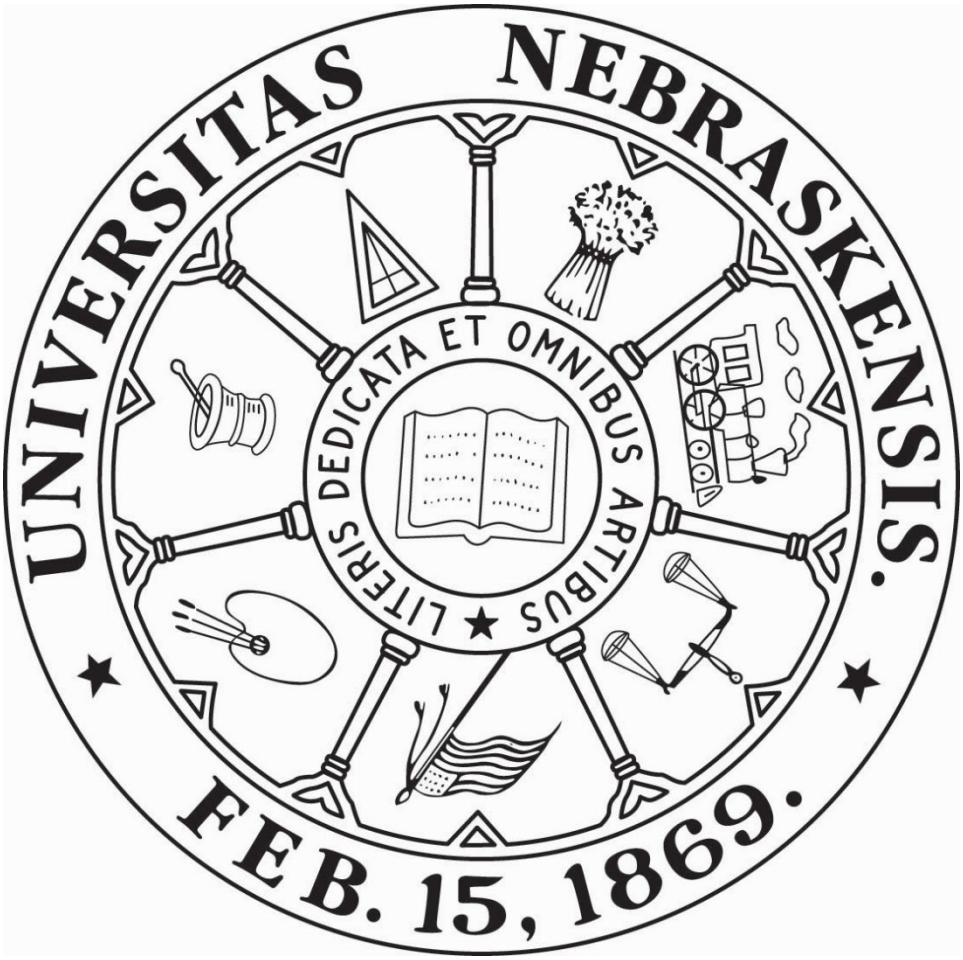
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PROFESSIONAL OATHES & PLEDGE

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 and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.

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 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

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, which 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 diginity 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.

KEARNEY ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 7, 2026
Kearney, Nebraska
H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL: POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE ..... Edward Elgar
(The audience will stand during the Processional)

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION** ..... KINZIE DERR
College of Nursing

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

REGENT'S WELCOME

AWARDS:

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

Irma Kyle Kramer ..... BECKY RINK, MSN, RN
Clinical Instructor, College of Nursing

National Student Nurses Association ..... SUNNY WENDT, MSN, RN
Instructor, College of Nursing

