Greetings from the UNK CSP Department Chair

Reflection by Dr. Grace Ann Mims

Season’s Greetings from the Counseling and School Psychology Department. As we come to the fall semester conclusion, with the holiday upon us, it seems fitting to share how grateful I am to work with excellent colleagues, outstanding students, an Office Associate who exceeds expectations and works magic every day (Thank Ashley!), a College of Education Dean that enthusiastically supports our mission and work.

We congratulate our graduates across our Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Psychology, School Counseling and Higher Education Student Affairs. We wish you all the best as you begin your careers. In addition to our student’s commitment to their academic excellence, we are also proud of their accomplishments through involvement with CSI and GrASP. Students have given their time and energy to help others through initiatives such as “A Night Without A Home” to bring awareness and advocate for the homeless in collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Our Graduate Assistants have helped Dr. Marissa Fye implement a new Advocates for Mental Health (AMH) student interest network for prospective students providing educational and social opportunities throughout the year. AMH is funded by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN). So many of our students have been involved in clinical and assessment training, experiential learning projects, research projects and scholarly studies, practicum and internships, it is not surprising that we see a lot of tired people as we come to the end of the semester.

Several important faculty achievements include the promotion of Dr. Tammi Ohmstede Schmoker and Dr. Matthew Mims to Full professors and the granting of tenure for Dr. Christine Chasek and Dr. Douglas Tillman. We were so fortunate to hire Dr. Po Hu for the new Higher Education Student Affairs Assistant Professor position making the total number of CSP faculty 10 for the first time in the history of the department. In order introduce you to Dr. Hu, an interview with him is provided later in this newsletter. Welcome Dr. Hu!
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In addition to our focus on teaching, research our faculty have also been involved in leadership and service. Dr. David Hof was appointed to the Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practitioners this fall. Dr. Chasek continues her appointment to the Nebraska Alcohol and Drug Counseling Board and is the current President of International Association of Addictions and Offenders Counselors (IAAOC). Dr. Matthew Mims will be leading a study abroad student group to the Czech Republic this upcoming spring. Dr. Doug Tillman was elected to Chair the College of Education’s Technology Committee. Dr. Jennifer Joy has been busy helping students with Scholarly Studies and poster presentations for NSPA, NASP and TSP. And I have been leading the UNK Faculty Senate as President.

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Important Dates

2018-2019 Academic Year

School Psychology Interview Day
February 1, 2019

16th Annual Kent Estes Justice for All Conference
April 12, 2019

Building Bridges to Graduate School
March 8, 2019

Advocates for Mental Health
March 8, 2019

CSP Honors Reception
April 28, 2019

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The UNK School Counseling program is booming! We have admitted three times the number of students in the past year with the highest enrollment numbers in the program's history. This is a combination of the new NDE Rule 24 alternative endorsement pathway for those who do not have a teacher education bachelor’s degree or teaching certificate along with increased long distance access. This fall, the school counseling program was approved by eCampus as a “blended program” in which 75% of the School Counseling program is now online/blended to accommodate the needs of distance learners throughout Nebraska. Required face to face courses are available during summer sessions for on-campus, intensive clinical training.

I was part of a NDE committee that created a new school counseling evaluation rubric. I enjoyed connecting and collaborating with professional school counselors in Nebraska. As always, please talk with anyone interested in enrolling and encourage them to attend UNK. Our alumni and current students are our biggest recruitment asset. We are pleased with the new alternative pathway as it can bring students into the profession who want to work in schools to help children and families as a dedicated professional school counselors. Thank you for doing good work and making us proud.
Greetings to you all from the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) Program! I hope this finds you getting ready to spend the holidays with family and friends. There are many exciting things happening up and down the halls here, and I would like to share one with you.

Over the past five years, I have taught a course titled Advanced Practicum. In this course, students have the opportunity to specialize in a particular theory, presenting concern, or population via live supervision. They also complete all of the documentation into an electronic health record (EHR) and I review all of their documentation against a Medicaid audit. For those of you in the field already, you know how much of an advantage that will be to them! The documentation of clinical services rendered in an EHR, and going through a Medicaid audit, has always been successful in the course. I hear often just how impactful this course is in preparing students to not only be effective counselors, but also to document their great work to avoid billing issues later in their career.

