STUDENT HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 14, 2017
STRAUSS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Dear Honorees and Attendees,

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is proud to acknowledge our amazing students across all of the academic disciplines. Today’s Honors Convocation highlights excellence, campus leadership, and volunteerism. Now in our second century, UNO students continue to set high expectations for themselves and exceed their own goals time and time again.

The biographies found in this program highlight individuals, but our students are supported by family, friends, and faculty who help make that excellence possible. We also applaud those who do so much for our honorees.

This ceremony is a recognition and celebration of both intellectual vigor and good, hard work. The accomplishments of the men and women at today’s convocation set a high standard for our university and our community. Congratulations to one and all.

John E. Christensen
Chancellor
CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION
Robert Woody
President of UNO Faculty Senate

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
B.J. Reed
Senior Vice Chancellor
Academic and Student Affairs

WELCOME
John E. Christensen
Chancellor

AWARDS
Helen Hansen Outstanding
Graduate Students
Presented by Deborah Smith-Howell
Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Dean, Graduate Studies

Undergraduate Major Honorees
Presented by college deans

Deans’ Awards
Presented by college deans

SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR AWARDS
Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Presented by B.J. Reed
Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

Outstanding Leadership
Presented by B.J. Reed
Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

Outstanding Service Learning
Presented by B.J. Reed
Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

Outstanding Student Athletes
Presented by Trev Alberts
Vice Chancellor, Athletic Leadership and Management

RECEPTION
Refreshments served immediately following the ceremony in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom
HELEN HANSEN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Scholarships are awarded to graduate students who have completed at least 18 hours of graduate work, demonstrated excellence in performance, and have been admitted for candidacy with a grade point average of 3.75 and above.

Emily Ramsey is a school psychologist for the Green Hills Area Education Agency in Council Bluffs, IA. She also worked as a project analyst for Autism Action Partnership and the Center for Applied Psychological Services.

She received her Master of Science in School Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and her Bachelor of Arts at Creighton University. She will graduate in August 2017 with her Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology.

CLARE MAAKESTAD
Sociology

Clare Maakestad is an outstanding graduate student whose research interests center on environmental sociology and local/sustainable agriculture. She received the 2014 Sullinger Scholarship for the top incoming student in her program, a 2016 Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) research grant, and a competitive sociology graduate assistantship.

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society, Midwest Sociological Society, American Sociological Association, and Farnam Farm Community Garden. She plans to teach undergraduate sociology and work with sustainable agriculture after graduating in the summer of 2017.
UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR HONOREES

Honorees selected by departments in which they are majoring must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.33. They are chosen on the basis of academic achievement in addition to their contributions to the university and the community.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Breanna Boecker
» Environmental Studies - Earth Science

Kurtis Borne
» Physics

Roland Buchta
» Foreign Languages and Literature - French and Spanish

Li-Dunn Chen
» Psychology

Devin Christensen
» Environmental Studies - Life Sciences

Grant Darner
» Chemistry

Laura Dilley
» Psychology

Virginia Gallner*
» International Studies

Benjamin Hayworth*
» Physics
» Philosophy

Olivia Johnson
» Foreign Languages and Literature - Spanish

Dylan King
» Mathematics Education

Shelby Larson
» Women’s and Gender Studies
» English - Creative Nonfiction

Brendan Leahy
» Sociology

Anna-Turi Maher
» Geology

Brandon Marshall
» Geography

Ray Mason
» History

Sidney Parisi
» English - Language Studies

Madeline Shehan
» Biology

Sydney Sheldrick
» English - American Literature

Sekayi Simmons
» Political Science

Kirsten Sloan
» English - British Irish Anglophone Literature

Joe Smolsky
» Physics

Michael Trevarrow
» Neuroscience
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Megan Crosson
» Elementary Education/Special Education

Kimberly Fiorelli
» Elementary Education/Special Education

Rebecca Hansen
» Elementary Education

Abby Johnson
» Speech-Language Pathology

Stephanie Mace
» Athletic Training

Amber Preister
» Public Health

Connor Reed
» Biomechanics

Samantha Weber
» Elementary Education

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Anna Banwell
» Human Resources Management

Benjamin Goscha
» Banking and Financial Markets

Lauren Harris
» Business Finance

Erin Howard
» Real Estate and Land Use Economics

Jade Jensen
» Marketing

Daniel Kemp
» Economics

Justin Korth*
» Accounting
» Investment Science and Portfolio Management

Elliot LaFollette
» Supply Chain Management

Hannah Olson
» Entrepreneurship

Matthew Van Ormer
» Management

*Denotes Honors Student
Patrick Dunlap  
» Social Work

Jennifer Johnson  
» Emergency Management

Kaylee Moore  
» Gerontology

Morgan Padrnos  
» Criminology and Criminal Justice (Lincoln Campus)

Nicole Partusch  
» Goodrich Scholarship Program

Rachael Rief  
» Criminology and Criminal Justice

Tyler Stansberry  
» Aviation - Air Transport Administration

Keaton Stengel  
» Aviation - Professional Flight

Matthew Block  
» Criminology and Criminal Justice

Claudia Davis  
» Healthcare Administration

Sonia Ditter  
» Psychology

Dorothy Droz  
» General Studies

Mark Frailey  
» Native American Studies

Deborah Henderson  
» Sociology

Samuel Palensky  
» Mathematics

Breanne Pokorny  
» General Administration

Dave Rixstine  
» Fire Service Management

Anthony Schneider  
» History

Debra Scott-Eggerson  
» Behavioral Health

Carrie Terpstra  
» Geography

Grogan Huff  
» Bioinformatics

Megan James  
» Management Information Systems

Mark Peters*  
» Computer Science

Gary Roth  
» Cybersecurity

Katherine Slump  
» IT Innovation

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES
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DEANS’ AWARDS

Award recipients reflect a combination of outstanding scholastic achievement and leadership on campus and in the community. They are selected from the Undergraduate Major Honorees.