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

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing

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

BENEDICTION** ..... JOSLYN HAMMOND
College of Nursing

RECESSIONAL

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**Student initiated

CANDIDATE FOR DEGREES

May 7, 2026
Kearney, Nebraska

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Bianca Judith Aguilar Ramirez, *Wray, CO*
Alexis Aguilar-Ramirez, *Wray, CO*
Morgan Bice, *Hickman*
Aspen Brandich, *Colorado Springs, CO*, **Distinction**
Ashlynn Brown, *Phillips*
Clylisha Carty, *Sint Maarten*
Kinzee Ann Derr, *Harvard*, **Distinction**
Lauren Lou Dirks, *Lincoln*
Kaitlyn Nicole Doucet, *North Platte*
Edhel Ricardo Escandon, *Gibbon*
Emma Elizabeth Foote, *Scottsbluff*
Kenyon Andrew Forest, *Newton, KS*
Joslyn Marie Hammond, *McCook*
Karly Ann Hanna, *Omaha*
Riley Kristine Heller, *West Point*
Sydnie Rose Huston, *Wilcox*
Alyssa Jo Kolbo, *Cozad*
Olivia Claire Kvols, *Hastings*
Riley Lawrence, *Alliance*, **Distinction**
Kyle S. Lienemann, *Omaha*
Jesus Loya, *Ord*
Madison Elizabeth Mishou, *Kearney*, **Distinction**
Emily Grace Mlnarik, *Neligh*, **High Distinction**
Falhado Aden Mohamed, *Lexington*
Paiton Lynne Nash, *Byron*
Morgan Christine Ondracek, *Fremont*
Isaiah William Petersen, *Lincoln*
Taelyn Renae Pritchard, *Franklin*, **Highest Distinction**
Lucy Michelle Rector, *Imperial*, **Distinction**
Samantha Ryan Roby, *Grand Island*, **High Distinction**
Litzy Rodriguez, *Grand Island*
Brooklyn Grace Rowh, *Kearney*
Emily Carolyn Schaefer, *Hastings*
Makayla Marguerite Seal, *Midwest City, OK*
Myka Ainsley Smith, *Seward*, **High Distinction**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sierra Byrn, *Clearwater*
Liza L. Nelson, *Grand Island*

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Kierra Huebner, *Hershey*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Megan Joyce Bergquist, *Oxford*
Audrey Marie Cooper, *Hastings*
Shannon Marie Mills, *Grand Island*
Kamrie L. Peterson, *Polk*
Rebecca Rae Rockefeller, *Hastings*
Mollie M. Tate, *Oberlin, KS*
Jordan Isabella Francesca Witte, *Kearney*

LINCOLN ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 7, 2026
Lincoln, Nebraska
H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL: Pomp and Circumstance ..... Edward Elgar

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... BY THE DEANS

COLLEGE OF NURSING.....LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY..... GERARD KUGEL, DMD, MS, PhD
Dean, College of Dentistry

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

RECESSIONAL

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

May 7, 2026
Lincoln, Nebraska

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Diana Estefania Acosta, *Gering*
Alaa Al Bayati, *Lincoln*
Fatima Anguiano Cortes, *Omaha*
Natalie Eleanor Blumenkemper, *Bennington*, **High Distinction**
Brittney Brtek, *Bellevue*
Juan Jose Cervantes, *Lincoln*
Cori Jo Combs, *York*
Grace Ehly, *Lincoln*
Alyssa Lynn Empfield, *Grand Island*
Gracen Rose Fehlhafer, *Utica*
Alora Lucille Ferguson, *Raymond*, **Distinction**
Darian Kay Hadenfeldt, *Grand Island*, **High Distinction**
Kimmy Hoang, *Lincoln*
Kelsey Rae Hudecek, *Omaha*
Addison Rene Knoll, *McCook*
Baili Marie Kumpf, *Osceola*
Carsyn Grace O'Hare, *Kearney*
Hannah Parsley, *Flandreau, SD*
Andrea Perez, *Denver, CO*
Jael Nicole Jones Quick, *Lincoln*
Kristan Nicole Rinkol, *Grand Island*
Jade Lili Rodriguez Ramirez, *Omaha*
Samantha Rose Root, *Cortland*