Advanced Practicum provides students with the opportunity to specialize children, families, and/or couples in the class has been my specific focus for the past couple of years. In order to provide a diverse client population, I have made contacts with insurance companies and nurtured relationships with mental health providers for client referrals which has been very successful. Word of mouth about the high quality counseling services provided by practicum students has also increased referrals. This semester, the Counselor Education committee approved a proposal to move the course’s start time earlier in the evening to increase access for children and families.

Should you know of any couples, families, or children interested in this service, please contact me at tillmandr@unk.edu.
Announcing the New and Improved: Higher Education Student Affairs Program (HESA)

Reflection by Dr. Matthew Mims

It is always great to be able to reach out and say Hello to our alumni and friends. It has been a great year as the student affairs program continues to grow. Dr. Po Hu, who just completed his doctorate, comes to us from Clemson University. He has a rich background in the field and I thought he was a dynamo when I met him five years ago in China, and this has only been confirmed now that he is working here at UNK. The other big news is that we have updated the title of our program to be “Higher Education Student Affairs” after a Ruffalo, Noel, Levitz report for the University of Nebraska at Kearney recommended that Higher Education be added as a prefix. This recommendation was supported by the Student Affairs Advisory Council. The title change to Higher Education Student Affairs addresses three primary goals: a) to help prospective students understand the work setting of student affairs professionals, b) to align with professional title prevalent in the field and c) to provide better access, recruitment, and program recognition for internet searches.

Our recent graduates have scored well in new job placements while others have risen in the ranks of their departments at their current school. It has been fun to run into them throughout the year. It is great to hear how our alumni are working to improve the graduation rates of students, promoting student success, and welcome a wide spread of diversity to our schools. We have some great students on campus as well as many new and seasoned graduate students in many different states.

It is always a challenge to keep in contact with our alumni so please remember to provide or update your contact information. Many of our alumni keep in contact with us also through our facebook page so give us a ‘like.’ Beyond our online wine and cheese socials, I have also decided that we need to have a challenge for our alumni as well. I think that a contest is in order. Alumni and current students can enter the contest by sending me a picture of yourself either in front of a school sign for which you work or a picture of you with your diploma. These pictures will be used in future newsletters. The winning prize is a registration to a national conference in 2020 with a value up to $325. We are thinking that it would be great to gather alumni and current students into research groups so that we can submit program proposals next fall and then present in the spring of 2020. Picture submissions by January 1st, 2019 to mimsmj@unk.edu (or email an access link).
Announcing the New and Improved: Higher Education Student Affairs Program (HESA) Continued

The use of technology continues to grow in our program and along with this UNK has been building recording studios, upgrading our classrooms, and providing training for students, faculty, and staff. The number of new buildings on our campus continues to increase as we have had groundbreaking ceremonies for a new STEM building and a new Early Childhood Center. The CSP department looks forward to continuing to do research in many different area such as the social and emotional development of young children. Pictured is my visit to Hangzhou University in China where we are working on a comparative research project to be conducted this fall.

As always, we hope that you are doing well and continuing to make a difference in the lives of students, regardless of age, location, economic status, or life goals. Thank you for caring for others.
Updates from the School Psychology Program

Reflection by Dr. Jennifer Joy & Danielle Nguyen

As we settle into the new academic year, it is time to give a quick update from the School Psychology Program at UNK! It is a great feeling to know that all of the accreditations are current; the program was reaccredited by NASP in 2015 and by ISPA in 2016.

The School Psychology Program at UNK is fully staffed this year by three full-time faculty members: Tammi Ohmstede (Associate Professor, Program Chair), Danielle Nguyen (Graduate Lecturer), and Jennifer Joy (Assistant Professor).

Tammi Ohmstede is beginning her 11th year of teaching in the program and 6th year as program chair. Danielle Nguyen is beginning her 3rd year of full-time teaching. Danielle graduated from UNK with her Ed.S. in School Psychology in 2013 and worked for three years at Gothenburg Public Schools. Jennifer Joy is beginning her 2nd year of teaching at UNK. Dr. Joy worked in in the field in Denver, CO, for over ten years, after which she taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in multiple university programs throughout the past four years.

This year we have 15 interns who are working in school districts across Nebraska and Kansas. Specific sites include: ESU 1, ESU 8, ESU 11, ESU 17, Bellevue Public Schools, Central Nebraska Support Services Program, Columbus Public Schools, Hastings Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, North Platte Public Schools, North Central Kansas Co-op, South Central Kansas Cooperative, and St. Paul Public Schools. The School Psychology Program at UNK also placed 13 practicum students at the following sites: ESU 7, ESU 9, ESU 10, ESU 11, CNSSP (Grand Island), Gibbon Public Schools, Hastings Public Schools, Kearney Public Schools, Lexington Public Schools, Minden Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, and Ralston Public Schools. We would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to all of the school psychologists who have volunteered to take on a practicum or internship student this year!! You are the ones who provide the students with the greatest “real life” learning experiences! Last but not least, we welcomed a group of 10 new students into the school psychology program this fall who are eager to begin learning about the field of school psychology, how to administer assessments, conduct research and all about child development!

