



FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017
HEALTH AND SPORTS CENTER





TO THE 2017 SUMMER GRADUATES

Commencement is one of those special occasions that unites the entire University of Nebraska at Kearney community in celebrating academic accomplishment. It is both a beginning and an end: the starting point of new opportunities and careers, and the last step in the journey that students and faculty have traveled together.

It has been an honor to serve you during these last months and years as you've worked toward the completion of your degree - and it is a privilege for me to share this important day with you, your family and friends. Just as you have invested in your collegiate experiences, UNK has invested in you and your potential for achievement in our ever-changing world. I am confident that you are ready to build upon your strong educational foundation to better your own lives and enrich the lives of countless others.

As your new journey begins, I hope you will remember your alma mater with fondness and appreciation, return to campus often, and actively support its future students and endeavors.

My congratulations to each of you. Best wishes always.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Kristensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas A. Kristensen, J.D.
Chancellor

PROGRAM

William J. Wozniak, Professor, Department of Psychology, Marshal
Julia Ann Agard, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education, Reader

PROCESSIONAL

“Canzon Duodecimi Toni” by Giovanni Gabrieli
“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward William Elgar

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Amber D. Kosmicki, Kearney, Class of 2017

WELCOME

Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor

BOARD OF REGENTS GREETINGS

Paul R. Kenney, District 6,
University of Nebraska Board of Regents

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

Robert L. Whitehouse
Chairman, University of Nebraska Board of Regents
UNK Alumnus, Class of 1967

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

Kenya S. Taylor,
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student
Affairs and Dean for Graduate Studies and Research

GRADUATE DEGREES, ASSISTING

Janet E. Steele,
Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research,
and Professor of Biology, Reader

Frank A. Tenkorang,
Department Chair and Professor of Economics,
College of Business and Technology

Miechelle L. McKelvey,
Associate Professor of Communication Disorders,
College of Education

Denys W. VanRenen,
Assistant Professor of English,
College of Fine Arts and Humanities

Christopher Exstrom,
Professor of Chemistry,
College of Natural and Social Sciences

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

Charles J. Bicak, Senior Vice Chancellor
for Academic and Student Affairs

ASSISTING

Bree L. Dority,
Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Economics,
College of Business and Technology

Sherry R. Crow,
Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Teacher Education,
College of Education

Daren P. Snider,
Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Modern Languages,
College of Fine Arts and Humanities

Paul Twigg,
Professor of Biology,
College of Natural and Social Sciences

CLOSING

Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor

RECESSIONAL

“Blue and Gold” by Ronald Crocker,
UNK Professor Emeritus
“Procession of Nobles” by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED DURING THE PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL.

We request that only the official commencement and media photographers have access to the RESERVED AREA immediately in front of the stage.
Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are welcome to use the stage as a setting for personal photos. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



ROBERT L. WHITEHOUSE

Mr. Whitehouse was elected to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in 2006, was re-elected in 2012 and is currently serving his second term as Board Chairman. He received his baccalaureate degree from Kearney State College/University of Nebraska at Kearney, and his Master of Science and Educational Specialist degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

A lifelong educator, Regent Whitehouse has served as a teacher, coach, principal and educational consultant in the Omaha Public Schools and as an adjunct professor at UNO. Currently he is Co-Coordinator of the Omaha Public Schools Middle School Learning Center Initiative. His University and community leadership roles include, among others, the NU President's Advisory Council, UNK Alumni Association Board, Metropolitan Community College Foundation Board, South Omaha Optimist Club, Wells Fargo Bank Board of Directors, Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Board, and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

He and his wife Kim have three adult children and make their home in Papillion.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Each candidate's major(s) is in italic type and minor(s) and emphasis is in (parenthesis). An asterisk* denotes Honors Program candidates, a delta Δ denotes members of Mortar Board National Honor Society, a  denotes member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

GRADUATE COLLEGE EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Kenneth Jon Booth

York
B.A., York College, 2001
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2008
School Superintendent

Sammy Lee Dunn

Loomis
B.A.Ed., Kearney State College, 1986
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2009
School Superintendent

Seth Edward Ford

Bertrand
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2010
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
School Superintendent

Derek J. Ippensen

Shickley
B.S., Doane College, 1997
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2011
School Superintendent

