in Pharmaceuticals at UNMC, he helped establish the first academic center of nanomedicine in the United States, the Nebraska Center for Nanomedicine. As one of his nominators for this award, Aaron Mohs, PhD, put it, Dr. Kabanov’s influence upon UNMC and beyond is profound.

David Oupicky, PhD, the current Parke–Davis Chair, said: “As someone who has followed in his footsteps, I can attest to the profound impact he has had on our field, our institution, and the countless scientists he has inspired along the way. The fact that his legacy continues to open doors and create opportunities for Nebraska’s scientific community more than a decade after his departure is perhaps the strongest testament to the lasting value of his contributions.”

His scientific career has led to clinical trials, nearly \$122 million in total research funding, more than 350 peer reviewed publications, 80 trainees (including an NCI Cancer Nanotechnology Training Program), 38 issued patents, numerous companies and nearly 400 invited seminars at conferences and external institutions.

Dr. Kabanov is one of the pioneers in drug delivery and nanomedicine, having revolutionized the field through his groundbreaking work on polyelectrolyte complexes and polymeric micelles for drug delivery. His innovative research has led directly to an important milestone: the development of the first-in-class polymer micelle drug to reach human clinical trials. This achievement represented a pivotal moment in pharmaceutical sciences by bridging basic research and practical therapeutic applications. His work continues to advance our understanding of how therapeutic agents can be delivered to their targets in the body and has opened new possibilities for treating range of diseases.

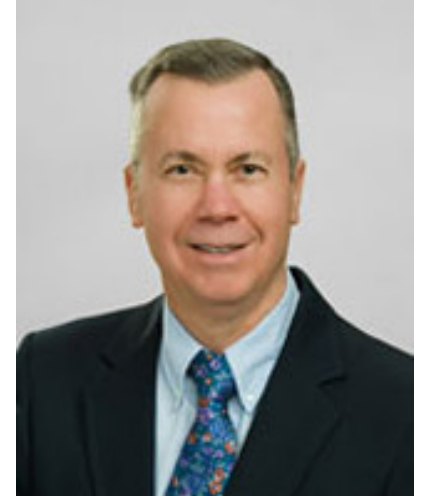
He earned master’s, PhD and Doctor of Chemical Sciences degrees from Lomonosov Moscow State University, USSR. A former UNMC Scientist Laureate, he has earned honors, awards and memberships too numerous to mention.

The University is proud to present this honorary Doctor of Science degree to Sasha Kabanov, PhD.

J. G. (JACK) ELLIOTT AWARD

Byron Barksdale, MD, is honored with the J.G. Elliott Award for his decades of service to his fellow Nebraskans, notably in the areas of health care, outreach to the underserved and public health. His vision and dedication to community helped bring critical health services to parts of Nebraska that were previously underserved.

After arriving in North Platte in 1981, Dr. Barksdale worked with several key community stakeholders to bring the first anesthesiologist to town in 1983. He and the group continued, establishing a cancer center, now Callahan Cancer Center, in 1985. Then a certified stroke center in 2009. And finally, after 28 years of lobbying and organization, a hyperbaric chamber, for the treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning and wound care. These crucial health services now stand as a beacon for Nebraskans who live in the western region of the state. They also serve residents of rural Colorado and Kansas.



Dr. Barksdale is the sole owner of Pathology Services, P.C., which was founded by former UNMC faculty member George Haslam, MD, in 1967. Pathology Services, based in North Platte, supports UNMC's pathology department and serves 19 critical access hospitals in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas.

Dr. Barksdale serves as a consulting pathologist throughout the state. He's served as chief of the medical staff at Great Plains Health in North Platte and was elected twice by its medical staff to serve on the Great Plains Health hospital board of directors.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, a member of the American Medical Association and a Lab Inspector and Fellow of the College of American Pathologists.

Dr. Barksdale is an advocate for direct access testing for patients and melanoma awareness, promoting free skin examinations. He also volunteered for the Cuba AIDS Project, which led to his helping establish a Nebraska-Cuba international trade mission.

Dr. Barksdale holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from the University of Kentucky and earned his MD degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He has licenses to practice medicine in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Florida and Hawaii.

