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 Pledge

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 at 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 2, 2024  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding

PROCEDURAL: Pomp and Circumstance .........................................................................................Edward Elgar  
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

REGENT’S WELCOME

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES ....................................................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD  
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ...........................................................................................................BY THE DEANS

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

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

GRADUATE COLLEGE ....................................................................................................................H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM  
Dean, Graduate College

CLOSING REMARKS ...............................................................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD  
Chancellor

RECESIONAL  
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ORDER OF EXERCISE  
May 2, 2024  
Norfolk, Nebraska  
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding  

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

REGENT’S WELCOME  

AWARDS:  
  Sigma Theta Tau ............................................................................................................................. CATHY TIERNEY, EdD  
  Assistant Professor, College of Nursing  
  Irma Kyle Kramer ........................................................................................................................ ANGELA JOHNSON, EdD  
  Assistant Dean, College of Nursing  
  Nebraska Area Health Education Center Scholars Program ........................................................ ANGELA JOHNSON, EdD  
  Assistant Dean, College of Nursing  
  School Health Nurse Scholars Program ........................................................................................ LISA WALTERS, MSN  
  Assistant Professor, College of Nursing  

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .........................................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD  
  Chancellor  

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

CLOSING REMARKS ..................................................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD  
  Chancellor  

RECESSIONAL  
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ORDER OF EXERCISE
May 2, 2024
Kearney, Nebraska
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding

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

INVOCATION** ................................................................. FALLON PAULOMI ELISE SWITZER
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 ....................................................................................................MELISSA FLORELL, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing
National Student Nurses Association ........................................................................DOUGLASS HAAS, DNP
Assistant Professor, College of Nursing
School Nurse Scholars Program ...............................................................................KAMI LOEFFELHOLZ, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES .........................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD
Chancellor

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

CLOSING REMARKS .................................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD
Chancellor

BENEDICTION** ................................................................. ANDREA KAYLEE SAXER
College of Nursing
(The audience will stand)

RECESSIONAL
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**Student Initiated
ORDER OF EXERCISE  
May 4, 2024  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding

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

INVOCATION** ........................................................................................................ TYLOR JOSEPH KING  
College of Medicine

REGENT’S WELCOME

HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SCIENCE........................................................................ H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,  
Dean for Graduate Studies

J.G. ELLIOTT AWARDS ........................................................................................... H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,  
Dean for Graduate Studies

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES/CERTIFICATES ................................................................. JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD  
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES ................................................ BY THE DEANS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE/CERTIFICATES:  
College of Nursing .............................................................................................. LEPAIN RE SHARP-McHNER, DNP, RN, FACDONA  
Dean, College of Nursing

College of Allied Health Professions ..................................................................... KYLE P. MEYER, PhD, MS, FASAHP  
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

MASTER DEGREES/CERTIFICATES:  
College of Nursing .............................................................................................. LEPAIN RE SHARP-McHNER, DNP, RN, FACDONA  
Dean, College of Nursing

College of Allied Health Professions ..................................................................... KYLE P. MEYER, PhD, MS, FAFAHP  
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

College of Public Health ........................................................................................ ALI S. KHAN, MD, MPH  
Dean, College of Public Health

Graduate College ................................................................................................. H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,  
Dean for Graduate Studies

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ORDER OF EXERCISE

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May 4, 2024
Omaha, Nebraska
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding

DOCTORATE DEGREES:
College of Nursing..........................................................LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing
College of Allied Health Professions..................................................KYLE P. MEYER, PhD, MS, FASAHP
Dean, College of Allied Health Professions
College of Pharmacy .............................................................................KEITH M. OLSEN, PharmD
Dean, College of Pharmacy
College of Medicine ..............................................................................BRADLEY E. BRITIGAN, MD
Dean, College of Medicine
College of Public Health .......................................................... ALI S. KHAN, MD, MPH
Dean, College of Public Health
Graduate College ....................................................................................H. DELE DAVIES, MD, MS, MHCM
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,
Dean for Graduate Studies

CLOSING REMARKS .................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD
Chancellor

BENEDICTION** .......................................................................................JOCELYN GINA MARIE DAUBENDEK
(The audience will stand)
College of Medicine

RECESSIONAL  .....................................................................................(The audience will remain standing during the Recessional)

**Student Initiated
ORDER OF EXERCISE
May 4, 2024
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, Chancellor, Presiding

PROCESIONAL:  Pomp and Circumstance  ..............................................................Edward Elgar
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