GRADUATE COLLEGE MASTER OF ARTS

Tammie LaRae Kleich

Gering
B.S.Ed., Chadron State College, 2012
History

Kaitlyn Jade Miller

Byesville, Ohio
B.A., Ohio University, 2012
History

Darren D. Parlin

Wood River
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 1993
History

Collin David Plummer

Murrieta, California
B.A., California State University-San Marcos, 2013
History

Andrew Thomas Soneson

Gretna
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2007
History

Holly Frances Toft

Fremont
B.A., University of St. Thomas, 2011
History

"All Out for Victory: The Nebraska Advisory Defense Committee in World War II"

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Mark Ellis

Matthew David Upchurch

Springfield, Illinois
B.A., Eastern Illinois University, 2008
History

GRADUATE COLLEGE MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Erin Michelle Aerni

Kimball
B.S., Toccoa Falls College, 2008
Reading PK-12

Jennifer Anne Anderson

Oakland
B.S., University of Nebraska Omaha, 2005
B.S., Peru State College, 2008
Special Education-Mild/Moderate

Elisa Angela Arbogast

Richmond, Ohio
B.A., Mount Vernon Nazarene College, 1992
Spanish Education

Lindsay Sue Bain

Greene, Iowa
B.A., Dana College, 2008
Spanish Education

Jake Thomas Barrett

Highlands Ranch, Colorado
B.A., University of Northern Colorado, 2013
Physical Education

Jeffrey Donan Bishop

Worland, Wyoming
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2000
Physical Education Master Teacher
-Special Populations

Elizabeth Jean Bloomfield

Minden
B.A., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2004
Curriculum & Instruction
-Transitional Certification

Samuel David Bojanski

Omaha

B.A., Bellevue University, 2009

School Principalship 7-12

Danial L. Carlson

Bertrand

B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2003

Physical Education Master Teacher-Pedagogy

Marissa Anna Chadek

Kearney

B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2003

Special Education

Luke Charles Coufal

Broken Bow

B.A., Midland Lutheran College, 2010

School Principalship 7-12

Amanda Lynn Cowan

Underhill, Vermont

B.S.Ed., University of Vermont, 2001

Physical Education Master Teacher

-Special Populations

Melissa Kay Davis

Randolph

B.S.B.A., University of Central Missouri, 2010

Curriculum & Instruction

-Transitional Certification

Jeffery Sean Donahue

Gretna

B.S.Ed., Northwest Missouri State University, 1994

School Principalship 7-12

Kyle James Dressen

Elkhorn

B.S.Ed., Northwest Missouri State University, 2010

Music Education

Gina Marie Emanuel

Schuyler

B.A., Mount Marty College, 2011

Reading PK-12

Jana Katherine Estaniqui

Bellevue

B.S.Ed.H., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2012

Reading PK-12

Kristian Kjell Freeland

Axtell

B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 1996

M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2005

School Principalship 7-12

Thomas Blaze Glinski

Springfield

B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Omaha, 2011

Physical Education Master Teacher-Pedagogy

Lindsey Marie Gruber

Melrose, Minnesota

B.S., St Cloud State University, 2010

Spanish Education

Juan Carlos Guzman

Gibbon

B.A., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2002

M.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2005

Spanish Education

Michael Joseph Hlavaty

Olmitz, Kansas

B.A., Bethany College, 2015

Physical Education Exercise Science

Malinda Lea Hock

Kearney

B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2008

Special Education

Hannah Belle Hyslop

Oakland

B.S.Ed.H., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2014

Curriculum & Instruction

-Transitional Certification

Janelle L. Jack

Eustis

B.A.Ed., Kearney State College, 1986

M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 1999

Special Education-Gifted

Larissa Karin Knudson

Omaha

B.A., Valparaiso University, 2003

M.S., University of Nebraska Omaha, 2005

Spanish Education

Danielle Elizabeth Kuchar

Humphrey

B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Omaha, 2014

Spanish Education

Catheryne Anne Kuhl

Bennington

B.A., University of Northern Iowa, 2000

Special Education-Gifted

Ashley Lynn Lecholot

Sheridan, Wyoming

B.S.Ed., Black Hills State University, 1997

Music Education

GRADUATE COLLEGE
MASTER OF ARTS
IN EDUCATION
(CONTINUED)

Stephanie Sue Miller

Grand Island
B.A., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2010
Curriculum & Instruction
-English as a Second Language

Lindsay Nicole Moore

Zanesville, Ohio
B.A., Ohio State University, 2003
Spanish Education

Joseph Benjamin Morrison

Lincoln
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2010
Physical Education Master Teacher-Pedagogy

Jaimie Sharon Mosby

Schuyler
B.A., Dana College, 2009
M.A., University of Nebraska Omaha, 2013
Spanish Education

Jacqueline Marcile Mraz

Sutherland
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2008
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2010
School Principalship 7-12

Megan Marie Muller

Snyder
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2011
School Principalship 7-12

Mark Mason Newmyer

Wilber
B.A., Doane College, 2008
Physical Education Master Teacher-Pedagogy

Katie Linn Nissen

South Sioux City
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2013
Reading PK-12

Eric Peitz

Crofton
B.S., Colorado State University, 2011
Curriculum & Instruction
-Transitional Certification

Jacob Thomas Polk

Friend
B.S.Ed., Concordia University, 2015
School Principalship Pre-K-8

Danielle Lynne Reader

Kimball
B.S., Colorado School of Mines, 1993
Curriculum & Instruction
-Transitional Certification

Kimberly Kay Ritter

Alma
B.A., Doane College, 1988
Art Education-Classroom Education

Lindsey Marie Rosno

Columbus
B.S., Wayne State College, 2010
Curriculum & Instruction
-English as a Second Language

Jason John Rypkema

Omaha
B.S., University of Sioux Falls, 2013
School Principalship 7-12

Christie Sue Schauer

North Loup
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2015
Physical Education Exercise Science

Jeffrey C. Schwartz

Kearney
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2010
School Principalship 7-12

Michelle Louise Seeba

Grand Island
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2012
M.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2015
School Principalship Pre-K-8

Samuela Jean Simpson

Bloomfield, Connecticut
B.M., University of Hartford, 2009
Music Education

Deborah Danielle Sizer

Friend
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2009
Curriculum & Instruction
-Instructional Effectiveness

Chelsea M. Smith

Kearney
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2010
Reading PK-12

Marisol Soto

Tecumseh
B.S., University of Central Florida, 2005
Spanish Education

Molly Dawne Spain

Dallas, Oregon
B.A.Ed., Western Oregon University, 2002
Curriculum & Instruction-Elementary Education

Chelsey Paige Sullivan

Beatrice
B.A., Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2015
Reading PK-12

Aaron Lee Terry

Omaha
B.S., Northwest Missouri State University, 2013
Physical Education

Steven Lee Walton II

Rose Hill, Kansas
B.S., Kansas State University, 2015
Physical Education

Lenore M. Weatherly

North Platte
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 1991
School Principalship Pre-K-8

Christopher Franklin Williams

South Sioux City
B.A., Doane College, 2008
Curriculum & Instruction
-Transitional Certification

Kevin Anthony Williams

Belleville, Illinois
B.A., College Of Staten Island, 2008
Curriculum & Instruction
-English as a Second Language

Kimberly Ann Wirries

Warren, Minnesota
B.S.Ed., Northern State University, 2012
Spanish Education

Anthony J. Zarek

Juniata
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2009
Special Education-Mild/Moderate

**GRADUATE COLLEGE
MASTER OF SCIENCE****Caleb Michael Bomske**

Pensacola, Florida
B.S., Pensacola Christian College, 2015
Biology

Michael Shawn Doersam

Rhine, Georgia
B.S., Florida State University, 1995
Biology

Amanda Sue Fashano

Pataskala, Ohio
B.S., Youngstown State University, 2008
Biology

Helmut Wolf Handszer

Rowlett, Texas
B.A., University of Texas at Arlington, 2012
Biology

Erin ReAnn Huddleston

Sidney
B.A., University of Wyoming, 2011
Biology

Melissa Jean Karau

Rochester, Minnesota
B.S., University of North Dakota, 2009
Biology

Ting Chieh Lin

Vancouver, Washington
B.A., Johns Hopkins University, 2011
Biology

Brett Allen Markey

York, Pennsylvania
B.S., Messiah College, 1986
Biology

Jolina Ann Rice

Denver, Colorado
B.A., Metropolitan State University, 2013
Biology

Matthew D. Ridgway

Graham, Washington
B.S., Western Washington University, 2007
Biology

**GRADUATE COLLEGE
MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION****Brenda K. Alberts**

Minden
B.A.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2008
Instructional Technology

Bridget Ann Brown

Omaha
B.S., Bellevue University, 2004
School Counseling Student Affairs

Ryan Chase Brown

North Platte
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Student Affairs

