18 years of determination

Jones juggled work, family, cancer to earn diploma

BY ALISON SIEVERS
Antelope Staff

Diana Jones has juggled with both hands over nearly two decades to be among those getting diplomas this month.

She works full time at the university. She sits at a desk in the far right hand corner of the registrar’s office. Her job is to put together the class schedule that comes out every semester, and she loves it because she gets to communicate with instructors and students.

She also has raised three children who have successfully graduated from UNK.

And, on top of it all, she’s a breast cancer survivor.

Friday she’ll be graduating with a degree in organizational communications after taking classes for 18 years.

What kept her motivated? “Well, I kind of have this internal desire to learn. And it kind of started out as a hobby. I just sort of wanted to take some classes to broaden my horizons and my knowledge base a little bit. And then when I saw it was really possible to go ahead and finish the degree, it kind of got to be a challenge. And I don’t back down from things very easily.”

Jones managed to get all 125 credit hours required for a degree taking 3-6

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Cho runs, never stops chasing goals

BY MARJO ROUVOET
JMC 215

Jaekeun Cho, an outgoing and talkative international student, decided to come to Nebraska full time after he already studied animal science for three years at Chun-Ang University in South Korea. “I did not know much about UNK, but I heard about it in 2007, and when I came here on exchange, I liked it so much I decided to study at UNK.”

Now, after two and a half years, he is ready to graduate in December. “I am happy to be almost done. I have been studying without breaks. In the summers I took classes as well, which was tough — every week a test, every day a paper. I run and

Determined to win, Cho participated in the 26th Annual Cornhuskers State Game in racquetball. Even with an injured knee, he and Swinney won first place in their division.
DREAM Act awaits Senate vote

BY ERIK DODGE
Senior Reporter

Carlos barely remembers his trip across the U.S.-Mexican border. “I remember I was cramping up and I was crying the whole time. It was just my mom and I in a little compartment of an RV,” he said. He had no idea it was illegal to enter the country. “When we came over here I was six, so I had no way of knowing or asking. At that age you don’t think of things like that,” he said.

Carlos did well in high school and graduated in the top ten percent of his class. But because he was from Mexico and did not have a social security number, his options were limited. Even getting to high school was nerve-racking because he could not get a driver’s license.

“During high school you worry about getting pulled over. It’s a constant worry. I guess you never know what’s going to happen,” he said.

He thought he would just work after high school to help his family, but a school counselor pointed him out as a promising student, and he was recruited to attend UNK.

After graduating, Carlos found his prospects for work slim. He needed someone to sponsor his work visa in order to get a job—support that never came.

Travel back to 7 B.C., explore scientific mystery of Christmas Star

BY AUSTIN ASAY
JMC 318

On Dec. 17, a tradition going back more than 50 years will continue at the Bruner Hall of Science. Dan Glomski of the Grand Island Nature Center will host the final 2010 program, “The Christmas Star,” starting at 7 p.m. “The Christmas Star,” a free 40-minute program, focuses upon the Christmas Star, but from a nonreligious perspective. The show centers on the Christmas Star based on scientific evidence.

“The only reason why they don’t do that now is because they don’t know what is going to happen to them. In fact, I know that a lot of families will say they will pay for their kid’s education, but right now they don’t like doing that because they don’t know if they are going to be sent back.”

Senator Ben Nelson said on his website that he will not support any legislation that does not add jobs or to the military or economy, so he will not support the DREAM Act.

“In addition, I think that it must be part of an overall comprehensive solution to immigration once we have the border secured and not until then,” he said on a Nov. 29 website post.

An estimated 800,000 undocumented students would qualify under the DREAM Act, according to the National Immigration Law Center. According to the Department of Homeland Security, 10.8 million illegal immigrants lived in the U.S. in 2009.

The DREAM Act was originally introduced in 2001, and even with its recent progress in Congress, Carlos is not getting his hopes up.

“It’s hard to keep hope when it’s been around so long. I’m to the point now where I don’t want to get my hopes up. I’ve been at that point before and it’s a big letdown,” he said.

Editor’s note: Carlos’ name was changed to protect his identity.

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credit hours a semester, all during her lunch hour and by attending night classes. She would delay her lunch and use 15 minutes of her vacation time each day if the classes exceeded an hour.

Jones didn’t go to school after high school simply because it wasn’t expected of her. Neither of her parents went to college, so she got a job as a legal secretary right out of high school. “It was fun for awhile. There’s something kind of prestigious about being a legal secretary, but eventually I wanted more.”

To inspire her children to go to school, she was simply honest with them.

“My famous line to them was, ‘Go to school now. Get your education so you can get the job that you want. Don’t do what I did. Don’t wait until after you’re married, after you have a family and you have responsibilities, and then decide that you want your education.’”

Her warnings were clearly effective since her son Kris, 28, graduated with a degree in construction management in December 2006; her daughter Stefanie, 26, graduated with a radiography degree in May 2006; and her youngest, Luke, 24, graduated with a degree in exercise science and health science in May 2010.