DEVIN CHRISTENSEN
College of Arts and Sciences

Devin Christensen is an Environmental Studies major with a concentration in Life Sciences. Devin will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in May 2017.

AMBER PREISTER
College of Education

Amber Preister is a Public Health major. She will graduate in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a certificate in Gerontology.

JUSTIN KORTH
College of Business Administration

Justin Korth will graduate in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is a quadruple major in Accounting, Finance, Banking & Financial Markets, and Investment Science & Portfolio Management.

JENNIFER JOHNSON
College of Public Affairs and Community Service

Jennifer Johnson, now a UNO alumna, was a December 2016 graduate. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management.
GROGAN HUFF
College of Information Science & Technology

Grogan Huff is a Bioinformatics major. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics this summer.

TIERRA M,A,YAH
College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Tierra M,A,Yah is a Journalism and Media Communication major. She will graduate in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Communication.

JOSHUA HANSEN
UNL College of Engineering

Joshua Hansen will graduate in May 2017. He will earn a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.
SENior Vice Chancellor Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

This award is given based on a combination of outstanding scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership on campus and in the community. The recipients are selected by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs from the Deans’ Award recipients.

justin korth
College of Business Administration

Justin Korth graduates in May 2017 with his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting and Finance. Growing up on a family farm, he continues to grow in his work as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). A world traveler and avid runner, Justin hopes to one day run for public office, leveraging his business acumen.

senior Vice chancellor outstanding Leadership award

The Senior Vice Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Leadership recognizes an undergraduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership through campus organizations and community volunteer work, in addition to scholarly achievement.

Benjamin Clements
College of Information Science & Technology

Originally from Lexington, Neb., Benjamin Michael Clements returned to Nebraska after a five-year stint in the Army. Benjamin is expected to graduate from the UNO in May 2017 with an undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems and a minor in Business Administration.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE LEARNING AWARD

This award is presented to students who have made outstanding contributions to the community as a part of their academic study.

GABY AMADOR
College of Education

Gaby Amador is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an endorsement in English as a Second Language and a minor in Spanish. Her anticipated graduation date is set for the fall of 2018. Her service project was the College Prep and Family Learning project. Her work on this project helped her gain a true appreciation in motivating students to pursue higher education, regardless of the circumstances.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS

Honorees are selected on the basis of academic and athletic achievement in addition to their contributions to the university and community.

MARK MOULTON
College of Business Administration

Mark Moulton will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Mark has concentrations in Banking and Financial Markets, Business Finance, Investment Science and Portfolio Management, and Real Estate and Land Use Economics. Mark led the men’s soccer team to two Summit League Championships in 2014 and 2016 and was named First Team Academic All-America in 2016.

MIKAELA SHAW
College of Arts and Sciences

Mikaela Shaw, a member of the UNO Dean’s List, is majoring in Biology. Shaw plans to graduate in August 2017 with a Bachelor of Science. Mikaela, a Deweese, Nebraska native, just completed her senior season for the women’s basketball team. As a member of the team she was a four-year starter, a three-year captain, and a team and conference leader in points, rebounds, and assists.
The University of Nebraska at Omaha Administration
John E. Christensen, Ph.D., Chancellor
B.J. Reed, Ph.D., Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
Bill Conley, M.B.A., Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance
Dan Shipp, Ed.D., Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Trev Alberts, Vice Chancellor, Athletic Leadership and Management, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Gail F. Baker, Ph.D., Executive Associate to the Chancellor

The Colleges
David Boocker, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Nancy A. Edick, Ed.D., Dean, College of Education
Louis Pol, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business Administration
John Bartle, Ph.D., Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Hesham Ali, Ph.D., Dean, College of Information Science & Technology
Gail F. Baker, Ph.D., Dean, College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media
Deborah Smith-Howell, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dean, Graduate Studies
David Richards, M.A., M.I.I.S., Dean, Criss Library

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Programs
Lance C. Pérez, Ph.D., Interim Dean, College of Engineering

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents
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Student Regents
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Patrick Davlin
University of Nebraska at Kearney, Austin Partidge
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Joe Zach
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Carissa Lueck

University of Nebraska Administration
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David E. Lechner, C.P.A., C.G.M.A., Senior Vice President for Business and Finance
Joel Pedersen, J.D., Vice President and General Counsel
Matt Hammons, M.A., Interim President for University Affairs

Special thanks to:
Faculty Marshals: Dhundy Bastola, Ph.D. and Sandra Rodriguez-Arraya, Ed.D.
Reader: Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, Ph.D.

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