Some of the exciting projects the faculty and students continue to work on this fall include research, grants and partner school projects! Our students continue to work on research projects which stem from a memorandum of agreement between UNK School Psychology program and Gibbon Public Schools. Students also have the opportunity to administer universal screening and progress monitoring assessments to elementary students in our partner schools.
We have been very busy developing and completing research studies. Four projects, completed by 16 students, were accepted and presented at the Nebraska School Psychology Association convention September 2018, and also submitted and accepted for the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention 2019 being held next February in Atlanta, GA. The projects are as follows: The Impact of English Language Proficiency and Socioeconomic Status on MAP and DIBELS Scores; Reading Curricula Impacts on High-Stakes Testing; Exploring How English Language Learner Status Impacts Academic Success; and Socioeconomic Status Effects on 4th and 5th Grade Reading Scores. Additionally, three more projects, including 10 students, began in August of 2018. The projects are as follows: The Correlation between Self-Care and Job Satisfaction in Teachers; Perception of Disabilities in Middle School Students, and Effectiveness of a Mindfulness Intervention for Undergraduate Students. Also, Dr. Joy and Dr. Fye presented Fostering Positive Relationships through Play and Creativity at the UNK Community Early Childhood Conference in October. Lastly, a combination of faculty and students will be presenting two presentations at the Trainers in School Psychology National Conference in February. These include: Mindful Minutes in the Graduate Classroom and Innovations in Early Childhood Education at UNK. Presenting at and attending these conferences has been a great way for students and faculty to stay up-to-date on current research and practices as well as to network with other school psychologists in the state, country and world.

We are very excited to announce the newest UNK School Psychology Alumni from the graduating class of 2018: Carter Blauvelt, Halli (Thurlow) Chramosta, Jacqueline Griffiths, Alexa Haave, Lindsey Joern, Rachel Lee, Emily (Culver) McDonald, and Keri (Lunz) Messersmith. Please reach out and stay connected as we always love to hear what is happening in the lives of our Alumni!! Have a great year!
Alcohol and Drug Counseling Online Graduate  
Certificate Meeting Needs for Nebraska Mental Health Practitioners

Reflection by Dr. Tina Chasek

Substance use is a growing epidemic that requires licensed specialists in the field. The state of Nebraska has identified a need for more rural behavioral healthcare, according to the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Legislature. On a national scale, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that Substance Abuse Counselors will see “a 31 percent job growth rate through 2022, which is much faster than the national average.”

The UNK Counseling and School Psychology Department is rising to address the demand through an online graduate certificate program in Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Launched in 2016, the program equips professionals with expertise and licensure to serve the needs of those battling with addiction.

The program is designed for Mental Health Counselors who need to obtain a license in Alcohol and Drug Counseling or for current graduate students in clinical mental health counseling. Upon entrance into the certificate program, students must be enrolled in a graduate degree program in mental health counseling or a related field or have completed a degree program in clinical Mental Health counseling. This certificate meets state requirements and allows students and current professionals in the field to gain the necessary education to hold the specialty license.

Led by Dr. Christine Chasek, instructors in the program are licensed professionals who work in addiction counseling. The graduate certificate program consists of three on-line addiction courses and an internship course in an Alcohol and Drug Counseling facility. This helps students find a clinical placement and obtain the hands-on experience for licensure. Currently there are 20 students enrolled in the program who are working on their licensure. Many of the CMHC students also take the courses to become eligible for dual licensure after graduation.

Graduates of the certificate program may be eligible for higher pay in their field and expanded career opportunities, including positions in hospitals, treatment centers, medical clinics, or private and group practices. They will also be prepared to help address the need for more rural-based addiction counseling in the state of Nebraska.

Learn more about helping others through the addiction recovery process by inquiring about the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Graduate Certificate. We would love to have you join us!