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Quinn Carson Adajar, *Sioux City, IA*, **Highest Distinction**
Ian Daniel Ailts, *Sioux Falls, SD*, **Distinction**
Lilian Al Nihmy, *Glendale, CA*
Payton Elizabeth Alber, *Omaha*
Erin Danielle Alexander, *Bellevue*
Farah Ali, *Palos Hills, IL*
Luke Lawrence Andreasen, *Elkhorn*, **Highest Distinction**
Trey Jackson Asher, *Hastings*
Aspen Lyn Auel, *Elkhorn*
Kathryn Jean Benson, *Flandreau, SD*, **Distinction**
Kesean Rae Bundy, *Sutton*
Ashley Carol Bush, *Omaha,* **Distinction**
Anna Jane Campbell, *Omaha*
Emily Evelyn Rose Carlson, *Fremont*
Andrew Clayton Christiansen, *Mitchell, SD*
Rachael Kathryn Collins, *Lincoln*, **High Distinction**
Tanner Delaney, *Olathe, KS*, **Highest Distinction**
Alex Taylor Dyke, *Marysville, KS*, **Distinction**
Katharine Mackenzie Ewing, *Wichita, KS*, **High Distinction**
Pierson David Foi, *Phoenix, AZ*
Upoma Guha, *Lincoln*
Thomas Joseph Haith, *Grand Island*
Faith Marie Harris, *Grand Island*, **Distinction**
Lauren Grace Herzberg, *York*, **Highest Distinction**
Kenedi L. Holck, *Fremont*
Mikah Krystianna Regina Hoppens, *Ogallala,* **Highest Distinction**
Samantha Marie Hunter, *El Centro, CA*
Alyson Marie Jackson, *Lincoln*
Mason Lee Jensen, *Buffalo, WY*, **Distinction**
Amandeep Kaur, *Garhshankar*
Nori Khudeeda Khalaf, *Lincoln*
Eugene Kim, *Omaha*
Kendra Christine Kozisek, *O'Neill*, **Distinction**
Adriana Stefani Lamounier, *Lincoln*
Zane Leibhart, *North Platte*
Maria Carolina Leme Biran, *Brazil*
Preston R. Macdonald, *Blanding, UT*
Logan Richard McNeil, *Papillion*, **High Distinction**
Jose Manuel Mendoza, *South Sioux City*
Carter Elizabeth Meyer, *Rapid City, SD*

Shayla Nicole Meyer, *Lincoln*
Jacob Andrew Olsen, *Omaha*
Mounika Reddy Palreddy, *India*
Shivani Brahmanand Pandey, *India*
Shraddha J. Patel, *Edison, NJ*
Jaclin Paige Peters, *Lincoln*
Julia DiMauro Reimer, *Hastings*, **High Distinction**
Amanda Ribeiro Wobido, *Brazil*
Joshua Roh, *Abie*
Bradley Matthew Schoch, *Central City*
Jack Schoenfelder, *Yankton, SD*
Nathan Slusarski, *Columbus*
Gracie Alexandra Smith, *Baltimore, MD*
Elaina Diane Lundquist Spanel, *Omaha*
Logan Alexander Spanel, *Elkhorn*
Ashley Patricia Suchyta, *South Barrington, IL*
Dayne Thomas Jr., *San Antonio, TX*
Conner Ulrich, *Sioux Falls, SD*
Emma Elizabeth Verbrugge, *Luverne, MN*
Jacob Joseph Wiesen, *Staplehurst*, **Distinction**

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Ethan Trent Moore, DDS

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS

Ryan Gov, DMD
Cameron James Gray, DDS

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY

Adam Barrack, DDS
Nicolette Michele Barranger, DDS
Megan Rose Bengier, DDS
Cecil Cray, DDS, MS

