

# Project Achieve

December 2022 Newsletter

## Some updates



We welcome our newest office members:  
Jonathan Quitl – Project Achieve Specialist  
Rashmi Chataut – Office Associate

Both of them are Project Achieve alumni who are excited to join the team and be a part of Project Achieve.

Congratulations to  
Emane Ahmed and  
Sherlyn Jimenez for  
receiving a Reaching  
Your Potential  
Scholarship!

DON'T  
FORGET!

## Reminder

If you have not already, please meet with your advisor to fill out the Scott semester goals worksheet for the Scott scholarship.





# Get involved!

Joining a student organization is a great way to get involved in the campus and the community.

Project Achieve's Habitat for Humanity UNO student chapter is looking for students to join the club. If you are interested, please reach out to Connie or Jonathan.

Congratulations to the talented new officers of Habitat for Humanity:

Katherine Salas - President  
Sarup Kunwor - Vice President  
Chris Holmes - Secretary  
Loni Mickles - Treasurer

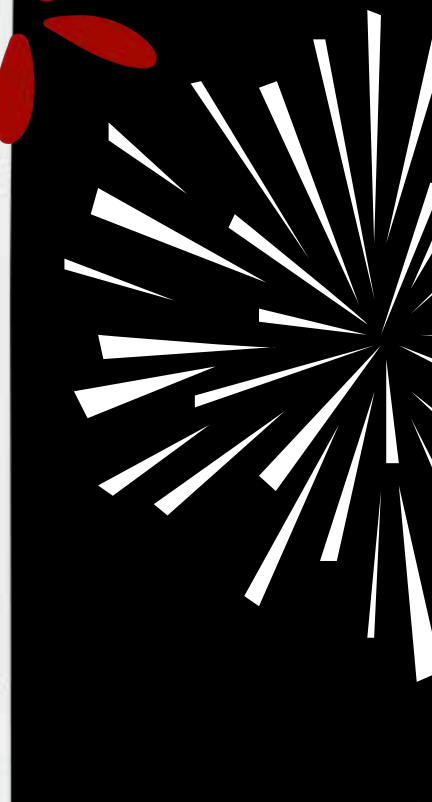


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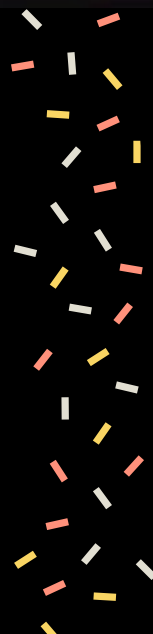
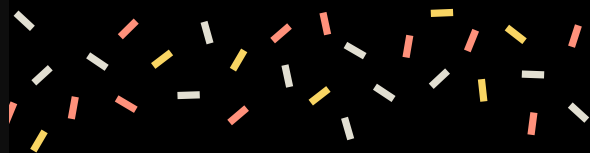
You just need four members to create a new student organization at UNO.

If you have ideas about an organization you might want to create, we will be more than happy to support you!

# End of the year celebration!!



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# CONGRATS

## *Our Graduates*

Folikoue Desire Foley

Alejandro Rendon

Adrian Noe Preciado

A'nazieona Nicole Folston

Yadira Hernandez

Vanessa Miriam Nunez

Melenie Aide Najar

Riri Ali

Kabba Bangura

Maria Fernanda Avalos Martinez

Psychology

Neuroscience

Business Administration

Multidisciplinary Studies

Multidisciplinary Studies

Multidisciplinary Studies

Early Childhood Inclusive Education

Management Information Systems

+ Systems Development certificate

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Elementary Education



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Project Achieve is now on  
social media!

Like and follow us to stay  
updated on our activities.



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## RETURN OF THE NEWSLETTER

BY BOB HEITERT

Beginning this month the Newsletter returns to Project Achieve. Some of you may be wondering why this matters. The answer is simple; this is not just another way to send your announcements.

Going forward, we are going to be reaching out to you, our students, to have you contribute. We want to hear about your views, experiences, accomplishments, and your stories.

### PROJECT ACHIEVE NEWSLETTER

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# RECENT STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BY PAT KILLEEN-BROWN

Emane Ahmed and Bernadette Ambatobe have been selected to participate in the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This program allows students to explore their interests in a selected health profession, develop health care skills, get clinical exposure, and plan their academic journeys. Congratulations Emame and Bernadette!

# ENGLISH COMP II THIS FALL

Mrs. Johnson still has space in her English Composition II class for Fall 2023. The class will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00 – 11:50 am in the Arts and Sciences Hall. The course is listed under ENG 116:031 on MavLink. Please let her know if you have any questions.



## END OF THE YEAR-DIRECTOR REFLECTION

BY CRISTINA LAMAS

As Director of Project Achieve-Trio Student Support Services (SSS) Program for the last 10 months, I am happy and proud of the impact Project Achieve has had at UNO. This year saw challenges, as any do. Yet amid challenges, we also celebrated remarkable attendance at our Project Achieve events.