AWARDS:
Sigma Theta Tau  ........................................................................................................WENDY WELLS, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing
Irma Kyle Kramer ........................................................................................................KELLY BETTS, DEd
Assistant Dean, College of Nursing
National Student Nurses Association ......................................................................MELISSA SNYDER, MSN
Instructor, College of Nursing

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES* ..................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD
Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS* ...........................................................................BY THE DEANS
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY ..................................................................................GERARD KUGEL, DMD, MS, PhD
Dean, College of Dentistry
COLLEGE OF NURSING .....................................................................................LEPAINE SHARP-McHENRY, DNP, RN, FACDONA
Dean, College of Nursing

CLOSING REMARKS ...........................................................................................JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD
Chancellor

RECESSIONAL
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Barry Gold, PhD

Receiving the Honorary Doctorate of Science for achievement in the advancement of science and service in the health sciences fields is a homecoming for this year’s honoree, Barry Gold, PhD.

Dr. Gold is emeritus professor and former chair of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. He is former co-director of the University of Pittsburgh Drug Discovery Institute and was a member of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. There, and throughout his career, he used his training as a chemist to understand the mechanisms responsible for mutations found in cancers. He integrated medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and drug formulation and delivery to study:

- The design, synthesis and characterization of molecules that sequence-specifically bind to DNA in order to gene specifically regulate protein expression, probe transcriptional regulatory sequences, and generate novel anticancer drugs;
- The development of small molecule inhibitors of specific DNA repair pathways that are involved in tumor resistance to anticancer drugs; and
- The etiology of somatic mutations in tumor suppressor genes and oncogenes related to the development of cancer.

But he previously spent more than 30 years here, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and its Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases and Eppley Cancer Center. At UNMC, Dr. Gold’s leadership was indispensable, both as a mentor to his fellow faculty members, and as acting, and then interim, director of the Eppley Institute at a crucial time. This includes establishing the foundation for building a strong program in DNA repair and the discussions which led to the founding of the Cattlemen’s Ball of Nebraska. In the decades since, the Cattlemen’s Ball has raised millions for cancer research and deepened UNMC’s outreach efforts to the rural communities of our state.

His efforts have had a lasting positive impact on UNMC and were critical to the success that both the Eppley Institute and now the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center share in today.

At Pittsburgh and UNMC, he was active in the training of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. Dr. Gold actively worked to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in science.

Among other honors too numerous to mention, in 2008, he served as the chair for the 31st National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium that was held in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Gold did his undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies in organic chemistry at Hunter College of the City University of New York, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and the University of Toronto, respectively.

The University is proud to award the Honorary Doctorate of Science to Dr. Barry Gold. Welcome home.
J.G. (JACK) ELLIOTT AWARD

Kent Lacey, MD

Winning the J.G. Elliott Award is especially meaningful for one of this year’s honorees, Kent Lacey, MD, who practiced family medicine in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Jack Elliott’s hometown, for 37 years. “Having known this remarkable yet humble family for years has been a true blessing,” Dr. Lacey said.

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.

Dr. Lacey, a UNMC alumnus, did so throughout a career in which he practiced family medicine in Lincoln, and as noted, for nearly four decades in Scottsbluff. He has been named UNMC Family Practice Alumni of the Year, Nebraska Academy of Family Practice Physician of the Year, UNMC Preceptor of the Year and Nebraska Medical Director of the Year. He served as medical director of the West Nebraska Veterans Home for 37 years and medical director of the Family Practice Medical Residency Program in Scottsbluff for seven years. He’s served on UNMC’s Rural Health Advisory Committee.

He’s also served as president of the Nebraska chapter of American Heart Association and on the board of Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians.

Throughout his career, Dr. Lacey has been lauded for his mentorship of nursing and medical students and family medicine residents. And, for his caring manner.

In one especially memorable moment, Dr. Lacey made a reverse house call – while he had to stay home to watch his own kids, he invited a mother to bring her sick child to see him at his house. He recommended an ER visit for a spinal tap, which showed the young girl had meningitis.

He credits a supportive wife, family, coworkers, great office personnel, fabulous nurses and countless others for his success.

In his community, he’s served as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon at his church, YMCA board of directors, and youth coach of various sports.

Originally from Ralston, Nebraska, Dr. Lacey is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the UNMC College of Medicine. He and his wife, Gayle, who is from St. Paul, Nebraska, have three children and six grandchildren.