GRADUATE COLLEGE
MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION
(CONTINUED)

Breanna Renee Carman

Imperial
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Allison Ann Claar

Petersburg
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Andrew James Coan

Norfolk
B.S., Wayne State College, 2011
Instructional Technology

Nathan Joseph Coan

Norfolk
B.S., Wayne State College, 2013
Instructional Technology

Michael A. Cooley

Morrill
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
School Counseling Student Affairs

Melissa Lynn Gammon

Broken Bow, Oklahoma
B.A., American Public/Military University, 2014
Instructional Technology-School Librarian

John Michael Gibbs

Lincoln
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2015
Student Affairs

Michelle Ann Hansen

Axtell
B.S.N., Creighton University, 2007
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kali Jo Hines

Burlington, Colorado
B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2012
Science Math Education-Mathematics

Stacey Lin Johnson

Inland
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Jan Marie Kunz

Stuart
B.A., Mount Marty College, 1989
Instructional Technology-School Librarian

Jazzmyn B. Martin

Overton
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Student Affairs

Anne Marion McConkey

Kearney
B.A., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2002
Student Affairs

Traci S. McKeon

Kearney
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 1993
Instructional Technology-School Librarian

Velyda Shaw Moeller

Fremont
B.S.Ed., Northern Arizona University, 1997
Science Math Education-Chemistry

James John Nitz

Cherokee, Iowa
B.S., Morningside College, 2012
Science Math Education-Biology

Jared Brian Oswald

Norfolk
B.S.Ed., Concordia University, 2008
Instructional Technology

Tyler Jacob Schaben

Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
B.A., University of Northern Iowa, 2011
Instructional Technology

Kylie Jeannine Surmeier

Kearney
B.S., University of Nebraska Kearney, 2014
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kimberly R. Theobald

Geneva
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2001
Science Math Education-Biology

Amanda Marie Towry

San Antonio, Texas
B.S., New Mexico State University, 2012
Science Math Education-Physics/Physical Science

GRADUATE COLLEGE
MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Kayla Marie Hansen

St. Paul
B.S.B.A., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2011
Business Administration

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
AND TECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Masakazu Adachi

JAPAN

Aviation Systems Management
(Flight Operations)

Summa Cum Laude

Yousef Alghamdi

Kearney

Industrial Technology

(Professional Communication)

Maria A. Amado Cabra

COLOMBIA

Industrial Distribution

(International Business)

Arissa Lee Benham

Papillion

Business Administration

(Accounting)

(English)

Sydney N. Bernasek

Ayr

Business Administration

(Supply Chain Management)

Eleishia Arealle Bibbs

Omaha

Family Studies

(Social Work)

David Lee Burkink

Kearney

Industrial Distribution

(Supply Chain Management)

Nery Noe Cabrera

Lexington

Information Networking & Telecommunications

Eric Allen Carlson

Springfield

Construction Management

Ryan Michael Cervantes

Kearney

Industrial Distribution

Gye Won Cho

KOREA

Business Administration

(Finance)

Abe Michael Dush

Elba

Business Administration

(Accounting)

Jensen Ray Foss

Kearney

Industrial Distribution

Adam M. Hacker

Chebanse, Illinois

Business Administration

(History)

Jacob Eugene Hecker

Pleasanton

Business Administration

(Accounting)

(Spanish)

Honorable Mention

Olivia Faye Hubbard

Elm Creek

Business Administration

(Management)

Jiayang Huo

CHINA

Business Administration

(Marketing/Management)

Nikolas Kevin Kiper

Omaha

Construction Management

Yao Li

CHINA

Business Administration

(Accounting)

Christian Alberto Martinez Perez

VENEZUELA

Industrial Distribution

Colin Francis Reuter

Omaha

Construction Management

Siera Jo Schwanz

Gothenburg

Family Studies

(Early Childhood)

Falicia Lynn Shepardson

Mason City

Agribusiness

Sarah Jean Shuck

Hastings

Interior Design

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
AND TECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(CONTINUED)

Ryan Jasper Swenson

Kearney
Construction Management

Bo Zhang

CHINA
Business Administration
(Management Information Systems)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Courtney Marie Aitken

Dannebrog
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Travel/Tourism)

Amber Nicole Clement

Chadron
Sports Management
(Recreation & Park Management)