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRICS

Beth Belcastro, DDS
Kylie Sims, DDS
Jacob White, DMD
Lauren Wright, DDS

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PERIDONTICS

Christine I. Alder, DDS
Gregory R. Ingalsbe, DMD

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Tara Elizabeth Bisesi, *Lincoln*
Avery Bowman, *Lincoln*, **High Distinction**
Emily Grace Breazile, *Nebraska City*, **Distinction**
Madison Genevieve Buda, *Omaha*
Caleb Cecava, *Lincoln*
Gabrielle Frances Ceccato, *Parker, CO*
Mia Rose Centeno, *Omaha*, **Highest Distinction**
Ava Mackenzie Circo, *Omaha*, **High Distinction**
Jordyn Elizabeth Coe, *Crete*
Kayla Lynn Cote, *Omaha*, **Highest Distinction**
Harleigh J. Crow, *Lincoln*
Elizabeth Ellie Davis, *North Platte*, **Highest Distinction**
Sequoia D. Davis, *Lincoln*
Mariah Mercyanna Dawn, *Lincoln*
Elsa Joleigh Dick, *York*
Ainsley Nicole Dierks, *Papillion*
Alennys Maria Dominguez Alonso, *Crete*
Cecilia Thuy Duong, *Lincoln*, **Distinction**
Isabelle Dailey Empson, *Omaha*, **High Distinction**
Ava Joy Fehr, *Omaha*, **High Distinction**
Samuel John Ferguson, *Pilger*
Madalyn Elizabeth Flanders, *Hickman*, **Distinction**
Alixandria R. Gifford, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Isabella Elizabeth Gloria, *Lincoln*
Trinity Tinae Goodwin, *LINCOLN*
Tenley Alexa Hadwiger, *Amherst*, **Highest Distinction**
Kathryn E. Hans, *Lincoln*
Zahra Hasnawi, *Lincoln*, **High Distinction**
Aubrey Hope Hayes, *Lincoln*
Kim Ngoc Hoang, *Lincoln*, **Distinction**
Katherine Anne Hogan, *Rochester, MN*
Mary Elizabeth Householder, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Kaitlyn Johanna Howard, *Nebraska City*
Heaven Hoyt, *York*, **Distinction**
Libby Lynn Hubschman, *Omaha*
Alyanna Johnson, *Lincoln*
Ellie V. Johnson, *Osceola, WI*
Ellizabeth Ann Just, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Bridget T. Kambarami, *Lincoln*, **High Distinction**
Aleyna Agnes Kassebaum, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Kalani Kerkman, *Omaha*, **Highest Distinction**
Jordyn Ashley Kirshenbaum, *Omaha*
Emma Grace Kolbet, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Sara Ann Kreikemeier, *Lincoln*, **Distinction**
Leah Krings, *Hastings*
Abigail Lawton, *Overton*
Van Thi Hong Le, *Vietnam*
Presley Ann Lilienthal, *Grand Island*
Olivia Sage Lohrenz, *Ennis, MT*
Taylor Ruth Luben, *Wahoo*
Michelle Lujan Medrano, *Alma*
Eden Reese McQueen, *Phoenix, AZ*, **High Distinction**
Elizabeth Anne Miller, *Omaha*
Jacob John Mullendore, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
KiLee Jai Newell, *Eagle*, **High Distinction**
Kyra Lynn Nordmeyer, *Omaha*, **Distinction**
Chiamaka Oluchukwu Nwaizu, *Nigeria*, **Distinction**
Claire Elizabeth Pepin, *Windsor, CO*
Alivia Joy Petersen, *Bennington*, **Distinction**
Ian J. Peterson, *Waverly*
Garrett K. Phillips, *Broken Bow*, **Highest Distinction**
Lauren Jean Pieper, *Beatrice*, **Highest Distinction**
Emma M. Rust, *Lincoln*
Cindy Abigail Salas, *Grand Island*, **Distinction**
Salman Salman, *Iraq*
Joslyn Rae Scherbak, *Waverly*
Lily Grace Schroeder, *Lincoln*
Emily P. Schwanz, *Gothenburg*, **Highest Distinction**
Stella Scott, *Omaha*
Justin Sharp, *Scottsbluff*
Erin Christine Sheehy, *Elkhorn*
Ziqing Shi, *Lincoln*, **Highest Distinction**
Katherine Brooke Smith, *Columbus*
Reese Snell, *Lincoln*
Keira Grace Sterling, *La Vista*, **Highest Distinction**
Madeline Stout, *Dakota Dunes, SD*
Madison Morgan-Marie Strathmann, *Andale, KS*
RaeLynn Sue Sugden, *Seward*, **Highest Distinction**
Laura Ann Swanson, *Louisville*