A few examples of our workshops included Connecting with a Career, Graduate Studies, and Time Management. In addition, we had cultural events for our PA students, which included Dreamgirls and Shen Yun, and fun events such as arts and crafts and sports activities. Our program provided an opportunity for eight of our students to take part in the First-Generation Student Leadership Conference in Miami, Florida. We also ended our year with celebrating our student's accomplishments in the Honors Luncheon and celebrated with students and their families at the End of the Semester Bash. And I am happy to share that we received positive feedback for our events from our Project Achieve students.

Because of our Project Achieve students and staff, I could not be more proud or excited about the future of this program. I look forward to 2023-2024!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cristina Lamas".

Project Achieve Director

# NEW OFFICE ASSOCIATE

On April 22nd Bob Heitert started as the new office associate for Project Achieve. Besides running the computer lab and greeting students, he is also the one that will be making the newsletter. Below is a brief blurb about him.

"I am happy to be joining this wonderful team as they are gearing up to start the 30th year of this program. To all of you students that are graduating, I am sorry I did not get the time to get to know you better.

A little about me. I have worked in office and customer support jobs for over the last decade. I have a wonderful girlfriend and enjoy reading fiction and playing video games. Please stop in and say hi as I am usually at my desk."

**Bob is the third person back. He picked this photo himself.**



# OUR END OF THE SEMESTER BASH

**BY BOB HEITERT**

We had a blast hosting our End of the Semester Bash for our Project Achieve students and guests. We had 45 students and 44 guests show up, making it one of the biggest turnouts in this program's recent history.

Besides the food and drinks, we had games of corn hole, giant Connect 4, and giant Jenga.

We want to thank all that turned out and everyone that worked so hard in making this a great sendoff for the academic year.



# PROJECT ACHIEVE REACTIVES ITS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHAPTER

BY JONATHAN QUITL

Students from Project Achieve have reactivated the UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The purpose of this organization is to educate for, advocate for, and participate in advancing affordable housing in Omaha and surrounding communities. The group has successfully completed their first volunteer opportunity job site under the guidance of Katherine Salas Rojo, Loni Mickles, and Chris Holmes. Students took part in the Habitat for Humanity-Omaha volunteer event on Saturday, April 29, 2023. They were given a demonstration by Habitat for Humanity of how to install the subfloor on the first level of a house.

One of the participants, Loni, had this to say about the experience, "It was really fun. I was able to learn the structure of building the house, more than just painting. I learned the process of building a house!"

Katherine is thrilled to continue working with Habitat for Humanity as the president of the Student Chapter Habitat for Humanity and to guide the student organization to additional projects for the Academic Year 2023–2024. Please contact Katherine Salas Rojo at [ksalas-rojo@unomaha.edu](mailto:ksalas-rojo@unomaha.edu) if you're interested in joining the Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.



# PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SURVEYS

Please make sure you complete the Peer Mentor and the End of Semester Satisfaction surveys. The Peer Mentor closes on 05/19/2023 and the End of Semester closes on 05/26/2023.

Peer Mentor

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF9L8EfDpsYmGf2ak7MoooOCmL8zzTFpPg6cbrydmjvSnbJw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF9L8EfDpsYmGf2ak7MoooOCmL8zzTFpPg6cbrydmjvSnbJw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

End of Semester Satisfaction

<https://forms.gle/cE8xB9giftuAb8gj7>

# PROJECT ACHIEVE ENROLLMENT

Project Achieve is currently taking applications for this fall. If you have any family or friends that are low-income, first generation, or disabled, have them go to our website to apply.

[www.unomaha.edu/project-achieve](http://www.unomaha.edu/project-achieve)

# PROJECT ACHIEVE HONORS LUNCHEON

BY CRISTINA LAMAS

UNO Faculty and staff, community members, and peers joined us for the Honors Luncheon held on April 19, 2023, in the Milo Bail Student Center. Our keynote speaker and Project Achieve alum, Anayeli Martinez Real, gave a powerful message to the audience.

The Project Achieve students were acknowledged for their achievements in academics, student leadership, and volunteering service. In addition, our December graduates were recognized and the candidates for graduation in May and August were given their chords.

Once again, congratulations to our 2022-2023 graduates: Maria Avalos Martinez, Kabba Bangura, Folikoue Desire Foley, A'nazieona (Naz)Folston, Yadira Hernandez-Garcia, Melenie Najar, Adrian Preciado, Alejandro Rendon, Pravas Acharya, RiRi Ali, Precious Ayelomi, Isha Dhakal, Wendy Forlemu, Tory Heisner, Tyra Honomichl, Rosalin Htoo, Kay Ray Jue, Hser Tha Kue, Sarup Kunwor, Lesly Lopez, Elsie Melgar, Angela Mendoza-Alejandro, Nathan Moore, CJai Payne, Sameer Siddiqui, Maddie Skinner, Keshang Tamang, Elena Tovar, and Rosa Vargas Pena