In November of 1999, Jones was diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time, she was in a difficult computer class—BMIS 181. Two other older women, Maggie Alt and Deb Olson, were classmates, and the three quickly became study partners. She started to fall behind, but with their support and encouragement, she went on to finish the class. She had more help along the way.

Jones took the semester of spring 2000 off to battle the cancer when her son was graduating from high school. Alt went so far as to help Jones’ son apply for financial aid.

Jones said, “She let me know when the ACT exams were, delivered materials to Education Quest for his financial aid and checked in on me at work regularly. She was a real cheerleader, and I had only met her in class that semester before all of this happened. Maggie and I remain friends.”

Jones has motivation for others who may be hesitant. "Do it. Jump in with both feet: take a class, get started.”

Jones advised finding something you’re interested in and not worrying about program requirements at first. Find something that you enjoy, maybe a general studies class, she said. Do what you’re interested in and don’t worry about program requirements right off the bat.

“Get started, and ease yourself into it,” she said. “And eventually get to a point where you can take six hours. Try not to focus on how long it’s going to take you because it does take a long time. I would encourage anyone to get your education. I think that was a mistake I made. And I feel so lucky that I get to rectify that.”

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never stop.”

Cho considers his best college experience getting to know his host family, Greg and Laurie Swinney. “I became part of their family. They always invited me, and they sort of adopted me as their son.”

It was his host father that introduced him to racquetball. “I was bad at racquetball when I started. I never played it in South Korea. I broke a lot of racquets,” he said laughing. In the beginning he was not able to win any game from Swinney, but after a couple of weeks, roles turned around. An injured knee did not stop him from participating in the Cornhusker State Games in racquetball. He prepared for it by practicing no less than 17 games a day. And he won. “I never quit. I reached for the top. I want to become a national player in South Korea.”

However, when it comes down to priorities, friendship comes first place. “Sport and studying is a good combination, but friendship is the most important thing in life,” he said.

The 25-year-old Jaekeun Cho will graduate from UNK with a marketing major. Good time management helped him become a member of the honor fraternity Beta Gamma Sigma. Cho achieved much, but it has not always come easy. “Life for international students can be hard,” he said. “You go to Walmart, but you do not know what to say. You do not understand it. It is a desperate feeling. You feel like you want to stay in your room, speak Korean and hang out with your Korean friends.”

Though that would have been the easiest option, Cho made a pledge to himself to leave his comfort zone. “I pledged I wanted to meet Americans, as learning English was my goal. I also advise other international students to meet with American friends, to socialize and speak English. It is hard, as staying in your comfort zone is easier.” Cho also got involved. “I did not want to stay in my room,” he said. “I got involved in groups such as CSF and Chi Alpha.”

Having experienced the hardships of an international student, Cho will be able to share these with other students as the international Korean recruiter for UNK after his graduation. “UNK hired me because I am outgoing and never shy. The position did not exist before, but they created it for me.”

Cho plans on finishing his MBA in America. After that, he will return to South Korea to his two sisters and parents and find a job in business there. “I’m the big baby. My parents long for me. Learning English was my goal, so once that is achieved, it is ‘Adios America.’”
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Luxford looks at life through lens of camera

BY CARISSA DILLENBURG
JMC 215

When Lyndsey Luxford was younger, she dreamed of being an actress and having part in a movie, but as graduation rapidly approaches, she would rather do something on the other side of the camera.

Luxford, a journalism mass media major, is the daughter of Bill and Susie Luxford, who always encouraged her to follow her dreams.

“I look up to my parents a lot because they are such good people and they live to help out my brother and I as much as they can,” said Luxford. “Thanks to my parents’ support I have been able to experience a lot. I was given the opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica and interned.

As a video production intern, Luxford was responsible for the in-house off-air creative service. At MTV, Luxford worked for the anchors and reporters, and was in charge of the microphones,” Luxford said. She also followed reporters around to see what reporting was really like.

The rest of her week through Friday, Luxford’s time was devoted to working for MTV. At MTV, Luxford worked for the in-house off-air creative service department, including print and video production along with animation production. As a video production intern, Luxford was in charge of finding, logging and digitizing footage, which would then be passed on to the editors to create a video.

Luxford says she is ready to get out of the Midwest and move to either New York City or Los Angeles. In ten years, she hopes to see herself being a cinematographer or screen writer in one of these cities.

“My biggest challenge after graduation will be having to live on my own. I am a terrible cook,” Luxford said. She says that her skills in Spanish will help her outshine her competition in the film industry. “I am also a pretty dang hard worker if I do say so myself,” Luxford said.

After three years at UNK, three and a half years total of college, working almost every position on The Antelope, multiple internships, endless hours of homework, Luxford is finally ready to see what her future behind the camera holds.