McKenna Lynn Taylor, *Shawnee, KS*
Sarah Theiler, *Arlington*
Rachel Marie Theisen, *Hastings*, **High Distinction**
Tate David Thompson, *Oneill*
Mia Kae Tjaden, *Sioux Falls, SD*, **Distinction**
McKenzie Kay Unger, *Lincoln*
Reagan Renee Van Diest, *Norfolk*, **High Distinction**
Victoria Elizabeth Van Dyke, *Omaha*
Nicholas Grant Warner, *Houston, MO*, **Highest Distinction**
Eliana Wayoro, *Roca*
Kaitlyn Sara Wemhoff, *Grand Island*
Maggie Marie Wheatley, *Elk Grove Village, IL*
Alexia Kay Wilcox, *Eustis*
Patia Anne Wolfe, *Lincoln*
Megan Renee Yindrick, *Hastings*, **Highest Distinction**
Lauryn Elizabeth Zessin, *Wood River*, **Distinction**
Madyson Nicole Zoucha, *Albion*, **Highest Distinction**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Josiah Daniel BeDunnah, *Lincoln*
McKenze Kay Cole, *Lincoln*
Taylor JoAnn Johnson, *North Platte*
Bailey Mae Keithley, *Lincoln*
Nyaduoth Wal Plummer, *Lincoln*
Morgan L. Roesener, *Columbus*
Rhonda Renee Souchek, *Seward*
Hanna Theobald, *Omaha*

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Jamie Lee Craft, *Ralston*
Lesa Ann Hoppe, *Lincoln*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Daisy Ortiz Juarez, *Crete*
Madison Jean Pieper, *Lincoln*
Kelsie Roberts, *Pleasant Dale*
Laura Nicole Rogers, *Lincoln*
Juan Zhou Powell, *Lincoln*

NORFOLK ORDER OF EXERCISE

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Norfolk, Nebraska
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PROCESSIONAL: Pomp and Circumstance ..... Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

AWARDS:

Sigma Theta Tau ..... WENDY RAMAEKERS, MSN, RN
Instructor, College of Nursing

Irma Kyle Kramer ..... ANGELA JOHNSON, EDD, RN
Assistant Dean, College of Nursing

Nebraska Area Health Education Center Scholars ..... ANGELA JOHNSON, EDD, RN
Assistant Dean, College of Nursing

National Student Nurses Association ..... LISA WALTERS, EDD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