Nikayla Lynn Elsberry

Hastings
Exercise Science, Fitness, & Wellness

Emilene Nicole Engel

Ogallala
Exercise Science
(Spanish)

Rachael Katherina Ernest*

Dalton
Exercise Science
(Health Science)
Magna Cum Laude

Alexa Khin Hogberg

Phoenix, Arizona
Exercise Science
(Health Science)

Brian James Husmann

Kearney
Sports Management
Business Administration

Halie Laura Jones

Broken Bow
Exercise Science
(Health Science)

Anna Mackenzie Kiewra*

Lincoln
Recreation Management
(Spanish)
(Educational Studies)
Summa Cum Laude

Cydney Brianne Kimminau

Wood River
Sports Management
(Physical Education)

Kelsey Elizabeth Lee

Albion
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Recreation Management)

Codie Lea Lovci

Columbus
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Natural Resources Park Management)
(Recreation Management)

Marlee Marie Lupher

Gering
Exercise Science, Fitness, & Wellness
(Nutrition)
Cum Laude

Katie Theresa Morten

Loomis
Recreation Management
(Educational Studies)

Aleesha Rachelle Olena

Trumbull
Exercise Science
(Health Science)
Honorable Mention

Keijiro Osawa

JAPAN
Exercise Science
(Coaching)

Kristyn Paige Otter

Omaha
Sports Management
(Educational Studies)

Mary Elizabeth Porter

Omaha
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Natural Resources Park Management)

Creighton Vaughn Reed

Juniata
Sports Management
(Coaching)

Hunter Reid Spady

Imperial
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Natural Resources Park Management)

David Douglas Squiers

Kearney
Physical Education

Cogan Wayne Thompson

Kenesaw
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Management
(Natural Resources Park Management)

Lauren Nicole Wagner

North Platte
Sports Management
(Advertising & Public Relations)

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AND HUMANITIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sthefani Cecilia Rodriguez

VENEZUELA
Spanish Translation & Interpretation
(French)

Karol Janeth Rojas Castro

COLOMBIA
Spanish Translation & Interpretation
Psychology

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AND HUMANITIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN EDUCATION

Angela Beth Lyon-Temple

Holdrege
Language Arts
Middle Grades

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AND HUMANITIES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Stacey J. Johnson

Kearney
Organizational & Relational Communication

Danielle Leigh Milos

Omaha
Organizational & Relational Communication
Spanish

Kattie Leigh Sadd

Beaver City
Journalism
(Professional Communication)
Magna Cum Laude

Briana Lenise Starks

Hutchinson, Kansas
Organizational & Relational Communication

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AND HUMANITIES
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Casey Adams

Grand Island
Visual Communication & Design

Amber D. Kosmicki

Kearney
Visual Communication & Design

Sadong Moon

Kearney
Visual Communication & Design

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AND HUMANITIES
BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Toni Lynn Birch

Grand Island
Music Education

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mohammed Abdullah Alolayani

Kearney
Radiography
(Health Care Management)
(Public Health)

Katelyn Baumgart*

Columbus
Biology
(Health Sciences)
(Spanish)
Magna Cum Laude

Nathan John Bell

Aurora
Biology
Honorable Mention

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(CONTINUED)

Brooke Lyn Brown
Clarks
Radiography

Jordan Corder
Kearney
Respiratory Therapy
(Health Care Management)

Abi Chere Curtis
Kearney
Computer Science

Lizet Erives
Grand Island
Radiography
Spanish Translation & Interpretation

Rachel Marie Feddersen* Δ
Kearney
Applied Computer Science
(Mathematics)
(Spanish)
Summa Cum Laude

Luke Thomas Fennessy
Norfolk
Biology
(Health Sciences)
Honorable Mention

Nicole Ann Hamik
Hastings
Radiography

Marayah Noel Laible
Atkinson
Radiography
(Family Studies)

Jahn Paul Landrigan
Broken Bow
Biology
(Art 2D)

Jalen Michael Larson
Grand Island
Criminal Justice
(Social Work)

Allahon Korean Marbra
Dade City, Florida
Criminal Justice
(Family Studies)

Ryan W. Matzen
Fremont
Health Science
Honorable Mention

Madison Mae Mickey*
Lincoln
Mathematics
(Accounting)
Magna Cum Laude

Olubusola Olapeju Oladeji
NIGERIA
Biology
(Health Sciences)

Caleb Thomas Pedersen
Boelus
Criminal Justice

Jessica Rain Porter
Milford
Radiography

Maria Susana Ramirez
Lexington
Criminal Justice
(Family Studies)