If you want more information please contact:
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Higher Education Student Affairs—Introducing Dr. Po Hu

Introduction by: Meghan Horton

Please help me give a warm welcome to our new professor, Dr. Po Hu! Dr. Po Hu is an Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) graduate program and internship coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Dr. Hu's research interests include higher education and student affairs leadership, international education, and network dynamics. His most recent research is focused on exploring the dynamics and performance of international education (IE) and senior international officer (SIO) through a lens of complexity and network theories. Specifically, he used an advanced quantitative research design which integrated dynamic network analysis (DNA) and response surface methodology (RSM) to investigate network structures and interactions of international education programs as complex adaptive systems (CAS) and examine the relationship between network measures and organizational performance. Dr. Hu completed his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Clemson University, an M.A. in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from the University of Minnesota, and an SIO executive education certificate from Duke University.

When describing his teaching style, Dr. Hu spoke about his experience at four other U.S. universities that have molded his teaching style. He teaches in a traditional face-to-face setting but more recently has taught by using technology for online courses. His favorite part of teaching is interacting with students both inside and outside the classroom and finding ways to enhance the transfer of classroom learning to workplace practice. Dr. Hu is a champion for international education and has a passion for educating and connecting people in our interconnected world. He is incredibly excited to be in Kearney, teaching such a great community of students and working with such a welcoming faculty.

Dr. Po Hu grew up in southwest Sichuan province in China, the homeland of the giant panda and a place famous for hot and spicy food. When Dr. Hu grew up, he wanted to be a famous soccer commentator. He loves playing and watching soccer and loves the idea that one day he might be the person that can say what he thinks about the sport of soccer. Although Dr. Hu dreamed of being a soccer commentator, he truly is inspired by helping students navigate through higher education and helping students grow and succeed. Dr. Hu is very proud of his diverse background, coming from a different country and bringing with him his cultural experience, as well as working at five different universities. Most of all, Dr. Hu is proud to see his students grow and succeed in fields they love and dedicate themselves to.

Dr. Hu enjoys the Kearney atmosphere and finds the community to be very welcoming. In his free time, he enjoys following the news, playing recreational sports, watching soccer, traveling and spending time with his wife and son.

Thank you Dr. Hu and welcome to UNK!
**National Award Winner — Jenna Rycek**

Jenna Rycek was awarded the LifeChanger of the Year Spotlight Award from the National Life Group. She was one among 80 nominees for this award. Jenna is currently a School Psychologist at Florence Elementary School in Garden City, Kansas. She graduated with her School Psychology Ed.S. degree from UNK in May 2015.

Congratulations, Jenna! Thank you for making a difference and going above and beyond for your students.


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**Welcome Oakley Schmoker!**

Dr. Tammi Ohmstede Schmoker and her husband, Jarred, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Oakley in October. Oakley was premature and has been growing, developing her breathing and learning how to eat at UNMC’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Congratulations Tammi, Jarred and Oakley’s 3 older brothers and 2 sisters!

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**Bringing Joy to Dr. Joy**

Dr. Joy has a new puppy, Boom Box, who is adorable and brings her much joy!
CSP Honors Night Award Winners

Scholarship Recipients

**Dean’s Scholarship**
Miranda Dunkel - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Maria Diaz Guerrero - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Jordan Haarberg - School Counseling
Leticia Garcia - Student Affairs
Kenzie Drudik - School Psychology
Jordan Lempka - School Psychology

**Dr. Kent Estes Memorial for Chi Sigma Iota**
Jacob Sandman - Clinical Mental Health Counseling

**Dr. Fred & Betty Kempf Fellowship Fund**
Amber Schulenberg - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Carrie Snyder - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kloreace Linke - School Psychology

**Mary Splitter Memorial Scholarship**
Alyson Wolfe - Clinical Mental Health Counseling

**Liela S. Herzog Memorial Scholarship**
Tonya Foulk - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Katie Wollenburg - School Psychology

**Teara Archwamety Research Fund**
Lane Deines - School Psychology

**CSP Fellowship Fund**
Kathy Everitt – School Counseling

**CSP Department Scholarship**
Katherine Donahoo - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Katie Sladek - School Counseling
Kelsey Sims - Student Affairs
Shalee Pollard - School Psychology

School Psychology

**Scholarly Presentation**
NSPA/TSP/NASP/ICR
Mariah Farber, Ashleigh Callahan, Hannah Fuchs,
Katie Wollenburg, Lane Deines, Pamela Tillman, Edwin Fattig,
Cameron Staudacher, Kelsea Hughes, Kloreace Linke, Taylor
Strong, and Jessie Walter

**Leadership**
NSPA Student Representative
Mariah Farber & Kloreace Linke
GrASP
Pamela Tillman, Mariah Farber, Ashleigh Callahan,
Katie Wollenburg & Cameron Staudacher

Counselor Education

**Scholarly Presentations**
ACA/NCA
Sangeeta Boken, Sarah Connell,
Emily Feese &
Anna Payne-Polson

**Scholarly Publications**
Katherine Donahoo,
Reina Horikawa, Kelsey Krieger,
Alicia Lambert & Mikensie Wright

**Leadership**
Chi Sigma Iota (CSI)
Shawn Mewes, Anna Payne-Polson
& Donna Ecklund

Award Announcements

**Outstanding Partner Award**
Bruce Dickenson

**Outstanding Site Supervisors**
Kiphany Hof - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tammi Metz - School Counseling
Charlotte Brown - Student Affairs
Robin Bennett - School Psychology
Kristin Watson - School Psychology

**Outstanding Alumni**
Bridget Mostec - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
David Blessing - School Counseling
Christopher Silva - Student Affairs
Chris Denton - School Psychology

**Outstanding Graduates**
Jenna Shedd - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Genny Kubik - School Counseling
Anne McConkey - Student Affairs
Grant Rohrig - Student Affairs
Lindsey Joern - School Psychology
OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP:

Name: Bruce Dickinson  
Program: Past School Counselor for Seward High School, Past Executive Director of Nebraska Counseling Association. 
Reason for Nomination: For the last 12 years, Bruce has dedicated his time, energy and money to support UNK Counseling and School Psychology students through his active involvement in Chi Sigma Iota. Bruce has helped plan and coordinate a cultural immersion trip for students to participate in on the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation for 10 years. He has mentored and trained students in cultural diversity through workshops and presentations. Bruce exemplifies what we look for in a counseling and school psychology partner.

OUTSTANDING SITE SUPERVISORS:

Name: Kiphany Hof  
Program: CMHC  
Position: Associate Director of UNK Counseling and Women’s Center  
Nominated by: Yao Chang and Kelsey Krieger  
Reason for Nomination: Outstanding supervisor award, having worked with and continuing to work with CSP Clinical Mental Health Students. She makes a difference at UNK through her thoughtful and a caring commitment to students growth and development. She is a skilled practitioner and supervisor that provides support in a caring and nurturing way. She is an asset to the Kearney community, UNK and the CSP department.

Name: Charlotte Brown  
Program: Higher Education Student Affairs  
Award: Outstanding Site Supervisor  
Nominated by: Jessica Hinrichs  
Reason for Nomination: Charlotte would go above and beyond to make sure that Jessica was able to gain experience in advising groups, working with students to resolve problems, and joining with students to find success. We are honored to have Jessica as a new professional and thrilled that we have supervisors like Charlotte out there to helping our students find educational experiences.
OUTSTANDING SITE SUPERVISORS CONTINUED:

Name: Tammi Metz  
Program: School Counseling  
Award: Outstanding Site Supervisor  
Nominated by: Calen Choyeski  
Reason for Nomination: Tammi encourages creativity with guidance lessons and provides positive, incredibly helpful, feedback. She also takes the time to truly be present in her site supervision meetings and helps her interns feel prepared in all aspects of school counseling. Tammi has truly shown interest in her intern assignments and is able to self-reflect on her own strengths and areas of growth.

Name: Robin Bennett  
Program: School Psychology  
Award: Outstanding Site Supervisor  
Reason for Nomination: Robin has been a Site Supervisor at ESU 16 in North Platte and McCook Public Schools. She has inspired many school psychology interns to become leaders in their schools and active in Nebraska as a School Psychologists. Instrumental in launching the GrASP (Graduate Association for School Psychologists), she served as the first president and has continued to contribute to the UNK School Psychology program for 22 years.

Name: Kristin Watson  
Program: School Psychology  
Award: Outstanding Site Supervisor  
Nominated by: Halli Chramosta  
Reason for Nomination: Kristin’s experience as a School Psychologist with Grand Island Public Schools was essential in providing interns with sound guidance, assessment skill development, and modeling how to address diverse student needs in a complex school system. UNK School Psychology program is fortunate to have such an accomplished and dedicated internship site supervisor who has supervised 6 UNK Interns and several practicum students. She is truly deserving of this award!
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS:

Name: David Blessing  
Program: CMHC and School Counseling  
Award: Outstanding Alumni  
Reason for Nomination: David is an outstanding professional and colleague. He has had a long career in behavioral health as a school counselor and a clinical mental health counselor helping countless numbers of kids, families, and couples. David has also impacted the field through his leadership as the president of the Nebraska Counseling Association and the Nebraska School Counseling Association. He has a gift and talent for making those around him better whether through his counseling skills, leadership skills, or his genuine care and compassion. We are proud to call David one of our own!

Name: Christopher Silva  
Program: Higher Education Student Affairs  
Award: Outstanding Alumni  
Reason for Nomination: Chris has been instrumenting in strengthening the housing program at the University of Denver. Currently Chris is working for American University in Washington D.C. and is completing his doctorate in Higher Education administration. He speaks 4 languages and also had an interest in sustainability and environmental management. Christopher transferred to the east coast in 2017 bringing over 15 years of higher education experience. Chris has worked in various areas of higher education, including sustainability, guest services, fraternity/sorority life, student activities, service-learning programs and distance education. Chris is a native of Brazil and also calls home the USA and Qatar.

Name: Bridget Mostec  
Program: Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Award: Outstanding Alumni  
Reason for Nomination: Bridget has been on the cutting edge of distance counseling. She also is a key consultant to CE faculty to help us better prepare students for distance counseling upon graduation.

Name: Chris Denton  
Program: School Psychology  
Award: Outstanding Alumni  
Reason for Nomination: Chris is a seasoned School Psychologist that is dedicated to the wellbeing and success of students with all abilities. He has collaborated with UNK over the years to research predictors of academic success. Chris has also supervised practicum students and is a mentor for our program students.
OUTSTANDING GRADUATES:

Name: Jenna Shedd  
Program: CMHC  
Award: Outstanding Graduate  
Reason for Nomination: Jenna exemplifies what we are looking for in students and professionals in the clinician mental health field. She excelled in the classroom academically and a skill-wise with her clients both in internship and practicum. Both personally and professionally Jenna represents the best of our students here at UNK.

Name: Genny Kubik  
Program: School counseling  
Award: Outstanding Graduate  
Reason for Nomination: Genny goes above and beyond to advocate for the underserved, which includes many of the children and adolescents she works with in her school. She is kind and caring and will go the extra yard to be sure students needs are met. She is dedicated to impacting students lives both emotionally academically.

Name: Anne McConkey  
Program: Higher Education Student Affairs  
Award: Outstanding Graduate  
Reason for Nomination: Anne McConkey is a hometown student who has worked in various positions at UNK while studying to complete her master’s degree. She completed an internship working in the offices of First Year and the Honors Programs. Anne’s recently worked for Academic and Career Services at UNK, but is now an academic advisor for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. She has served on the UNK Student Conduct Board and was co-director of the UNK Loper2Loper Mentor program. She also served on the board and volunteered for the Kearney Area Arts Council and has been a member of the Kearney Dawn Rotary Club.
OUTSTANDING GRADUATES CONTINUED:

Name: Grant Rohrig  
Program: Higher Education Student Affairs  
Award: Outstanding Graduate  

Reason for Nomination: Grant Rohrig joined the Nebraska-Kearney athletic department in the summer of 2016 and served as a graduate athletic trainer. He studied Higher Education Student Affairs as he thought the counseling skills would allow him to be an outstanding athletic trainer. Graduating from Minnesota-Duluth with B.A. degree in Athletic Training, he has stated that he has recommended many trainers to the student affairs program as it is a great match to helping others and providing assistance on the physical and mental levels. This is a great example of how transferrable skills can be gain in our program to help others, "was one of the comments on his nominating form. His academic work and counseling skills were at the highest level.

Name: Lindsey Joern  
Program: School Psychology  
Award: Outstanding Graduate  

Reason for Nomination: Lindsey earned a position as a Graduate Assistant for two years while she completed her School Psychology program. She was hardworking, dedicated and stood out as a leader. Lindsey graduated top of her class. She was also a member of NSPA, NASP and ISPA.
Counseling and School Psychology
Chi Sigma Iota

Advocates For Mental Health

AMH Counseling Specialization Event & Social
Cunningham's Journal on the Bricks
October 24th 6 PM - 7 PM
Come for appetizers and prizes!
Social to follow

One Night Without a Home
University of Nebraska at Kearney
November 16th 7 PM - 7 AM

Upcoming AMH Event - TBD Spring 2019

Building Bridges
University of Nebraska at Kearney, CMCT Rm 101
March 8, 2019 1 PM

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