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

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing

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

RECESSIONAL

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

May 7, 2026
Norfolk, Nebraska

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Aaron Isaac Albin, *Valparaiso*
Callie Nicole Arnold, *Pierce*
Chloe Ann Ash, *Holdingford, MN*
Callie Diana Backman, *Monroe*, **Highest Distinction**
Harlie Ann Bode, *Petersburg*
Sandra Fern Bolarong, *Phillippines*
Jeniffer Marbella Carrera, *Norfolk*
McKenna Rose Cleveland, *Clarkson*
Olivia Michelle Connelly, *Albion*
Nicole Ashley Cover, *Chadron*
Angela Kay Davis, *Bingham*, **High Distinction**
Ayden Mari Dugan, *O'Neill*, **High Distinction**
Natalie Sue Eller, *Shelby*
Erica Nicole Engelmeyer, *Beemer*
Beyonce Michelle Gildea, *Norfolk*
Isabelle J Hastings, *Columbus*
Jayden Bryce Hochstein, *Bloomfield*, **Highest Distinction**
Tristin Makenize Hooker, *Albion*
Rachael Elizabeth Hubers, *Wausa*
Halima Ismail Isaak, *Columbus*, **Distinction**
Emelie Ann Johnson, *Bloomfield*
Cadence Makenna Kramer, *Stuart*
Jenna Catherine Logan, *Shelby*, **High Distinction**
MaKenna Sue Lutjelusche, *Richland*
Ellie Jordan McAfee, *Ponca*, **Distinction**
Berniece Von McCorkindale, *Laurel*, **High Distinction**
HaiLee Rae McCready, *Cedar Rapids*
Ashton Alexis Middendorf, *Pierce*
Kenzie Marie Mosel, *Neligh*
Rachael Ngozi Osazuwa, *Grand Island*
Jaimee Lynn Paddock, *Shelby*
Madisyn Pelan, *Leigh*
Mackenzie L. Pinney, *Osceola*
Jenna Lynn Potter, *Rising City*
Sara Beth Marie Reynaga, *Madison*
Kaelyn Emma Sojka, *Hastings*
McKenzie Ann Supik, *Fullerton*
Anna Marie Tyler, *Creighton*
Amanda Sue Uecker, *Norfolk*
Carla Villicana, *South Sioux City*, **Distinction**
Freya Carley Marie Young, *Laurel*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Karina Cantu
Amanda Susan Cook, *Wayne*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Erin Lynn Miller, *North Platte*

OMAHA ORDER OF EXERCISE

May 9, 2026
Omaha, Nebraska
H. Dele Davies, MD, MS, MHCM, Interim Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance ..... Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION** .....Daniel Francis Kresock
College of Pharmacy

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 AND CERTIFICATES..... BY THE DEANS

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

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS .....PRESENTED BY: TAMMY WEBSTER, PhD, MPA, RT(R)(M)(ARRT), FAEIRS
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH .....PRESENTED BY: BRANDON L. GRIMM, PhD, MPH
Vice Dean, College of Public Health

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

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

GRADUATE COLLEGE.....PRESENTED BY: JERED C. GARRISON, PhD
Interim Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies

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

BENEDICTION** .....Daniel Francis Kresock
College of Pharmacy

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HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SCIENCE



The University of Nebraska awards UNMC College of Medicine alumnus James Roudebush, MD, an honorary Doctor of Science degree for achievement in health care and service to our nation. Dr. Roudebush, from Gering, Nebraska, rose to the highest levels of our armed forces while also making a difference as a hands-on physician. And he's worked closely with his alma mater on building relationships between UNMC physicians and scientists and the U.S. military.

In 34 years of active-duty military service, Dr. Roudebush achieved the rank of Lt. General, and served as the 19th Surgeon General of the Air Force. In that role, he provided vision and direction to more than 42,800 people assigned to 75 medical facilities worldwide; he advised the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff, as well as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on matters pertaining to the medical aspects of the air expeditionary force and the health of Air Force personnel. He'd served previously as command surgeon for U.S. Central Command, the Pacific Air Forces, Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command, supporting Air Force and Joint medical operations worldwide.

But Dr. Roudebush also made an impact on the personal level, doctor to patient. He was a practicing family physician and flight surgeon. He's led clinics, hospitals and medical centers at air bases across the U.S. and overseas. As a flight surgeon he has more than 1,100 hours in fighter, bomber, transport and refueling aircrafts.

After retiring from the military, Roudebush became a senior partner, and now president, at Martin, Blanck & Associates. He provides strategic guidance to companies operating in federal health care. He's also a strategic consultant advising academic health care organizations engaged in combat casualty care research and support of federal emergency response capabilities.

"The longstanding support of Gen. Roudebush has had a significant impact on today's collaborations between academic health care organizations and the military, and it continues to contribute to ongoing growth in partnerships, particularly with the Air Force," said Dr. Chris Kratochvil, vice president for external relations for the University of Nebraska system.