Dr. Lacey said he is grateful the award recognizes family medicine, and accepts it on behalf of “the hundreds of family medicine doctors in Nebraska and the service they provide that is so vitally important to the health of all Nebraskans.”

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. Kent Lacey.
Michael Sitorius, MD

Michael Sitorius, MD, one of this year’s honorees of the J.G. Elliott Award, had a plan to stay in Omaha, at UNMC, for one year. He’d arrived at UNMC as a medical student in 1974 and matched as a resident three years later. In 1980, his residency complete, he expected to be in Omaha only until his wife, Marilyn, finished her radiology residency the following year. Then, he would follow his father’s footsteps and become a rural general practitioner. Dr. Sitorius, a Cozad native, never did make it back to rural Nebraska to practice. But in a 42-year career at UNMC, he’s arguably had as big an impact on rural health in the state of Nebraska as anyone in the last 40 years.

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. During a career that saw him serve for nearly 30 years as the chair of the UNMC Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Sitorius oversaw or collaborated on initiatives such as:

- UNMC’s Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP);
- The development of the college of medicine's rural training tracks; and
- Helping develop a curriculum that integrated primary, family medicine and internal medicine to train physicians with a broader base of skills to serve rural Nebraska.

Dr. Sitorius said he realized he could have more impact in training generations of students and residents than being a single rural physician himself. The UNMC Department of Family Medicine under Dr. Sitorius’ leadership has had a role in training about 70% of Nebraska’s practicing family physicians. He also played a key role in the creation of Nebraska Medicine and led the expansion of its primary care effort.

Under his leadership, federal funding for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program, which helps UNMC cooperate with community health centers to recruit and train health care professionals to serve in rural and underserved areas, was secured. Most recently, Dr. Sitorius has served as co-chair of the UNMC Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Dr. Sitorius earned his bachelor’s degree from Hastings College, where he played basketball. He played on a high school state championship team at Cozad. He and Marilyn have two sons, three daughters and two 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. Michael Sitorius.
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
May 2, 2024
Lincoln

