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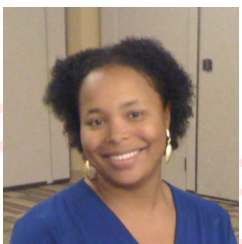
This has been an exceptional year for Project Achieve staff and students. Staff completed our federal report in record-breaking time, we had a very inspiring Honors Luncheon, we watched and assisted as you engaged in high-level academic pursuits, and we moved to our new Kayser Hall home. Wow, what a year!

In addition, a number of you received special recognition from the university, community and your professors. And believe it or not, one of you gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and was back in class without missing a beat (talk about multi-tasking)! Listed are a few of your wonderful accomplishments.

Theresa Halligan has been awarded a FUSE grant (\$2,000.00 maximum) for the upcoming academic year. She will work with Dr.

Robert Shuster to study smectite-illite diagenesis in chalcedony vein layers in the Toadstool area of the Nebraska Badlands.

Kellee Smith had a baby girl February 15, 2012. The young lady weighed in at 7.7oz and 21" long. Mom and



baby sailed through the delivery. Kellee was back in school within one week.

Maria Perez-Garcia has been hired by Omaha Public Schools on a part-time basis to work with middle and high school students as part of the OPS Migrant Education Program.

Jonathan Quitl has been invited to join the academic honor society Delta Epsilon Iota.

Alma Ramos was named 2nd Alto in UNO's Chamber

Choir. Last semester she was in UNO's Concert Choir.

Queen Tucker has been invited to join the scholastic honor society Omicron Delta Kappa.

Kimberly Chleborad shared she would be involved in an educational sorority and something called



"Smartie Pants." This is a program Kimberly is leading to help education students learn to use smart boards.

Project Achieve pre-law student **Fabiola Nomenyo** has been awarded the Nebraska Bar Association Minority Pipeline Scholarship. This scholarship funds enrollment in a Kaplan LSAT preparation course and pays all fees for the LSAT exam.

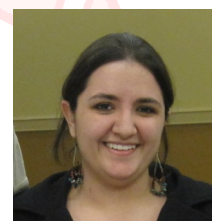
Emilia Chavez has an internship at Union Pacific in the Human Resources Department doing recruiting (year round).

Deibi Sibrian was awarded the outstanding undergraduate achievement award for the College of Arts and Sciences in Latino/Latin American Studies at the UNO Student



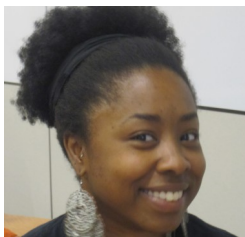
Honors Convocation April 12. He also has been selected for a summer fellowship through the Great Plains Public Health Training Center of the UNMC College of Public Health.

Alexis Italia stopped in to say she was accepted into the College of Education!



GOOD NEWS CONTINUED...

Olajide Cooper received a fellowship from the Union for Contemporary Arts. She receives studio space for six months and some money to purchase materials.



She was one of the designers during Omaha's Fashion Week. If that wasn't enough, Olajide Cooper completed her Associate's Degree at Metro.

Steven McPhillips was awarded the outstanding undergraduate achievement award from the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (in Social Work) at the UNO Student

Honors Convocation April 12. He was also selected for one of nine Dean's Awards.



Shawnta Dean and XuanDi (Yee) Nguyen were inducted into the academic honor society Delta Epsilon Iota in March.

Steve Hartman was awarded the outstanding undergraduate achievement award from the College of Communication and Fine Arts (in

Theatre) at the UNO Student Honors Convocation April 12.

Yen Phuong was selected as Residence Hall Assistant for the next academic year on South Campus.



Last but not least, **Maria Vargas** is now a U.S. citizen. Way to go! She also has been selected for a summer fellowship through the Great Plains Public Health Training Center of the UNMC College of Public Health.

I would thank you
from the bottom of
my heart, but for
you my heart has
no bottom
~Anonymous

THANK YOU!

