New Staff Member

As we shared in our last newsletter, Dual Enrollment Admissions Counselor Kelli Florell left her role earlier this year to help manage her family’s small business. In August, we welcomed aboard fellow UNO Alumnus Colton Janes into the position of Dual Enrollment Admissions Counselor.

Colton graduated from UNO in May 2015 with bachelor degrees in Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology. Following his graduation, he continued his education at Eastern Illinois University where he earned his Master of Science degree in College Student Affairs.

Colton brings with him experience in several areas of higher education including New Student & Family Programs, University Housing, Fraternity/Sorority Life, as well as Student Life and Involvement.

He will continue to connect with each high school regarding the UNO Dual Enrollment Program. Be sure to reach out to Colton on how he can support you whether it be UNO Dual Enrollment materials, school contacts, or through social media.
Website Updates

It has been one busy semester, and we are proud to share that each of our partnering high schools now has their own site specific to their UNO Dual Enrollment contacts and courses. Some of the feedback we took into consideration was to provide useful information at the fingertips of those who need it.

We believe that this new shift in school-specific sites will allow students, parents/guardians, faculty, and staff to view the UNO Dual Enrollment Program exclusively through the lens of their respective high school. Find your high school via the High School Directory to find out more about Dual Credit opportunities at your school.

“The opportunity to earn college credit through UNO’s Dual Enrollment program looks different to each student and is different at each school. Creating school-specific sites helps focus in on what’s important to each student.”

An important component we focused on for this update is how UNO Dual Credit courses meet requirements within UNO’s General Education curriculum. What this means is that a student can review the fall and spring semester UNO Dual Enrollment course offerings at their school and know how the college credit they earn may be used if they enroll as an undergraduate student at UNO.

To learn more about the value of general education and its positive impact as a UNO student, take a look at the General Education website.

Access to Exceptional

The value of a college education is immeasurable, and the same is to be said about the benefits of being a part of the UNO Dual Enrollment Program. Since its inception in 2003, the UNO Dual Enrollment Program has been able to connect with high school students and help them get ahead in the classroom. What started out as a few schools has blossomed into a distinguished network of schools with a system of dedicated faculty and staff.

While transition is no stranger to us all, one concept that remained in focus is the success and forward thinking journey of the students we serve every day. We take pride in being able to meet with students in their classroom(s), parents, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders to engage in dialogue about UNO’s Dual Enrollment Program. For those who are still curious about the Program, here are some great benefits to consider:

- Courses cost less than 25 percent of actual tuition and fees at UNO
- Time to explore various areas of interest before having to declare a major in college
- Students experience college-level coursework in high school
- Ability to demonstrate competitiveness for admission to universities and for scholarships
- More time in college to pursue a double major, explore internships, study abroad, or graduate early
- Receive access to UNO campus resources and attend UNO Dual Enrollment events

If you are interested in learning more about UNO’s Dual Enrollment Program, connect with us. Plenty of our regular resources can be found on our website at dualenroll.unomaha.edu or by sending an email to unodualenroll@unomaha.edu.
Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Update

Authorized by the Nebraska Legislature in 2007, the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program pays tuition and mandatory fees for qualified, low-income high school students to enroll in college courses from Nebraska colleges or universities, either through dual-enrollment or early enrollment agreements with these institutions.

In recent years, the ACE Scholarship paid tuition and mandatory fees for a maximum of two dual enrollment courses per year. The ACE Scholarship has been updated to award a maximum of three dual enrollment courses per year for qualified, low-income high school students.

For more information regarding the ACE Scholarship, please reach out to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) Financial Aid Officer, Ritchie Morrow (ritchie.morrow@nebraska.gov; 402.471.0032).

Tesla Ex Machina “Tesla from the Machine”

In the spirit of sharing knowledge through unique platforms, the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment and Matheatre presented Tesla Ex Machina this semester. Physics students and instructors from a variety of school districts attended Tesla Ex Machina at Bellevue East High School on November 2.

The one-man biopic feature focused on famed inventor Nikola Tesla’s journey to becoming one of the most influential engineers and physicists in history. Attendees were able to experience how Nikola Tesla battled with partial amnesia, memories with his mother, Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, as well as see some re-creations of his induction motor, the world’s first robot, and a live Tesla Coil.