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Teagan Mae Abbott, Hastings

Distinction

Emily Paige Alexander, Lincoln

Highest Distinction

Gabrielle Whitney Barker, Sioux Falls, SD

Elisabeth Grace Bash, Lincoln

Emily Grace Bay, Elkhorn

Rose Cathryn Beran, Ord

Highest Distinction

Kate Isabelle Bergen, Henderson

Distinction

Jayda Ann Bernecker, Hartington

Jillian Brynn Bierbower, Lincoln

Chloe Brabant, Eldridge, IA

Highest Distinction

Skylar Destiny Brooks, Smithville, MO

Maria Fernanda Cervantes, Columbus

Brooklyn A. Christensen, Imperial

Alexis Mary Corcoran, Woodbury, MN

Isabella Rose Costanzo, Omaha

Distinction

Joanna Michelle De Rosa, Lincoln

Kaelynn Marie Eisele, Omaha

Highest Distinction

Lauren Jane Emanuel, North Bend

Highest Distinction

Jersie Lane Frerichs, Juniata

Erika Jeanette Freyhof, Hamilton, MI

Kaitlyn Nicole Gamble, Grant

Jenna Marie Goehring, Omaha

High Distinction

Hailey Elizabeth Gokie, Yankton, SD

High Distinction

Lilyana May Hanson, Tower, MN

High Distinction

Dawn Michelle Harmon, Hobson, MT

Amber Josephine Headley, Omaha

Jenny Estafani Hernandez Ramirez, Grand Island

Macy Lynne Holland, Filley

Kyle Gregory Hughes, McKinney, TX

Madison Isabel Juhl, Lincoln

Hannah Louise Kassmeier, Beatrice

High Distinction

Hannah Kathol, Gretna

Yadbir Kaur, Gering

Distinction

Lanae Nykole Kent, Omaha

Riley James Kirby, David City

Madison Jean Kirchoff, DeWitt

Kassidy Ann Kisker, Trenton

Kennedy Marie Klein, Forest City, IA

Valerie Renee Knott, Louisville

Katelyn Rae Komenda, Dwight

Kylee R. Lakers, Gretna

Olivia McGrail Lane, Geneva, IL

Distinction

Taylor Marie Larchick, North Platte

Lydia Mae Larson, Omaha

Sidney Paige Leuthold, Norfolk

Kenzie Addison Lewis, Kearney

Claire Marie Lortz, Omaha

Trinity Rose Lovings, Papillion

Highest Distinction

Reese Ellie Lowe, Norfolk

Distinction

Mia Kathryn Lutt, Elkhorn

Ava Elizabeth Marez, Gering

Alaina C. Meers, Omaha

Distinction

Hannah L. Meier, Sammamish, WA

Lily Mellby, Minnetonka, MN

Julia Marie Miller, LaVista

Kaylee Renee Moore, Gretna

High Distinction

Samantha Casey Munn, Lincoln

Madison Murcek, Omaha

Distinction

Jaiden Makenzie Niska, Chanhassen, MN

Taytum Elizabeth Pearl, Lincoln

Savannah Peddicord, Lake Quivira, KS

Callie Lyn Petersen, Lincoln

Highest Distinction

Jennifer Leigh Pettygrove, Minnetonka, MN

Abby Plank, Omaha

Kinley Rae Polzin, Olathe, KS

Highest Distinction

 Brianna N. Price, Doniphan

Alyssa Robyn Ramsey, North Platte

Highest Distinction

Emma Elise Reineke, Maple Grove, MN

Rachel Caroline Ring, Savage, MN

Chloe Jae Robinson, Waverly

Greta Josephine Rosno, Lincoln

Grace Marie Sall, Omaha

Troy Ethan Scheer, Gretna

High Distinction

Claire Anne Shumard, Fairbury

Bryan Thomas Stephens, Lincoln

Jayna Stroh, Hastings

Elizabeth Dawn Stych, Omaha

Owen McCabe Sudbeck, Hartington

Samantha Jo Taylor, Lincoln

Madeleine Ann Thompson, Papillion

Ethan Gary VanEnkevort, Powers, MI

Emma Leslie Wallin, Ridgway, CO

High Distinction

Hannah Kathryn Warren, Omaha

Mackenzie Renae Watkins, Renner, SD

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Mopelola Kemi Bankole, Lincoln
Ha Thi Ngan Cu, Lincoln
David Anthony Porto, Lincoln
Rebecca Marie Reicks, Hickman
Dustin Joseph Robinson, Beatrice
Ashley A. Wooldrik, Shelton
Brittany Wray, Lincoln

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Amy Berggren, Polk
Nicole Renee Detweiler, Milford
Alyssa Katherine Krings, Lindsay
Ashley Rae Kubik, Genoa
Alexa Danielle Longoria, Gering
Janice Luethje, Lincoln
Taylor Ann Nunnenkamp, York
Dakota K. Sonderup, Lincoln
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Wendy Barcenas-Soto, South Sioux City
Taylor Lenae Beacom, Papillion
Emma Marie Betts, La Vista
High Distinction
Ellie Ruth Buresh, Lincoln
Allison Cuciti, Lincoln
Capri Ann Dethlefs, Rockville
High Distinction
Georgina Lynn Dishman, Gothenburg

Madison Kay Frank, Lincoln
Jennifer Garcia, Hooper
Madisyn Faith Gardient, Grand Island
Jamie Michelle Johnson, Hastings
Mikayla Rachel Kiefel, Lincoln
Samantha Jean Nielson, Lincoln
Adanna Christie Paden, Hickman
Julia Lynn Raun, Lincoln
Sydney Elizabeth Samson, McCool Junction
Emma Coleen Schock, Falls City
Ella Mae Simonson, Brandon, SD
Rebecca Barry Steffen, Lincoln
Jayce Cassidy Vrbka, Shelby