A big Project Achieve Thank You to the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation for providing scholarships to so many of our students.



A Salute to our May and August Graduates



August 2011 Graduates

Maria Fonceca
Rene Gosch
Britne Jones
Stephanie Shatava

December 2011

Graduates

Hannah Andahl
Arnisha Collins
DaSharra George
Vanessa John
Crystal Nguyen
Lindsey Sherrets-Knight

Jameelah Russ
Petrolyn Stephenson
Quyen Tran

May 2012 Graduation

Candidates

Jennifer Adrada
Brandee Alexander
Morgan Chatmon
Nicole Gaughan
Mona Lisa King-Ward
Steven McPhillips
D'Antae Potter
Akia Sparkman

Chase Spencer

Tuan Tran
Andy Vuorela
Peter Wurok

Summer 2012 Graduation Candidates

Kwao Alikpokou
Paris Garrett
Tiffany Hanson
Jessica Ishmael
Fabiola Nomenyo
Pat Roth
LaMargo Winston

Special News:

Joy Ausdemore will be working part-time next year. She is slowly inching her way into retirement (but not yet). This means we will be looking to hire a Math advisor to job share with Joy.

Attention Summer

School Students

If you are making plans to attend summer school and will need a tutor, please contact Pat Killeen-Brown by May 7.

End of Year Bash

May 3, 2012

MBSC Council room

Time: 12:01-1:00 p.m.

Lots of great friends and food.

This year is Show and Tell! Bring your favorite non-living thing and tell us why it's so important to you.



UNO SUMMER 2012

Registrar open to viewing: Feb 20
Enrollment Dates:
March 5-Graduate
March 6-Senior
March 7- Junior
March 8- Sophomore
March 9- Freshman
March 12 Open Enrollment

UNO FALL 2012

Registrar open for viewing: March 5
Enrollment Dates:
March 26-Graduate
March 28-Senior
March 30-Junior
April 3—Sophomore
April 5-Freshman
April 9—Open Enrollment

*Of all debts, men are
least willing to pay
the taxes. What a
satire is this on gov-
ernment! Everywhere
they think they get
their moneys worth,
except for these.
~ Ralph Waldo
Emerson*

TRIO Project Achieve SSS FAFSA Edition

Steps to Complete Your FAFSA

Step #1 Plan To Complete Your Taxes Now!

Complete your 2011 taxes early, as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Approximately two weeks after you electronically file your tax forms, your IRS data will be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA. This new process will simplify the income tax portion of your FAFSA.

Step #2 Gather Your Data

Gather these items to complete the FAFSA. If you're an independent student, disregard the "parent" items:

- 2011 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2011 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers

- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2011 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2011 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2011 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Step #3 Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

- Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?
- Supplemental Security Income
- TANF
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC

Step #4 Complete And File The FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov and submit it before your college's priority filing date. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA GO TO THE WEBSITE NOTED BELOW.

<http://www.educationquest.org/fafsa-tools/>

Project Achieve Students Rock!

Kenny Sibrian was featured in El Perico in December for her many contributions to the community.

Maria Fonseca, who served an internship in the public defender's office, has accepted a full-time position in that office.

Michael Leading Horse is developing a computer network work for UNMC Drs. Paul and Audrey Paulman.

Pre-med student Katrayla Musgraves is working in the UNMC Monroe Meyer Institute lab cloning proteins for a study on neuro-developmental disorders.

Project Achieve grad RaSheema Pitt is completing her master's thesis at UNL. Her thesis centers on how racial factors influence academic performance and how we can bridge the gap through conversations/ programming. Project Achieve Director Mel Clancy is among her thesis committee members.