Continue to keep in touch with the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment in regards to upcoming events, such as Tesla Ex Machina.

Family Information Nights

This fall we offered information sessions to parents, guardians, and students so they may learn more about the UNO Dual Enrollment Program and answer any questions they had. For added convenience, sessions were held at local area high schools:

- Burke High School
- Millard South High School
- Westside High School

We found that these sessions in our neighboring communities were more accessible and allowed attendees to communicate their perspective and impression of the program, many times prior to the application deadline.

In an effort to continue this invaluable connection with parents/guardians and students, the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment looks forward to offering more Family Information Sessions in the near future. Continue to monitor our social media accounts for updates.
Are you a UNO Dual Enrollment instructor at a high school? Have you taught a UNO Dual Enrollment course for at least one (1) full year? Have you taught at least one UNO Dual Enrollment course this year? If you said yes to all of these questions, then you should definitely apply for the Outstanding Dual Enrollment Instructor Award!

Nominations can be made by anyone with a professional relationship to the nominee (another instructor, high school administrator, UNO Faculty, departmental coordinator, etc).

The criteria for this award are:
• **Teaching Excellence** (e.g. alignment of courses, innovative techniques, etc)
• **Student Impact** (e.g. go above and beyond in service to UNO’s Dual Enroll students, evidence of exceptional student engagement or achievements, etc)

Nomination materials will be reviewed by UNO’s Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment. A completed nomination form is required at a minimum, although additional letters of support may also be included. Materials must be received by the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment by **March 15, 2019** to be considered.

Materials can be submitted in two ways:
• By mail:
  Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment
  University of Nebraska at Omaha, Eppley 108C
  6001 Dodge Street
  Omaha, NE 68182-0796
• By Email: unodualenroll@unomaha.edu

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**Faculty Notes**

It’s time to wind down after the busy term and make sure we all cross our “T”s and dot our “I”s. Here are some friendly reminders we want to share with you:

**Check Course Rosters**
Before the end of the fall term, take a few moments to do the following:
• Check for correct students enrolled in your course(s)
• Check that student names are spelled correctly
• Notify Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment if there are items that need to be addressed

**Submit Grades**
On Monday, December 3, faculty members may begin to submit grades for the courses they are completing this fall. Grades must be entered into MavLINK by Friday, January 4. Please be sure to plan accordingly to avoid any delay in reporting your student’s grades via MavLINK.

If you would like assistance with entering grades, please feel free to use the Grade Posting guide available in our Documents and Resources section of our site.

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**Did You Know...**

The Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment has Informative Videos regarding UNO’s Dual Enrollment Program. Check them out under Documents & Resources on our website.

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**Nomination Form**
Connect with Dual Enrollment!


Current high school student, parent/guardian, or office/department wanting to keep in the loop regarding UNO Dual Enrollment? Be sure to connect with our office in order to take full advantage of the resources, expertise, and opportunity offered by UNO.

What’s Next

Spring 2019 Visits
We are wrapping up our visit schedule for each of our partner schools in the coming term. No matter your role, continue to be well informed on our upcoming visit.

As a reminder, the application deadline for the Dual Enrollment program is different for each school. After a Dual Enrollment representative visits your school, the application will be available for two weeks following the last day we visit. You may find all of our High School Visit Dates and Deadlines online.

Events
Mathematicians rejoice! Calculus: the Musical is making it’s annual showing again with over a decade of showings to the greater Omaha area. Calculus: the Musical will be presented on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Baxter Arena. More information regarding RSVPs for the Musical, Calculus Bee, and more will be shared after the Spring term starts!

Application for Undergraduate Admission
Students, have you submitted your application for admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha? If you haven’t, be sure to submit the Undergraduate Application for Admission!

Connecting on Social Media
Whether you use Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram you can get all of the updates regarding the UNO Dual Enrollment Program. Upcoming visits, deadlines, events, and more are all at your fingertips.

Fall 2019 Enrollment
That’s right, Fall 2019 will be here before we know it. Students, continue to meet with your guidance counselor/curriculum specialist to make sure you know what UNO Dual Enrollment courses you can enroll for in Fall 2019. As always, you can find your school information in the High School Directory at any time.

Connect with the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment

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