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Aleser P. Alahmad, Omaha
Jessica J. Arland, Jackson, WY
Emma Laurén Baller, Sioux City, IA
Alex Owen Becker, Lincoln
Bryce Thomas Byman, Omaha
Distinction
Nathan T. Carnarsky, Lincoln
High Distinction
Robert Dalton Cline, Wahoo
Molly Cornelius, Cozad
Hannah Lea Dickey, Grand Island
Tia Rose DiGiovanni, Newport Beach, CA
Ashley Victoria Dirksen, Clara City, MN
Amanda R. Engelbart, Malcolm
Distinction
Sven Carleton Gartner, Park Ridge, IL
Jaspreet Kaur Grewal, Lincoln
Jace Andrew Hanisch, Humboldt, SD
Nathaniel Heimann, Elkhorn
Brittan Christopher Raphael Hoppens, Ogallala
High Distinction
Erika Jordan Houwman, Lincoln
Tyler Ross Houwman, Mitchell, SD
Preston Dale Robert Hunt, Lingle, WY
Katherine Elizabeth Ingram, Omaha
Merina Joseph, Beaverton, OR
Harinderjit Kaur, Lincoln
Abby Shaye Kautzman, Fargo, ND
Mahima Bhasin Kinra, Philadelphia, PA
Landon Lee Koth, Sioux Falls, SD
High Distinction
Seth A. Larsen, Kearney
Lauren Elizabeth Larson, Lincoln
Yumi B. Liu, Omaha
Jonathan S. Martino, Colorado Springs, CO
Case J. McNally, Lincoln
Sophia Elizabeth Pankratz, Hastings
Sydney A. Parr, Hastings
Samuel Michael Richard Reimer, McCook
Distinction
Tanner Marcus Resseguie, Lincoln
Samantha Michelle Rose, Firth
Katherine R. Sandefur, Central City
Distinction
Richard A. Sandefur, Rose Hill, KS
Brent M. Schulte, Watertown, SD
Distinction
Kylie Sue Sestak, St. Paul
Distinction
Kylie E. Sims, Lincoln
Madison Taylor Sox, Jacksonville Beach, FL
Katie L. Spencer, Omaha
Distinction
Wade J. Starkey, Mantorville, MN
Highest Distinction
Anne Steffen, Flandreau, SD
Marwa Taguri, United Arab Emirates
Tessa Marie Tecklenburg, Harrisburg, SD
Parker R. Walton, Riverton, WY
Kathryn A. Whittaker, Papillion
Hope Elizabeth Wilke-Jeffrey, North Platte
Elias J. Witte, Omaha
High Distinction
Alexis S. Wolfe, Lincoln
Distinction
Alexander S. Woods, Sioux Falls, SD
Wendy Zhao, New York, NY
Distinction

GRADUATE COLLEGE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Joyce Ab-Ye Lee, Charleston, AR, BS, 2016, University of Arkansas; DDS, 2021, University of Tennessee - Medical Sciences
Paula Christina Cohen Schlemmer, San Antonio, TX, BS, 2013, DDM, 2017, University of Florida - Medical Sciences

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CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION*

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Maureen Bigsby, DMD
Eileen K. Shannon, DDS

ENDODONTICS

Alexander Lopez, DDS
Kelsey Wenger, DDS

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY

Austin Davies, DDS  Sunandhaa Narasimhan, DMD  Grant Kenneth Neil, DMD, MS
Jessica Kristina Murphree, DMD
Elvin G. Tolentino, DDS

PEDIATRICS

Tracy A. Hegeholz, DDS  Bailey Neville, DDS  Emily Elizabeth Starman, DDS
Alexis Sandman, DDS

PERIODONTICS

Joyce Ab-Ye Lee, DDS  Paula Christina Cohen Schlemmer, DMD

* Completion date – June 30, 2024
CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
May 2, 2024
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Carmen Ann Ochoa Farho, Omaha
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Kaitlyn Elizabeth Schultis, Diller
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Pauline Chongji Xu, *Ames, IA*  
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Jillian Tracey Kramer, Ventura, CA, BS, 2023, University of Arizona-Tucson - Medical Physiology
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Lauren Corinne Hart, Omaha

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Sydney Nicole Slossen, Omaha
Zachary Russell Smrcina, Fremont
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Tanner Donald Sand, Wilber
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Katelyn Rose Obermiller, Grand Island
Yuqi Pu, China
Jaime Grace Troester, Hampton
Mary Kathryn Wharry, Lincoln
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Shayleigh Rene Clarkson, Scottsbluff
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DENTAL IMPLANT AWARD
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS
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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
Alexis S. Wolfe, Lincoln

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Molly Cornelius, Cozad

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CHI-CHEUNG CHAN ORTHODONTIC AWARD
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HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTIC AWARD
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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS HUMANITARIAN AWARD
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THOMAS JEFFERSON INGENUITY AWARD
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Nicole Jami Kent, Benkelman

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Bryant Adrian Menke, Hastings

THE ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA (AOA) SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARD
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THE ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA (AOA) SENIOR THESIS AWARD
Mariah Rose Tessin, Omaha

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE
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Nicole Jami Kent, Benkelman
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Jamie Kay Bish, Grand Island
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Anna Christina Mardesen, Elliott, IA

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Spencer Quinn Jones, Wichita, KS

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THE LOUISE NOLAN SCOTT AWARD  
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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 | Philosophy | Royal Blue |
| Medicine | Green | Physical Therapy | Teal |
| Allied Health Professions | Green | Nursing | Apricot |
| Public Health | Salmon | Pharmacy | Olive Green |
| Science | Golden Yellow | | |