Deibi Sibrian was one of the five students who received the Who's Who Hall of Fame Award on February 2. Other students named to Who's Who included: Jennifer Adrada, Kwao Alikpokou, Ehite Allison, Elizabeth Brown, Kimberly Chleborad, Shampayne Fentress, DaSharra George, Tiffany Hanson, Steven Hartman, Alexis Italia, Karen K. Jackson, Passion Johnson, Silvester Juanes, Mona Lisa King-Ward,

Sabrina McClurge-Bradley, Steven McPhillips, Herbert Merino, Charmaine Miranda, Brandon Mosley, Koua Moua, Nicholas Muffy-Cunningham, Katrayla Musgraves, Gerianne Neneman, Hong An Nguyen, Hung Nguyen, Kimberly Nguyen, XuanDi Nguyen, Amber Nickens, Roman Panyathong, Cory Reed, Jameelah Russ, Bernardo Sanchez Jr., Kenny Sibrian, Akia Sparkman, Samantha Stein-spring, Marvin Sum Batres, Randy Swift, Misti Westbrook, LaMargo Winston, Nina Wilson.

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T R I O S T U D E N T S U P P O R T S Y S T E M U N O

SO PROUD, SO PROUD!

Curiosity is
the very basis
of education
and if you
tell me that
curiosity
killed the cat,
I say only
the cat died
nobly,
~ Arnold
Edinburgh

Staff has reviewed your grades and we are so excited to announce that many of you have achieved high levels of academic excellence and your grades are "off the chart." We are so proud of your continued persistence and hard work – keep up the good work as you commence the spring semester. Listed here are just a few of your accomplishments:

December 2011 Project

Achieve Graduates

Hannah Andahl
Arnisha Collins
Dasharra George
Vanessa John
Lindsey (Sherrets) Knight
Crystal Nguyen
Jameelah Russ

Petrolyn Stephenson
Nyanhial Tot
Laurette Thompson
Quyen Tran

Chancellor's List Students (4.0 GPA)

Ehite Allison
Kimberly Chleborad
Steven Hartman
Steven McPhillips
Deibi Sibrian
Quyen Tran

Dean's List Students (3.5-3.9 GPA)

Emilia Chavez
Shawata Dean
Joseph del Campo
Ashley Fisher
Chol Gach

Theresa Halligan
Tiffany Hanson
Alexis Italia
Lynette Jackson
Kyle Kinne
Christopher Madden
Jolene Martinez
Charmaine Miranda
Koua Moua
Maria Perez-Garcia
Jonathan Quitl
Alma Ramos
Jameelah Russ
Akia Sparkman
Chase Spencer
Nyanhial Tot
Yen Tran
Casey Ubben
Maria Vargas
Andy Vuorela
Geneva Williams
Tiffany Windsor

OTHER IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS

Datrell Morgan will be studying abroad to London in May.

Maria Perez-Garcia is serving an internship this semester with the Dodge County Probation Office in Fremont and is studying for certification as a court interpreter.

Zach Maharaj has developed and will teach an art class for residents of the Stephen Center in Omaha, where he designed and facilitated a mural project over fall break.

Kenny Sibrian is serving an internship in Finance at Union Pacific.

Deibi Sibrian is wrapping up a research project for which he was awarded a FUSE grant. He is working with Dr. Thomas Sanchez in researching the effectiveness of programs aimed at keeping students in school through graduation.

Recent grad **Tiffany Kelly** has been accepted into the graduate sociology program at UNO. In November, she presented a paper on body image and cosmetic surgery at the Undergraduate Sociological Symposium at Creighton University.

Congratulations to **Chris Madden** and **Eduardo Vazquez** on being awarded Reaching Your Potential Scholarships.

Jonathan Quitl has been invited to speak in January to students at his alma mater, Ralston High, about the value of college in general and his UNO experience.

Congratulations to the following students selected for the 2011/12 Emerging Leaders at UNO: **Kyle Kinne, Nadia Mir, Tamara Schwid, Kenny Sibrian, Jordan Teamer, Yen-Phuong Tran, Maria Vargas.**

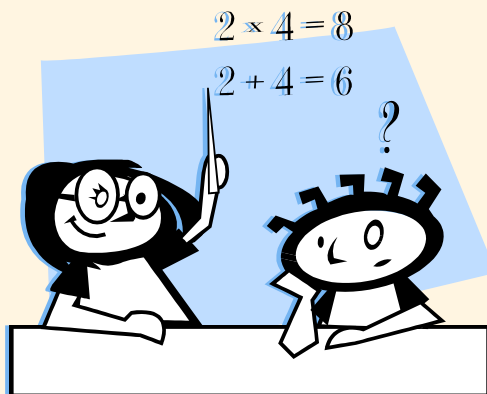
FAFSA TIME IS HERE!