The J.G. Elliott Award is given annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to medicine and health programs for the state of Nebraska.

It is awarded in memory of Jack Elliott, who served on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for 20 years until his death in 1974. The University is proud to present this award to Byron Barksdale, MD.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

May 10, 2025

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Chloe Ataya, Glendale, CA, **High Distinction**

Olivia Lauren Ball, Omaha, **Highest Distinction**

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Caitlyn Camp, Papillion

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Tatum Renea Carlson, Neola, IA, **High Distinction**

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Michelle Choquette, Minden

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Allison Dang, Omaha

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Brianna Fulton, Nebraska City, **Highest Distinction**

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 Diane Johnson, *Bellevue*
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 Molly Rose Kroeger, *Omaha*
 Angelica Marquez, *Omaha*
 Audra Meador, *Omaha*

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 Margaret Ann Platel, *Omaha*
 Ryan Wohler Sharp, *Centennial, CO*
 Madelyne Ann Shockley, *Omaha*
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COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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 Haley Marie Bourassa, *Lincoln, Highest Distinction*
 Abigail Carman, *Portland, OR **
 Elli Grace Carney, *Spirit Lake, IA **
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 McKenzie Jean Johnson, *Greeley*
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 Emma Faye Tennant, *Grand Island, High Distinction*
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 Kennedy Lynn Trueblood, *Chadron*
 Bethany Lynn Van Schooneveld, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
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 Connor John Zimmerman, *Omaha, High Distinction*

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 Audra Faith Nolting, *Bancroft*
 Devyn Elizabeth Ostendorf, *Gothenburg*
 Christian Joseph Perez, *Pueblo West, CO*
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 Sophie Em Sayer, *Dunbar*
 Makayla Renee Schoen, *Oxford, Highest Distinction*
 Jessica Steckelberg, *Omaha, Highest Distinction*
 Savanna Grace Stevens, *Ogallala*
 Mitchell Thomas Sullivan, *Hickman*
 Ceres KeZhen Tuttle, *Sioux Falls, SD, Highest Distinction*
 Brianna Marie Wilshusen, *Hordville, High Distinction*
 Kathryn Jane Wonderling, *Omaha*

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 Makayla Lee Hilker, *O'Neill, Highest Distinction*
 TaiLyn Kounnavong, *Lexington, Highest Distinction*
 Micaela Lopez Perez, *Lexington, Highest Distinction*

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 Kaija Jordan Nutsch, *Leavenworth, KS **
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 Hollyanne Stang, *Omaha **

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Emma Rose Gebhardt, *Hartford, SD **
Andi Hendred, *Omaha **
Grace M. Hudson, *Kensington, KS **
Sarah Elizabeth Hytrek, *Bennington **

Natalie Koubek, *North Platte **
Caitlin Hope Nelson, *Genoa **
Carlos Alexis Valdivia, *Kearney **
Kasey Yelick, *Omaha **

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Lauren Marie O'Leary, *Bennington, Highest Distinction*
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Caroline Maureen Stokes, *Denver, IA, Highest Distinction*

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Jorge Carmen, *Ventura, CA*
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Aubrey Marie Dearth, *Overland Park, KS*
Dylan Richard Gessner, *Castle Rock, CO, Distinction*
Erin Hennig, *Tekamah, High Distinction*
Timothy Sean Hunsinger, *Alexander, AR, High Distinction*
Alli Brooke Kirkpatrick, *Broken Bow*
Makinley Marlene Kratina, *Gretna, High Distinction*