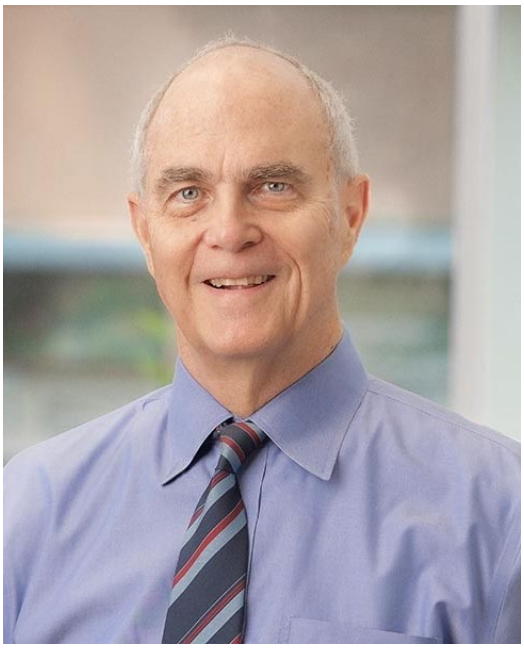
In his retirement, Dr. Roudebush also has served as a volunteer in support of the Henry Jackson Foundation's CP3 Veteran's Metrics Initiative, as well as helping to found the Charlotte, North Carolina- based Veteran's Bridge Home, an organization that supports veterans and their families in establishing a new life and home following service to their nation.

He is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and attended UNMC on a United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship. He and his fellow graduates from the medical school class of 1975 recently celebrated their 50-year reunion at UNMC. Dr. Roudebush also earned a Master of Public Health from the University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio.

He has been married to Cynthia for 47 years.

The University of Nebraska is proud to present this honorary Doctor of Science degree to Retired Lt. Gen. James Roudebush, MD.

JG ELLOTT AWARD



James Armitage, MD, is honored with the J.G. Elliott Award for his decades of service to his fellow Nebraskans, through his considerable skills in science and medicine, and his humanity. This honor is given annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to medicine and health programs for the state of Nebraska.

Dr. Armitage was born in Hollywood, California, but he is Nebraska through and through. He is from Kearney, graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned his medical degree at UNMC. He later returned to UNMC as a faculty member, developing the world-renowned bone marrow transplant program and Nebraska Lymphoma Study Group. Dr. Armitage is an internationally recognized expert in the research and treatment of lymphoma.

These programs, and Dr. Armitage, helped put the medical center on the map. But most importantly, they, and Dr. Armitage, made a difference in the lives of hundreds of patients and their families in Nebraska and across the U.S.

Dr. Armitage is beloved by these patients and their families not just because he saved their lives, but because he saw them as people. Dr. Armitage is known for his manner, at the bedside and beyond, as much as he is for the scientific knowledge and discovery that led to 650 publications in medical journals, 116 chapters and the editing or co-editing of 33 books.

At UNMC, he's served in numerous leadership positions, including dean of the UNMC College of Medicine. He's currently the Joe Shapiro Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Armitage has served on many national and international oncology committees and been admitted to fellowships by several prestigious professional societies, including both the American and the Royal College of Physicians. He's been honored with numerous state, national and international awards, including the Claude Jacquillat Award for Achievement in Clinical Oncology and the San Salvatore Foundation Research Award. The James O. Armitage Center for Hematological Malignancies Research and James O. Armitage Endowed Chair in Hematological Malignancies are named in his honor at UNMC.

In 1967, he married Nancy Roker. They were married for more than 49 years when she died from pancreatic cancer in 2017. On Dec. 31, 2019, he married Shirley Young, whose husband Jim Young also died from pancreatic cancer after a marriage lasting more than 37 years. Together, they share seven children and 16 grandchildren.

The J.G. Elliott Award is given 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 Dr. James Armitage.

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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 honors are recognized for outstanding academic achievement during their educational program in the College of Allied Health Professions.

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:

Allied Health Professions ..... Green
Dentistry ..... Lilac
Medicine ..... Green
Nursing .....Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....Navy
Pharmacy ..... Olive Green
Philosophy ..... Royal Blue
Physical Therapy ..... Teal
Public Health .....Salmon
Science ..... Golden Yellow

Thank You