Yobana Ramirez
Lexington
Criminal Justice
(Spanish)

Brett Fay Schutte
Kearney
Criminal Justice

Samantha Dawn Sorge*
Cozad
Information Technology
(Web Development)
(Spanish)
Summa Cum Laude

Sara Kaylee Wright
Hayes Center
Psychology
(Educational Studies)
Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF
GENERAL STUDIES

Chase DeWitt Harmon
Sidney
General Studies

Miranda Marie Neumann
Norfolk
General Studies
(Health Science)
Cum Laude

Jacob Milton Vega
Gibbon
General Studies

CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES



INFORMATION

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

The University of Nebraska at Kearney confers graduation honors on students meeting the qualifications listed below. The grade average is computed on the basis of a minimum of 60 semester hours completed at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Candidates for the academic distinction of *Cum Laude* and above are wearing yellow and blue scarves with medallions.

<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.90 - 4.00
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.80 - 3.89
<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.70 - 3.79
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	3.50 - 3.69

* HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program provides promising and highly motivated undergraduate students opportunities to broaden and enrich their academic program. For these students, the Honors Program provides a curriculum that includes honor classes, seminars, workshops, tutorials, international travel and independent research. Through small classes of 15-20 students and close contact with the professor, students can actively engage in insightful discussions which produce independent thought rather than the application of a learned formula. The program offers a variety of learning experiences in the liberal arts and the general studies program of the University. Students completing the program must accumulate 24 hours of honors credit and maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average throughout their university career.

△ MORTAR BOARD

Xi Phi Chapter of Mortar Board was chartered on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus April 24, 1988. It became the second of two chapters in the state of Nebraska and joined over 200 chapters nationwide. Mortar Board is a National Honor Society honoring students who have exemplified scholarship, leadership and service to the university. Members are active on campus only in their senior year but continue to lead and serve their communities for a lifetime.



THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest all discipline honor society in the U.S., has installed a chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The motto of the Society, "Let the Love of Learning Rule Humanity," is the translation of Greek words beginning with the letters PKP. The purpose of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all disciplines. Institutions with chapters exemplify this purpose and identify their honors graduates with invited membership in the Society. Members of the Society wear Society insignia on their academic gowns.

INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

ACADEMIC DRESS

The tradition of academic dress dates back to the Middle Ages when gowns were a common form of attire in early European universities. Since those universities were founded by the church, students were required to wear the prescribed gowns at all times. They represent an adaptation of the cape or mantle worn by religious dignitaries in processions. The traditional color of academic gowns is black, but over the years other colors and styles were adapted. In 1896, the colleges and universities of the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress. The style of gown varies according to the academic degree awarded. The colors with which the hoods are lined indicate the college or university from which the wearer's degree was received. The border of the hood is trimmed in a color indicating the field of study. The following is a list of the most common academic colors:

Dark Blue.....	Philosophy
Light Blue.....	Education
Peacock Blue.....	International Affairs
Brown.....	Architecture and the Fine Arts
Light Brown.....	Business
Cardinal.....	Journalism
Green.....	Medicine
Lilac.....	Dentistry
Purple.....	Law
Scarlet.....	Theology
Orange.....	Engineering
Olive.....	Pharmacy
Pink.....	Music
Yellow.....	Science
Citron Yellow.....	Social Work
Lemon Yellow.....	Library Science
White.....	Arts and Letters

Just as color trimmings on the graduate hood and gown identify the college or university granting the degree, tassels at any level are often used to indicate the discipline or school (within the college or university) responsible for the candidate's academic program. Graduates in this morning's ceremony are wearing colored tassels on the cap as follows:

Blue/Gold.....	Undergraduate
Brown.....	Business and Technology
Light Blue.....	Education
White.....	Fine Arts and Humanities
Golden Yellow.....	Natural and Social Sciences
Pink.....	Music Education

CEREMONIAL GONFALON

The gonfalon is a traditional heralding banner that is carried and displayed at formal celebrations. At the University of Nebraska at Kearney, student gonfaloniers (those who carry the banners) are selected by College Deans and the Chancellor on the basis of noteworthy achievement, activity, or scholarship. Serving as gonfaloniers at the 2017 Summer Commencement:

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Gibbon, NE

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Masakazu Adachi
Chigasaki, Katnagawa, Japan

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