Samuel T. Lewis, *Seward, Distinction*
Kody David Lowry, *Rexburg, ID*
Dennis Kwokman Lui Jr., *Miami, FL*
Luke Anthony Merandi, *Canton, MI, Distinction*
David Nguyen, *Canada, Highest Distinction*
Roman Jacob Ruddy, *Brownstown, MI*
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Halle Angelo Schawang, *Waverly, High Distinction*
Amanda Mary Schmidt, *Morris, IL*
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 Jensen Rose Antilla, *Seattle, WA*, **Highest Distinction**
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Koeby William Bonner, <i>Kearney</i>	Decker Brodey Mattimoe, <i>Cheyenne, WY</i>
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Sydney Grace McLaren Buresh, <i>Papillion</i>	Samuel Creel Messbarger, <i>Omaha,</i>
Thomas Clyde Childers, <i>Grand Island</i>	Jackson Davis Meyer, <i>Albion</i>
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Jenna Leigh Junker, <i>Beatrice</i>	Lauren Dessa Thompson, <i>Omaha, Highest Distinction</i>
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 Jack Ryan Begley, *Omaha*, **Distinction**
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 Camden Vanderhoof Bilyeu, *Omaha*
 Luke Christian Blumenberg, *Norfolk*
 Treyvon Kyle Thomas Bokoskie, *North Platte*
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 Jordyn Childears, *North Platte*
 Cade Cody, *Cody*
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 Branden William Daro, *David City*
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 Joseph Anthony David, *Omaha*
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 Anna Maria Dorhout, *Omaha*
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 Laura Ebers, *Lincoln*
 Paige Corrin Eicher, *Elkhorn*
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 Sophie Isabel Gart, *Omaha*
 Sydnee Gemar, *Sutton*, **Distinction**
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 Jessica Hack, *Omaha*
 Jarod Hamsa, *Omaha*
 Madison Ann Han, *Omaha*
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 Benjamin James Hynes, *Lincoln*
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 Shane Michael Jacobs, *Grand Island*
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 Kennedy Elizabeth Johnson, *Kearney*

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 Marcus Lee Judah, *Omaha*
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 Grace Luree Kelly, *Omaha*
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 Spencer Daniel Lau, *Omaha*
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 Savana Victoria Nawojski, *Omaha*
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 Kim Thien Nguyen, *Lincoln*
 Nam V. Nguyen, *Vietnam*, **Distinction**
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 Dustin Steven Quinata, *Miami, FL*
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 Morgan Ashley Rothanzl, *Omaha*
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 Matthew Norris Schefcik, *Omaha*
 Samantha Jean Schindler, *Fremont*, **Distinction**
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 Rizwan Moin Siddiqui, *Omaha*
 Luke Robert Siedhoff, *Crete*
 Nathaniel Martineau Singh, *Omaha*, **High Distinction**
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 Austin Daniel Snyder, *North Platte*
 Jenny Joeeun Song, *Lincoln*
 Michael David Stage, *Gretna*
 Benjamin Gordon Stevens, *Ord*
 Alex Huston Stogdill, *Lincoln*

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps and gowns worn during formal academic occasions in American colleges today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England. Each school had its own special attire so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student, or a divinity student from a layman. Several costumes from European institutions are worn in today's ceremony by Medical Center faculty.

Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges and the confusion which would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code which over 700 institutions have adopted. Harvard, practically alone, still clings to its own traditional costumes.

The **distinctions** of the Code are simple, there being three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors, respectively. The bachelor's gown has a long pointed sleeve, whereas the master's gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end with an arc of a circle above the bottom. The sleeve extends well below the knee, the arm coming through a slit near the elbow. The doctor's gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve on which appear three velvet bars and by velvet facings or panels of the same color down the front. The navy blue gown trimmed with scarlet velvet, worn by some members of the faculty, indicates fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the Code. The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the course or faculty to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn. The bachelor's hood is rather short with a narrow velvet edging. It is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The master's hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctor's hood is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining, and has wide panels at the side.

The black mortarboard cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear black gowns and tassels that are either black or of the color appropriate to the degree in which they are being graduated. Marshals wear cardinal tassels. The members of the Board of Regents wear doctor's gowns.

Candidates receiving degrees with **distinction**, **high distinction** and **highest distinction** wear medallions with red ribbons, white ribbons and red and white ribbons respectively. Candidates receiving medallions have demonstrated, during the course of their study, superior academic aptitude.

Candidates receiving degrees with **Academic Excellence** are advanced placement students in the Colleges of Nursing and Dentistry who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

The colors, which may be observed at this commencement and which symbolize various courses or faculties, are as follows:

Dentistry Lilac
 Medicine Green
 Allied Health Professions Green
 Public Health Salmon
 Science Golden Yellow

Philosophy Royal Blue
 Physical Therapy Teal
 Nursing Apricot
 Pharmacy Olive Green

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