**START HERE
GO FURTHER**
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

In order to position yourself to receive the grants and other financial aid, please fill out your FAFSA before March 1. ***Pell Grants are not automatically provided to you each year. You must fill out***

an on-line FAFSA form to determine if you are eligible for a Pell Grant for 2012-13. Also note that many scholarships are awarded based on your Pell eligibility.



TUTOR ANYONE?

If you need a tutor this spring, please drop by the office or call Pat (402) 554-3941 as soon as possible. We want you to get the

best grades possible. All tutor requests must be made by February 14, 2011. Remember there is nothing wrong with asking for help.

SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE

Project Achieve will have three service projects this semester:

Upland Park-will resume in April and extend through October.

7 Days of Service

Team-Tuesday, March 20

Salvation Army Mural-

late April

If you are interested in participating in any or

all of these projects, let Connie know.

People say to me, you were a roaring success. How did you do it? I go back to what my parents taught me. Apply yourself. Get all the education you can, but then, by God, do something. Don't just stand there, make something happen.

~ Lee Sacocca



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UNO TRIO Student Support Services

Student News You Should Know Project Achieve Students Are Exceptional!

Recent pre-law graduate **Shantel Thompson** is serving an internship with the law firm of Rouwenhorst & Rouwenhorst, P.C., in Council Bluffs.

A HUGE thank you to **Zach Maharaj** for designing a series of murals that Project Achieve students painted at the Stephen Center in Omaha during UNO's "Days of Service." Our talented mural painters included: **Tiffany Hanson, Kyle Kinne, Jonathan Quitl, Alma and Lizbet Ramos and Nina Wilson.**

Joseph Italia has de-

signed a beautiful mural that Project Achieve students will paint at the Salvation Army Renaissance Center this spring.

Alfred and Pebbles Jacobo, from Jacobo's Grocery, graciously hosted a luncheon at their home for Connie and ten members of the Project Achieve Upland Park Clean Up Team. The Jacobos are residents of the Upland Park area. Project Achieve team members attending: **Deibi Sibrian, Peter Wurok, Andy Vuorela, recent graduates Pablo Roman and Jaime Anderson, and the entire**

Silvester Juanes Family.

Deibi AND Kenny Sibrian have both been awarded a Heartland Latino Leadership Conference scholarship. Both were also awarded, along with **Jonathan Quitl**, a Nebraska G.I. Forum scholarship.

Maria Perez-Garcia, Xuandi Nguyen, An Nguyen, Marquisha Spencer, Akia Sparkman Deibi Sibrian and Kenny Sibrian have been presenting at local middle schools to help students prepare for college as Education-Quest Ambassadors.



Finishing Well

The first semester is almost over and I want every one of our students to end the semester with the best grades possible – you can do it! Make sure you know where you stand academically in your

classes and give your full attention to classes that might need extra study time. Remember, you have invested a great deal of money, time and effort in order to get one semester closer to your degree-

no short cuts. The difference between an "A" and a "C" is an "H" (Hard work).



DON'T FORGET!

The entire Project Achieve Family (students and staff) will no longer be housed in the Eppley Building. **Our new home effective January 9, 2012, will be Kayser Hall, 3rd Floor.** Every student is expected to visit Your New Home during your first week back on campus. There will be prizes, food (I think) and your favorite Advisors, Student Worker, Secretary and Director.

Personal Finance Class

Are you looking for a class that will enhance your ability to use money effectively? Are you looking for a class that will help you get out of debt and stay out of debt? Are you looking for a class that will teach you how to use the money you have to get more money? If you answered yes to any one of the questions above go to Mavlink now and register for this class (US1030). For every Project

Achieve student who completes this class – there will be something special waiting for you at the end of the final class session.



Prep Week 2011 December 5th-8th

Monday:

8am-9:30am- Free hot chocolate and donuts on the MBSC Plaza
Evening- \$3 dinners at Scott Café

Tuesday:

8am-9:30am- Free hot chocolate and donuts on the MBSC Plaza, PKI, and Mammel Hall
11:30am-1pm- Free Pizza in Eppley by Room 108

Wednesday:

8am-9:30am- Free hot chocolate and donuts on

the MBSC Plaza

10am-12pm- Free chair massages in the MBSC Fireplace Lounge

12pm-1pm- Free chair massages in HPER

12pm-1pm- UNO Jazz Combo performance in the HPER Atrium area with free popcorn and hot chocolate

Thursday:

8am-9:30am- Free hot chocolate and donuts on the MBSC Plaza and PKI.

12pm-1:30pm- UNO's Jazz Combo joins UNO Interna-

tional Students for a "Music From Around The World" performance in the MBSC Ballroom.... Free Food
7pm-10pm- Criss Library hot chocolate, games (bean bag toss, ladder golf, washer game, and board games), chair massages, No Work Zone in the theater room, Math and Science/Writing Centers assistance and Give-aways!

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TRIO Student Support Services

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Help Anyone?

If you are having trouble in any of your classes please contact your advisor today. UNO has provided a number of resources to support your academic efforts. The Writing Center, Math/

Science Center and the Speech Center are all designed to help you achieve success in your studies. All Project Achieve students have the added advantage of meeting with Pat Killeen-

Brown if you need a tutor. Special note: Tutor requests will not be accepted after Nov. 16. So act now if you need a tutor.



Project Achieve Students are the Best!

Theresa Halligan is first author of a poster session detailing research on the Monroe Creek clastic dikes that she conducted this summer. The session will be at the annual Geological Society of America conference in Minneapolis this October.

Maria Perez-Garcia, besides volunteering for Project Achieve's Upland Park service project, is also volunteering as a translator for children and youth for the Migrant Work program in Omaha. And she volunteers at Omaha South high school working with ELL students.

Rene Gosch, who graduated in August, has accepted a position as Program Director for the LaFern Williams South YMCA in Omaha.

Kandi Holmes has accepted a part-time position with Completely Kids, formerly Camp Fire, in Omaha. She will mentor middle school students as well as tutor them in reading and math.

Angela Burgett was involved in a fantastic study abroad field study in Turkey. Angela is a Geology major who was studying glaciers.

Brandee Alexander is the new director of the student led American Multicultural Students office at UNO.

Marquisha Spencer just missed becoming our Homecoming Queen during Homecoming celebrations at the Quest Center.

Did you know that **Alma Ramos** worked as a Nanny in Virginia this past summer?

New Project Achieve student **Jorden Teamer** is serving as Vice President of the African American Organization at UNO.

Kenny and Deibi Sibrian are volunteering their time to help people file taxes through the Omaha EITC Coalition. One of the missions of the coalition is to advance financial literacy in the community.

An Nguyen, XuanDi Nguyen, Jose Pena, Maria Perez-Garcia, Deibi Sibrian, Kenny Sibrian, Akia Sparkman and Marquish Spencer have been selected as Ambassadors for the EducationQuest Foundation, meeting with area middle school students to help them prepare for college.

*Ability
hits the
mark where
presumption
overshoots
and
diffidence
falls short.*

*John
Henry
Newman*

Enrollment for Spring 2012

Spring 2012 Enrollment

Dates:

10-31-11	GR
11-02-11	SR
11-04-11	JR
11-08-11	SO
11-10-11	FR
11-14-11	Open



Preparing for the Big Move

As you are aware Project Achieve, along with Thompson Learning Community, Avenue Scholars and the Honors Program will be moving to Kayser Hall. Staff and I will begin packing soon in order to meet a De-

cember 27 deadline to have our things moved to Kayser Hall. When you return to campus after the Winter Break our new home will be on the third floor of Kayser Hall, and it's going to be wonderful. If you have any

ideas about how to welcome everyone to our new home please share them with your advisor. You are really going to like our new home.



PROJECT ACHIEVE

Welcome back!

You heard it here first! The 2011-12 term is going to be the best ever! Why?



Because you are now one year closer to your graduation date. For some of you that light at the end of the tunnel is not a train but your December graduation date.

This year you will have a chance to be involved in several new and exciting opportunities. There will be service opportunities, new classes to explore and invitations to attend major productions at the Holland Center. If that were not enough, you

will have the pleasure of being a part of the greatest Student Support Services program on the planet (Project Achieve). To start the year off with a bang our official Welcome Back gathering will be:

Date: Wednesday, August 31
Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Site/Rm: MBSC- Chancellor's Room
 Food will be served!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ We are moving! Please check out *Exciting News!* below.
- ◆ Origami class starting this fall. Don't forget to sign up. Only ten spots!
- ◆ Welcome Week is here! Check out what campus has to offer and sign up for a new group.

Project Achieve Students are Awesome!

DaSharra George, Criminal Justice major, studied abroad in London this summer.

Deibi Sibrian was selected for a UNO FUSE (Funding for Undergraduate Student Experience) grant to conduct research on the impact of efforts to increase graduation rates.

Maria Perez-Garcia, **Deibi**, **Kenny Sibrian** and **Randy Swift** were Summer Youth workers for the Service Learning Academy project work-

ing with area middle and high school students.

Maria Fonceca, criminal justice, pre-law major, served a summer internship in the public defender's office. In addition to graduating this August, Maria has been offered, and accepted, a PAID position in the Public Defender's (PD) office. Maria plans to attend law school, and will remain in her PD position as she does so. **Kenny Sibrian** has been awarded a \$2000

College of Business scholarship.

Denisha Seals and **Kimberly Chleborad** studied abroad this summer in Spain.

Dario Rosales and **Denisha Seals** were awarded the Reaching Your Potential Scholarship from the Education Quest Foundation.



Exciting News!

On January 20, 2011, Project Achieve (that means all of us) will be moving to the third floor of Kayser Hall. We are planning to have an Open House Celebration

in January. Get ready for a new TRIO adventure in Kayser Hall. In addition to our move, Thompson/ Buffet, Avenue Scholars and the Honors Program will be moving to Kayser

with us. This will be UNO's first ever "Community of Learners." Stay tuned for more information to come.



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Welcome Week Events

August 22-26 is the official start of UNO Welcome Week 2011. Make sure you check out posters and flyers around

campus for all the upcoming events. For our freshmen who are new to campus Welcome Week offers free food, draw-

ings for prizes, social events and entertainment. See you on the plaza.

Calling All Project Achieve New Freshman

Join us for the Freshman Convocation, Friday, August 26th at 12:00 pm in the **SAPP Field House**. Plan to arrive a

few minutes prior for seating if possible. There is a reception to follow in the Milo Bail Student Center Ball-

room/NE Room, for the students, faculty and staff directly following convocation.

Origami class

For those of you who miss the knitting class or wish you would have signed up for the photography club, you don't want to miss this! The ancient art of origami can be revealed to you. This fall Anna will

teach a variety of patterns for all skill levels. From flowers to dinosaurs to picture frames there is much to be enjoyed. There are only ten spots so sign up quickly! Class will be held in the conference room on

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. starting September 1. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



Mission Possible

During these difficult economic times only wise consumers of money will survive. Each day more and more students are getting deeper and deeper into debt with no end in site.

Debt is the new four-letter word that is undermining your future. Do you want to know how to get ahead during these tough times? Join me and other Project Achieve students as we

engage in a series of classes entitled, How to Build Wealth! You will be hearing more about this great opportunity within the coming weeks.