



# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

## OFFICE OF GENERAL EDUCATION AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2017

### Thanks For a Great Year!

This will be the last newsletter of the academic year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly to educate, inspire, and motivate our wonderful students at UNO and in the local school districts! Your commitment to providing high quality and engaging educational opportunities and experiences provides a solid foundation for these young men and women as they work to advance their professional and academic goals. There remain many interesting happenings related to general education and dual enrollment in the coming weeks. Please read this newsletter for additional details. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Matthew Tracy, Ph.D.

### UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS

- Apr 6: Calculus: The Musical
- Apr 6: Calculus Bee
- Apr 9: AP Biology Study Session
- Apr 22: AP US History Academic Bowl
- Apr 23: AP Geography Study Session
- Apr 29: AP World History Bowl
- Apr 30: AP Psychology Study Session
- Jun 1: Dual Enrollment Year-End Luncheon

### UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION VISITS

- April 7: Millard West High School

### RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT GEN ED AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

1. GEN ED
  - a. [Colleges Must Help Students Find Their Passions](#)
  - b. [Liberal Arts and the Future](#)
  - c. [Reinventing the First Year Experience](#)
  
2. DUAL CREDIT
  - a. [Funding, Rigor, & Alignment are Crucial for Dual Enrollment Programs](#)

### UPCOMING GENERAL EDUCATION EVENTS

April 21: Gen Ed assessment reports are due for all units offering courses that fulfill [social science](#) or [natural science](#) distribution requirements.

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## CLA+: Coming to UNO in the Fall of 2017 and Spring 2018

UNO will be administering the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) during the 2017-2018 academic year to some of our first-year and senior students. We will be seeking a minimum of 100 first-year volunteers to take the assessment in the fall, and a minimum of 100 senior volunteers in the spring. The CLA+ measures critical thinking, problem solving, writing, and quantitative reasoning abilities. Importantly, the results of this assessment will help UNO measure the growth of these fundamental academic skills in our students over the course of their undergraduate experience. There will be more details forthcoming in the next several months, but I will be asking for your support to help encourage students to volunteer for this important assessment.

## General Education Assessment

Academic units at UNO that offer courses fulfilling [Social Science](#) and/or [Natural Science](#) general education requirements will be required to submit a general education assessment report for each of these courses no later than **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. There are many resources available to help you in this process including the [General Education Assessment Guide](#) and the [Gen Ed report template](#). Additionally, members of the Gen Ed Committee or I would be happy to meet you and your faculty to discuss the assessment process and expectations. I realize this might be a new process for your units, but I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with all interested parties. Please contact me at [mtracy@unomaha.edu](mailto:mtracy@unomaha.edu) if you would like to schedule a meeting with a representative of the Gen Ed Committee.

## Calculus the Musical and the Annual Calculus Bee

Get ready for another exciting performance of "[Calculus: The Musical](#)" at Baxter Arena! This entertaining musical presents the history of calculus through humor and song. You won't want to miss out on this fun event on April 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM! Schools and individuals can [RSVP](#) to the Dual Enrollment office. Immediately following the performance will be the annual Calculus Bee where groups of students representing nearly 20 different high school around the Omaha metro will compete against each other in live head-to-head match-ups to determine the region's overall winner.

## AP Summer Institute

Once again, UNO will host the Advance Placement (AP) Summer Institute from July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity for those teaching AP, honors, dual enrollment, or other accelerated classes to share pedagogy and content with other professionals in your field. Specific details and registration information are located at the following link: <https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/community-engagement/apsi1/index.php#schedule>.

## AP Study Sessions and Academic Bowls

Numerous UNO academic departments will be hosting fun, informative, and rigorous study sessions and academic competitions to help prepare dual enrollment students for AP testing in May. The Departments of Biology, History, Geography, Math, and Psychology all have events scheduled for April (see previous page for specific dates).

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1. Grades for second semester and year-long UNO dual enrollment courses will be due on June 2, 2017. Please ensure teachers have posted grades for UNO dual enrollment students prior to departing for summer break. Please contact [Kelly Malone](#) for information or assistance with posting grades. She will reach out to teachers in May with specific instructions and procedures.**
- 2. Now is a good time for high schools to review their rosters of dual enrollment teachers for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please contact [Kelly Malone](#) in the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment if you have teachers that will be leaving the program, or if you have any new teachers who want to offer dual enrollment courses next year.**

### SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITES

