

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Graduation Day

As the 2012-2013 term comes to an end, I can feel the excitement of graduation in the air. This spring we will have twenty-five Project Achieve/UNO graduates. That's not a typo. Listed below are the newest members of the class of 2013: Ehite Allison, Andrew Ashmore, Keyrols Bottros, Angela Burgett, Kimberly Chleborad, Joseph del Campo, Ashley Fisher, Chol Gach, Luwam Gebreslase, Theresa Halligan, Kandi Holmes, Karen Jackson, Luis Lopez, Abdul Mir, Nadia Mir, Katrayla Musgraves, Hong An Nguyen, Hung Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, XuanDi Nguyen, Cornelius Reed Jr., Deibi Sibrian, Marquisha Spencer, Angel Starks, and Felicia Woods.



Did you know that our students are prolific when it comes to receiving high honors and special awards? Project Achieve is all about high academic standing, persistence, campus involvement and graduation. Carly Simon would put it this way, "nobody does it better.."

Project Achieve graduate **Andy Vuorela** has been accepted into Creighton University College of Law.

Emilia Chavez was awarded the HRAM (Human Resource Association of the Midlands) Diversity Scholarship for a total amount of \$500.

Shawnta Dean has been notified of her induction into Omicron Delta Kappa.

Graduate **Shantel Thompson** has been accepted into the Florida Coastal School of Law.

Angel Torres has been accepted for study abroad in Chile this summer.

Emila Chavez has accepted an internship with Union Pacific Distribution Services.

Deibi Sibrian has been accepted into the graduate program in social work at UNO. He plans to pursue his Master's in Social Work/Public Health. Also **Deibi** attended the Midwest Sociological Society Conference in Chicago in March.

Ehite Allison has been named the Black Studies Student of the Year. Ehite also wrote a paper that was accepted at the 2013 Nebraska Undergraduate Communication Research Conference. She presented it April 15, 2013, at Wayne State College.

Don't Forget!

Barker/Bidders Auction will take place, Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the MBSC Dodge Room. Please RSVP as soon as possible for catering purposes.

A 20th Year Celebration

April 8, 2013, was an exciting time in the history of Project Achieve. Friends, former and present students, faculty and staff came together in the MBSC Ballroom to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Project Achieve. A big thank you to all who attended - staff and I look forward to serving students another twenty-years (if I can sneak out of the Nursing Home).

Bring Your Green Thumbs

The Project Achieve/Benson Plant Rescue Garden at the south entrance to Kayser Hall is about to get under way! If you are interested in being part of it, come to a design meeting Friday, May 3, from 1 – 2 p.m. in the Learning Community Conference Room (right across the Hall from Project Achieve). Planting will begin in May.

25 Project Achieve Participants Step Up for Building Community

Thanks to the spirit of generosity among Project Achieve participants who worked hard on three separate Habitat for Humanity Houses during UNO's "7 Days of Service," three Omaha families will join the ranks of home owners in Omaha. Those committed-to-supporting-community people who were part of the Project Achieve team (and the friends and family members who accompanied them) were:

Brenda Andrews (with daughter Stephanie Andrews, and sons Travis Andrews and Michael Andrews), Timber Bourassa, Cara Carranza, Jose De Arcos, Kayle Hardt (with friend Alex Culler), Christine Hernandez-DeLaMotte, Sahro Hussein, Shannon Jackson (with brother Giovanni), Silvester Juanes (with brother Juan Juanes, sister-in-law Hope Juanes and nephew Emmanuel Armstrong), Allison Kalina, Anna Lawrentz, Amanda Mansfield (with friend Clinton Avery), Melina Morales, Datrell Morgan, XuanDi Nguyen (with friends Jennifer Nguyen and Nhi Tran), Diana Ortiz, Paola Perez, Jonathan Quitl, Samantha Quitl, Bryan Sibrian, Deibi Sibrian, Kenny Sibrian (and friends Vanessa Navarro and Adriana Flores with daughter Mariolivia Jimenez), Marvin Sibrian, Jesus Tapia, and Nina Wilson (and friend Jameka Robinson).

The tasks undertaken included everything from taking out walls to putting up drywall; to painting walls, closets and window sills and staining trim; to filling nail holes in every inch of trim, installing doorknobs and securing doors; to all manner of other important tasks that help to complete a home. **Jonathan Quitl and Deibi Sibrian** served as site supervisors through the entire week, and many students served on multiple projects on multiple days. A huge thank you goes to all of these truly amazing young men and women who, continuing to take their civic obligations seriously, stepped up during Spring Break to make the community better!

Maria Vargas received the UNO Honors Convocation award for Community Health and a FUSE grant to study the "Impact of Acculturation in Latino's Diets".

Angela Burgett received a "Best" rating for her geology poster. The poster was an evaluation of Meso-Scale Topographic Effects on Glaciers in the Western Himalaya of Pakistan.

Chol Gach has been chosen for the 2013 Outstanding Undergraduate Service Award for Community Health.

Shawnta Dean and **Ehite Allison** have both been admitted into the graduate program in Communications.

Chris Hernandez-DeLaMotte, Sahro Hussein, Yadira Campos and **Paola Perez** are helping Benson High and Middle School refugee students get ready for college through a program organized by UNO's College of Social Work.

Project Achieve Graduate **RoYonna Bristol** has been admitted into the Teacher Academy Project in the College of Education.

TeAnne Teamer was named Exemplary Student Mentor at the Thompson Scholars Honors Reception in March.

Katherine Esquivel performs with the Mexican Dance troupe Xiotal in her "spare" time.

Demetria Westbrook plays cornerback on the Omaha women's football team, the Stampede.



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Getting Off to a Great Start

If you want this semester to be your best yet there are three things you must do, and do now!

- The old saying, “showing up is half the battle” is absolutely correct. Why would any rational person spend thousands of dollars to attend college and fail to go the class, listen critically, take notes and ask clarifying questions? Paraphrasing Mission Impossible (I

watched the movie last night), “Your mission, if you choose to accept it is to show up for class excited to learn, and get good grades.” “This tape will self-destruct in ten seconds- good luck Mr. Phelps!”

- You must set a goal that clearly and realistically denotes the grades you want to get this semester. Goal setting is not a “wish list.” Goal setting is all about

what YOU WILL DO and charting a course to get it done. Do you have an academic goal?

- There is no substitute for study, study and more study. Effective students have a regular time, place and duration for study. I define study as, intensity of effort toward mastery of material. If you need help with study skills please see your advisors ASAP!

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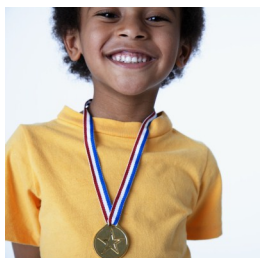
Dean's List

Isabel Amador
Sara Atkins
Timber Bourassa
Angela Burgett
Jose DeArcos
Joseph del Campo
Alicia Dubuc
Chol Gach
Theresa Halligan
Sahro Hussein
Alison Kalina
Alyssa Kelly
Dillon Klein
Anthony Lee

Amber Lewis
Sabrina McClurge-Bradley
Hung Nguyen
XuanDi Nguyen
Jonathan Quitl
Samantha Quitl
Marvin Sibrian
Kellee Smith
Angel Torres
Yen Tran
Laura Tschida
Maria Vargas
Casey Ubben

PIA

Do you know what PIA is all about? If not you are missing something really big! See your advisor for PIA details.



"When you do not know what you are doing and what you are doing is the best - that is inspiration."

~ Robert Bresson



Student News

Denisha Seals is studying abroad in Argentina this semester. Imagine, studying in Argentina all semester wow! By the way, the temperature today was a sunny 82 degrees.

Chris Madden has an internship with the Nebraska Watershed Project.

Maria Perez-Garcia, who graduated in De-

cember with a degree in criminal justice, has accepted a position with Omaha Public Schools as a Bilingual Liaison at the OPS Teacher Administrative Center.

Jose Peña, who graduated in December with his degree in Information Systems Development, has been offered and has accepted a position with TD Ameritrade.

Ruben Hernandez was the recipient of the 2012-2013 USA Funds Hispanic Scholarship.

30 out of 75 UNO students who are listed as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are a part of Project Achieve!

Writing Support

Imagine, you are at home or studying late in a road side café (with an internet connection) and you need to know the correct usage of the APA model, what do you do? Purdue University has a wonder-

ful section on writing that could be useful to you – try it.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Also, Criss Library has RefWorks, a pro-

gram that makes citing sources and composing bibliographies in ALL academic styles much easier. See a reference librarian for an introduction to RefWorks, including how to use it.

Need FAFSA Help?

Just a reminder – you must complete a FAFSA if you expect to receive your Pell Grant in the fall. If you need additional information, see Mr. C. or check out the website below.

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

Fall 2013 Enrollment Dates

3-25-13 GR

3-27-13 SR

3-29-13 JR

4-02-13 SO

4-04-13 FR

4-08-13 Open Enrollment

A Matter of Protocol

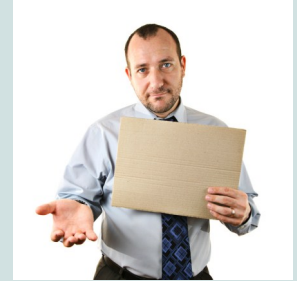
From time to time you will need a faculty or staff member to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Listed below are a few points of professional protocol that will help in securing a great letter.

- Never wait until the week before the letter is due to ask someone to write a recommendation. Why, you ask? Simply put it is rude to demonstrate a lack of concern for the time of others. Try to contact the writer four weeks before the letter is due if you want to ensure the individual has time to write a powerful letter in your behalf.
- Never, I mean never, ask an individual to write a recommendation for you if they don't know you very well. Remember, a letter of recommendation is a coveted announcement of your skills and personality for a job, internship, graduate or professional school, or scholarship. Do you really want someone who doesn't know you to write such a vital letter in your behalf? By the way, do you know four trusted professionals who would write a quality letter of recommendation for you? If not, it's time to cultivate some new friendships.
- When a letter of recommendation is needed ASK (remember 30 days prior). Do not assume a letter will be written in your behalf just because you show up with a need. You ask formally or informally because people have other things to do. Some individuals might be taking time off, going out of town for

an extended time or writing six other letters of recommendations – you get the idea. As much as faculty/staff want to help, they might not have the time to help.

- Lastly, when ASKING for a letter of recommendation provide the writer with a resume whenever possible. Remember, the person writing the recommendation knows you, but there might be important aspects of your history that would be great additions to the letter if s/he only knew what they were. A resume, please.

Remember, a letter of recommendation is not a last minute attachment to an application. This powerful letter in a great many cases is the difference maker when it comes to getting a position. DO IT RIGHT!



"The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any."

~Fred Astaire

For Serious Newsletter Readers Only

What world famous intergalactic space traveler starred in the television series Mission Impossible from 1970-1971? Yes, there was a television series before Tom Cruise made the movie. The first three students to call or come by the office and give the correct answer will earn \$100.00 PIA bucks.



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TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

JANUARY 2013

Welcome back, we missed you! Just think, you are now one semester closer to graduation. For all of our seniors (May graduates) this is your final semester. Let's make it a great one.

FAFSA Reminder

You must complete a FAFSA each year if you expect to continue receiving your Pell Grant. In addition, many scholarships and state grants REQUIRE you have a FAFSA on file in order to be considered for an award. As soon as your taxes and/or your

parents or guardians taxes have been completed, please complete your FAFSA. REMEMBER, THE FAFSA WEBSITE IS FAFSA.GOV!

Stop by the office and pick up the 2013-2014 FAFSA Checklist.



Loan Payment Plans

As many of you are aware, a student loan can be a lifesaver by allowing you to continue your education (that's the good news). The bad news is that after graduation you will have about six months (depending on the type of loan) before the payback process begins. For all federal loans, the government has designed several repayment plans based on your income that you should take advantage of. Believe it or not, some loans can be deferred and a few loans can be forgiven.

If you are a graduating

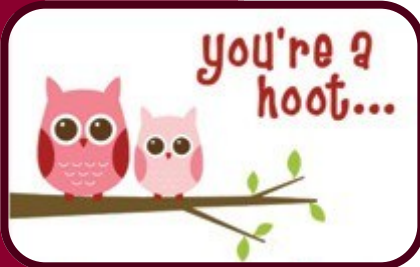
senior and you need to know how to start the process of paying on your loans please drop by the office and see Mr. C. who will be glad to assist you. One word of caution: do not neglect your loan payments. I repeat, do not neglect your loan payments. The federal government knows all about you and has the resources to collect from you. In addition, if you default on your loans your credit will be ruined. You will not be able to get a car loan, you may not be able to rent an apartment, and getting a home loan is out of the

question! Sadly, many employers will not hire you if you have poor credit. The good news is that with a little research you will be able to find a payment plan that works for you.

Check out the Loan Repayment website below.

<http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans>

Valentine Cards



Valentine's Day is a special time when you get a chance to share kind words with someone you really care about or say thank you to someone who has done something special for you.

Don't go out and spend hundreds of dollars on a commercially produced card - why not **make** a card for someone you care about. Project Achieve will have all materials you need to make Valentine Cards, and will provide a special

mailbox to place them in. Cards will be delivered to that special someone on February 14. Come by the office and check out what we have.

Student News - Did You Know...

The first three students to call or come by the office and tell Mr. Clancy the name of the intergalactic hero who uttered these words, "To infinity and beyond" will receive a prize.

Jonathan Quitl volunteers at St. Agnes Elementary School as a translator for parent/teacher/student conferences.

Shawnta Dean is a member of the Daughters of Isis, the philanthropic organization affiliated with the Shriners.

TeAnne Teamer has been selected to serve an internship with Planned Parenthood this semester.

Kandi Holmes attended the AMI 2013 Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Conference, January 2-5, 2013.

Chris Madden is the new intern for the Nebraska Watershed Network, sponsored by Dr. Kolok.

December Graduates:
1. Shampayne Fentress
2. Simon Gach

3. Sabrina McClurge-Bradley
4. Victoria Merino
5. Koua Moua
6. Maria Perez-Garcia
7. Jose Peña
8. Randy Swift
9. Eduardo Vazquez

Fall 2012 Chancellor's List

1. Ehite Allison
2. Ashley Fisher
3. Rae Lynn Frogge
4. Silvester Juanes
5. Kyle Kinne
6. Leondra Middleton
7. Diana Ortiz
8. Maria Perez-Garcia
9. Bryan Sibrian
10. Deibi Sibrian
11. Teddi Teamer

Fall 2012 Dean's List

1. Isabel Amador
2. Sara Atkins
3. Timber Bourassa
4. Angela Burgett
5. Joseph delCampo
6. Jose DeArcos

7. Alicia Dubuc
8. Chol Gach
9. Theresa Halligan
10. Sahro Hussein
11. Alison Kalina
12. Alyssa Kelly
13. Dillon Klein
14. Anthony Lee
15. Amber Lewis
16. Sabrina McClurge-Bradley
17. XuanDi Nguyen
18. Hung Nguyen
19. Jonathan Quitl
20. Samantha Quitl
21. Marvin Sibrian
22. Kellee Smith
23. Angel Torres
24. Yen Tran
25. Laura Tschida
26. Maria Vargas
27. Casey Wilson



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THANK YOU!

Project Achieve students are the best! Thank you for sharing canned goods and other non-perishable items to serve twelve families. The spirit of Thanksgiving "lives large" in our students.



FINALS ANYONE?

As all of you are aware Finals Week is December 10-14, 2012. This is your time to shine. Please make sure you plan carefully, complete all assignments and study, study, study. You can do it!

I NEED YOUR HELP

As the fall semester comes to a close and the promise of a new semester is right around the corner your help is needed. Our advisors are here not only to advise and counsel they are also here to assist you with study aids and assignment review. With so many of you taking ad-

vantage of these services I need you to do one thing that will allow our advisors to serve more students. If you need to have a paper reviewed or need a math session please make an appointment to ensure your needs will be met. This is not just a good practice - it

shows that you understand our advisors are very busy. Remember if you do not make an appointment and the advisor is busy you will not have your math assignment reviewed or an English paper checked. Thank you for helping out.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * The crocheting club has seventy-five squares completed for the baby blankets (way to go team).
- * During Finals Week, December 10-12, the Project Achieve Staff we will have for you-
Donuts and Hot Chocolate Monday
Bagels and Cream Cheese Tuesday
Granola Bars and Fruit Wednesday
We will look for you at 8:03 a.m. each morning.
- * Project Achieve Students graduating this fall: Simon Gach, Karen Kay Jackson, Sabrina McClurge-Bradley, Victoria Merino, Koua Moua, Jose Pena, Maria Perez-Garcia, Randy Swift, and Eduardo Vazquez
- * With the help of our great advisors, RaeLynn Froggé and Angel Torres received the Reaching your Potential Scholarship worth about \$5,100.00 per year



TRIO Student Support Services

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October–
November 2012

Your Finances Part #1

Excessive Debt Will Ruin Your Financial Future!

Did you know that too many college students are graduating with a college loan debt of more than \$20,000? Did you hear me? A loan debt of \$20,000! We all know borrowing money when necessary is an investment in your future and is the right thing to do. If you are not careful loan debt can become a burden when it's time to make your monthly payments and you don't have a job. For those of you who are thinking about your financial future, now is the time to take a long, hard look at your financial aid package and decide if you really need to accept the loans you have been offered. Please consider the following before you accept a loan.

1. If you drop out of school with a loan debt, you will have limited income and a monthly loan bill arriving in your mailbox in about 6 months. ***This means dropping out is not an option.*** You must graduate!
2. Most college students should consult with their advisor before accepting loans. A loan of four or five thousand dollars is very attractive, but unless

you use this money wisely you will become a long-term debtor.

3. Taking out a loan is appropriate if this is your only means of paying for your education, and guess what-you are worth the investment. Please remember: take only the loan amount you need.
4. In order to minimize loans, go after every scholarship and grant you can find. You can work a few extra hours. You can also (forgive me but I must say it) try to stay at home as long as you can to minimize expenses. That nice apartment can be expensive. There, I said it!
5. **When you graduate pay your loan installments on time. You can mess up your credit record if you fail to pay your bills on time. A poor history of bill paying affects your ability to get the apartment you want, the car you need and the job you desire. Most employers check your credit scores and may feel your debt will negatively affect your job performance. Remember, borrow only what you need and not a penny more.**



Friends of Project Achieve: A Big Project Achieve Thank You For Supporting Our Students!

Albert and Pebbles Jacobo; Mike Jeanerett at the City Parks Department; Lisa, Brad, Eric, Christine, Kristin and Maggie at EducationQuest Foundation; Dr. Nora Bacon, Writing Program Administrator, Dr. Bob Darcy, Department Chair, and Joe Price in English; Julie Knutson and the Diversity Committee of Baird Holm; Dr. Hibler at Benson Plant Rescue; Kathie Olsen Lyons, UNO Community Engagement.

Spring 2013 Enrollment Dates:

The dates below indicate the times you can register for spring classes. It is important that you meet with your academic advisor and discuss your class schedule for the upcoming spring.

10-29-12 GR 10-31-12 SR 11-02-12 JR

11-06-12 SO 11-08-12 FR 11-12-12 Open



Guess What?

Benson Plant Rescue Service Project. Our thanks go to the following Project Achieve students who showed their commitment to “growing community” with Benson Plant Rescue on September 23. The students worked all day to paint murals on trailers and generally help the Benson Plant Rescue folks get their new location at 72nd and Maple spruced up. Those who participated: **Davis Chleborad, Kimberly Chleborad, Renee Hagedorn, Zach Maharaj, Diana Ortiz, Kristin Porter, Jonathan Quitl, Samantha Quitl, Bryan Sibrian, Deibi Sibrian, Kenny Sibrian and**

Marvin Sibrian. Thanks to these special people who always come through to make our community better.

Samantha Quitl earned her driver's license this past September. Nice going Sam!

On Saturday, September 8, 2012, **Shampayne Fentress** gave birth to beautiful baby boy named Isaac. Mother and baby are doing great.

XuanDi Nguyen has revived the Asian American Organization at UNO, and will serve as President of the organization for the coming year.

Cianta Williams is serving as secretary of the African American Organization at UNO this year.

Shawnta Dean, Silvester Juanes, and recent graduate **Nicole Gaughan** were highlighted in the EducationQuest Newsletter.

Abdul Mir was interviewed by channel 3

about his friend Vedant Patel's death last year.

Did you know we have several students and staff who are involved in our crocheting workshop conducted by Anna Lawrentz? They are **Jonathan Quitl, Samantha Quitl, Marvin Sibrian, Diana Ortiz, Bryan Sibrian, Jose De Arcos, Renee Hagedorn, Rae Lynn Frogge, Olajide Cooper, Kyle Kinne, Connie, Joy and Pat.**

Ehite Allison has a blog. Check it out chitejallison.wordpress.com

Zach Maharaj, Marquisha Spencer and Kyle Kinne are volunteer tutors working with area students through a program sponsored by the Urban League.

Jonathan Quitl was quoted in the Omaha World Herald about the UNO Days of Service on October 15.

On September 22, 2012, **Geneva Williams'** funeral was held at the Greater St. Paul Church of God and Christ. Geneva will be greatly missed.



Project Achieve Students Spend a Day of Fall Break Day at the People's Mission

Twenty-four truly amazing Project Achieve students (and some friends and family members) gave up a day of fun in the sun over Fall Break to assist the homeless. Karen Castillo; Jose DeArcos; Chris Hernandez-DeLaMotte; Sahro Hussein; Shannon Jackson and friend Ashley Johnson; Kyle Kinne; Zach Maharaj; Melina Morales and her mother Karla; Diana Ortiz; Kristin Porter and her daughter Justine; Jonathan and Samantha Quitl, and friend Kurtis Borne; Lizeth Ramos; Amanda Schroeder and friend Clinton Avery; Bryan, Deibi and Marvin Sibrian; Jesus Tapia and Angel Torres spent the day washing vehicles; weed-whacking the grounds; packing, unpacking and sorting clothing; and masking doors, walls and trim for a massive painting project at the People's Mission in Lincoln. Jonathan, Lizeth and Sahro were interviewed by the Omaha World Herald about the project and represented UNO

and Project Achieve admirably.

The work was part of UNO's "Three Days of Service," and proved, once again, that Project Achieve students are among the most generous and hard-working on campus. Students (notably Kyle and Marvin) even managed to produce a few crocheted squares for our blanket project on the way to Lincoln and back!

A HUGE thank you is in order to these incredible students, to Project Achieve's own Anna Lawrentz, who has played an active role in this and Project Achieve's "Crochet for Charity" efforts, and to the UNO Community Engagement Site Coordinator (who

was named an honorary Project Achieve member) Matt Gonzales. All have proven, once again, that, in the words of Dr. King: "Anyone can be great. Because anybody can serve. . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."



Have You Heard of the Gutenberg Project?

The first three students who will examine the site gutenberg.org and tell me or the secretary how this site will benefit students will win a prize from Project Achieve.



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September -
October 2012

Welcome Dave Clements

As many of you are aware, Joy will be working half-time this year. In order to continue to meet your math needs we have hired Mr. Dave Clements to serve as math advisor for the remaining half-time. Come by the office and say hello to Dave.

Math Advisors Schedule

Monday – Joy (all day)

Tuesday – Joy (7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) Dave (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Wednesday- Dave (all day)

Thursday – Joy (all day)

Friday – Dave (all day)



Upland Park Rocks!

Connie Sorensen-Birk and her merry band were busy this summer giving Upland Park a fabulous face lift. There was cleaning, digging, planting and painting. Thanks to this group of dedicated Project Achieve students the park is now showing off its natural beauty.

To Park Or Not To Park, That Is The Question

Some of you may be aware there are new parking rules in effect. If you choose to park on this campus you must have a parking permit. Please take note of the new parking rules.

1. Faculty, staff and students with or without permits will not be authorized to park at meters until after 7 p.m.
2. Due to construction on campus, lots Q, O and part of M will be closed during the 2012-13 academic year.
3. Try very hard not to get parking fines. When you get a fine you are saying, **“Look at me, I enjoy throwing away my hard earned money.”**
4. Consider taking the Crossroads shuttle if your schedule permits.

Learn the Greatest Thinking Game Ever

What is the greatest thinking game on the planet (no not Old Maid)? It's chess! Project Achieve will offer chess lessons for all who are interested in learning the game. We will also have chess matches for individuals who know how to play. If you are interested in learning how to play chess, email your advisor and let her/him know you are interested. More details to come.



Project Achieve's Steve Hartman: The New Spielberg

Did you see this press release dated July 30? Just in case you missed it, see below.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ---
Dated 30 July 2012

UNO Theatre's student group presents Annie Baker's

The Aliens

OMAHA--- The Fine Arts University Student Theatre (FAUST) at the University of

Nebraska at Omaha presents Annie Baker's The Aliens. The Aliens is directed by **Steve Hartman**. There will be a preview on August 8 with performances August 9-11 and 16-18. All shows will be outdoors at the Castle of Perseverance, just north of the Weber Fine Arts Building on UNO's Campus at 6001 Dodge Street. The house opens at 7:30 pm with an 8:00 pm curtain for all performances. The preview on Wednesday August 8 will be a TAG Night Out.

Steve Hartman directs this full length play as a part of his undergraduate honors thesis. This comedy follows two angry young men sitting behind a Vermont coffee shop discussing music and Bukowski. When a lonely high-school student arrives on the scene, they decide to teach him everything they know. A play with music about friendship, art, love and death.

Student News: DID YOU KNOW?

TeAnne Teamer served as a volunteer tutor with Omaha Public Schools' Migrant Education Program. She has also been inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the national honorary sociology organization.

Luis Lopez won a \$1000 scholarship for the video he submitted to the McGraw Hill Connect contest and survived a skydiving jump. See the link below:

<http://getconnectedandwin.com/>

Marquisha Spencer is the president of NCNW and serves as director of the American Multicultural Students organization at UNO. She is also an EducationQuest Ambassador who meets with middle and high school students, encouraging them to

attend college. Other EducationQuest Ambassadors are: **Deibi** and **Kenny Sibrian**, **Jonathan Quitl**, **Maria Perez-Garcia**, **Jose Pena**, **XuanDi Nguyen** and **An Nguyen**.

Kandi Holmes received recognition from the Completely Kids Board of Directors for the way she calmed 23 frightened kids who saw their friend lying at the bottom of a swimming pool. The child at the bottom of the pool was revived and taken to the hospital. Nice going Kandi!

Kimberly Chleborad is student teaching at Rose Hill School this semester.

TeAnne Teamer and **Datrell Morgan** are serving as mentors for new Thompson scholars.

Alma Ramos served as a nanny this summer in Virginia.

Theresa Halligan had a wonderful summer. She spent six weeks at a Geology Field Camp, one week in NW Nebraska with a side trip to Yellowstone National Park.

Silvester Juanes will host an hour on Mav radio dedicated to the discussion of science. His program, which airs Mondays at 3 p.m., is called "Science Talk with Silvester," and is designed to generate more interest in pursuing academic and career paths in science.

PA alum **Destiny Watkins** will be pursuing a master's in sociology next fall at the University of Missouri Kansas City.

Deibi Sibrian and **Maria Vargas** served UNMC Public Health Fellowships in outstate Nebraska this summer.

A Nonsense Message that makes Sense

The first three students to **come** to the office and recite this message will win a wonderful prize: *Project Achieve is only for Achievers who Achieve things worth Achieving.*



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August 2012

Welcome Back!

Connie, Pat, Joy, Anna and I want to be the first to say, welcome back!!!! We are so excited to welcome you back to the hallowed halls of UNO and Project Achieve (that's room 330 Kayser Hall, just in case some of you have forgotten). We have so much exciting news to share that I don't know where to begin. First, I should tell you that we graduated twenty-seven students this past term. That's right. Twenty-seven of the best students on the planet

graduated this past term. And believe it or not, we look forward to graduating another ten in December.

Second, we had students who studied abroad, went on geology expeditions, directed plays, made movies, served fellowships and presented at national conferences. And if that was not enough we had one student who won a cash award. Find out who did all these things next month.

Attention!!!!!!!!!! Attention!!!!!!!!!!

New Rules for Pell Grant Recipients

Last year the federal government passed a new law that has the potential to impact a number of Pell grant recipients. According to the new rules, if you receive a Pell grant for six years (maximum) or 12 semesters – that's it! You will not be able to receive any additional Pell funds after six years have passed. A number of our students have received letters from the financial aid office informing them their Pell grant will no longer be awarded because the student has received Pell funds for six years or 12 semesters. If you are a junior or senior, please drop by our office and review with your advisor how many semesters of Pell aid you have left. **Remember: without your Pell grant, some of you may not be able to continue your education.** Drop by the office soon and let's make sure this new law does not impact you in a negative way.



Someone You Need To Meet

Carmell O'Dell, our former office assistant, is no longer working in Project Achieve. She is now the full-time secretary in Disability Services. Please come by the office and meet Anna Lawrentz, our new office assistant.

Did You Know?

Mrs. Joy Ausdemore, our Math Advisor, will be working only half time this year. She will work Monday 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m., Tuesday 7:30 a.m. -noon, and Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We will be hiring one additional math advisor to work days when Joy is not on duty. Stay tuned for more details.



Wow! Our Students are Fantastic!

I'll bet you didn't know the following students made the Chancellor's and Dean's Lists.

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

Kimberly Chleborad
Steve Hartman
Steven McPhillips
Koua Moua
Maria Perez-Garcia
Maria Vargas
Andy Vuorela

Pete Petrini
Denisha Seals
Casey Ubben

DEAN'S LIST

Candice Arzola
Avarey Brown
Angela Burgett
Joseph del Campo
Ashley Fisher
Luwam Gebreslase
Courtney Hall
Theresa Halligan
Alexis Italia
Kyle Kinne

Christopher Madden
Jolene Martinez
Charmaine Miranda
XuanDi Nguyen
Janet Ruis-Flores
Jonathan Quitl
Alma Ramos
Deibi Sibrian
Kenny Sibrian
Chase Spencer
Marquisha Spencer
LaMargo Winston



EVENTS ON THE PLAZA

Look for tons of free food, music and other great activities all over campus. Watch for flyers with a schedule of events or pick one up in our office. All freshman are expected to attend – Freshman Convocation August 24, 2012 at noon, in the Sapp Field House.

MavRide Program

Need transportation? Once again Student Government is partnering with Omaha Metro to provide 800 prepaid fare cards. Bus passes will be available Tuesday, August 14, at the Student Government office in MBSC on a first come, first serve basis. The passes will not be activated till Monday, August 20. Check out www.ometro.com for the metro's bus system or <http://www.sguno.unomaha.edu> for more information.

ART CONTEST

You've visited our new space, now we need your help decorating. The boring and blank hallway desperately wants a make over. More information on guide lines and submission dates to come. Get your imagination working!