No regrets for Jacobitz; she followed her dream

BY LAURA LUTZ
JMC 215

From ballet dancers to astronauts, childhood dreams almost never become reality. For senior Amelia Jacobitz, the situation is no different. Her dreams have wandered far from her original childhood fantasy of becoming a doctor, but now that it’s all said and done, Jacobitz is bounding toward the finish line with no regrets.

Jacobitz was originally interested in and applied at Baylor and Southeast Missouri State. By request from her parents, Curt and Nancy Oerter, she also applied to the University of Nebraska system. “When it came time to make the final choice, I no longer wanted to go far from home, and the scholarships I was awarded made UNK very appealing,” Jacobitz said.

When she began her search for colleges, Jacobitz wanted to major in museum studies or historic preservation.

“Many museums require graduate degrees for the type of work I was interested in, so I decided to major in history and then go to graduate school,” Jacobitz said. “I’m extremely practical and wasn’t convinced that a history degree would be worth much if I decided not to go to graduate school, so I decided to add education.”

During her time on campus, Jacobitz found a place to pursue her dreams, the Frank House, located just north of West Center.

“I volunteered there the second semester of my freshman year and became an employee the fall semester of my sophomore year,” Jacobitz said. “It was one of those right place, right time moments.”

Frank House director Sarah S. Jones said, “Amelia is our Collections Manager and has been integral in cataloging the Frank House’s museum collection.”

After graduating, Jacobitz hopes to find a job teaching high school in the Kearney area. She is planning to stay in Kearney “for the foreseeable future.”

Jacobitz advises younger students to make a plan for their college years. “Do they want to be finished in four years? How many hours will they have to take a semester to accomplish that?” she said.

Jacobitz encourages students to join clubs and find jobs that will help them reach their goal. “I would also encourage them to read books that are not required for their classes. In ten years, you’ll be the same person you are today except for the people you meet and the books you read.”
Adventures abroad invaluable

Differences in culture comical, enjoyable for adventurous senior studying last year in Japan

BY GANDY HENRY
JMC 215

Laura Ceron
Hometown: Omaha
Majors: Spanish, French

WHAT’S NEXT? Begin her job hunt to become a medical translator and interpreter in a hospital.

Speaker for the Friday morning Honors Convocation and breakfast, senior Laura Ceron has spent the last year before her December 2010 graduation studying at Sapporo University in Sapporo, Japan, after she received full tuition from the UNK Office of Multicultural Affairs to study translation and interpretation of languages.

Ceron is a double major in Spanish and French, and her minor is Japanese. Born and raised in Bogota, Colombia, Ceron was exposed to Japanese culture and language at an early age. Ceron and her family moved to the U.S. when she was 14 years old. “Since I was back in Colombia, Japan has been a great interest in my life. Colombia-Japan relations are rather strong, so Japanese culture was always advertised and I grew up to like it,” Ceron said.

Ceron’s first study abroad took her to Besancon, France, where she took French language and culture courses. “In a sense, France helped me prepare for Japan by helping me develop an open mind in which I should be able to expect the unexpected,” Ceron said.

While studying in France was more natural to Ceron, studying in Japan presented a much bigger challenge. An independent person, Ceron felt frustrated and discouraged because she was so dependent on others at the beginning.

“I literally felt like a baby because I hardly understood anything and couldn’t read any of the signs around the city.” Laura Ceron

The differences in culture have made Ceron’s stay rather comical, which she says has made it much more enjoyable. “We’ve had a lot of laughs just because we were usually unaware of the cultural connotations of certain situations, such as bowing and even saying thank you at the right time. Thankfully, the Japanese community is extremely friendly and always willing to lend a hand.”

Ceron described her trip to Japan as an eye-opening experience where she learned to appreciate what she has and who she is. She has come to love her own Colombian culture more and realized her passions are Spanish and French.

Upon her return back home to Omaha, Ceron looked forward to again being in a place where she understands the culture and doesn’t have to worry about being impolite. She will also begin her job hunt. Her dream at the moment is to become a medical translator and interpreter in a hospital.

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Laura Ceron

Evidently, no one is prouder of senior Daniel Martin than his father Coach Russell Martin. When the call went out for seniors to be featured in The Antelope for the December graduating class, Coach Martin suggested his son.

“May I recommend Daniel Martin as a senior that has excelled in every area: academics, athletics for three years, student teaching, married with a child and another on the way for starters, and a great role model for others,” Coach Martin wrote.

The younger Martin, who will speak at his graduation Dec. 17 representing the students, is full of thoughts about his future and the people who were there for him along the way.

“I felt I was well prepared by my education through UNK. It’s definitely been a challenge, but my teachers and classes did a great job of getting me ready for the classroom,” Dan said.

Now, with plans to be a future high school mathematics teacher and coach, Dan is ready to help others with the confidence needed to succeed in life.

“I believe everyone has a purpose, and everyone is put in places for a reason. They’re there to do their best and to help others.”

Fortunately, he has always been in good company. “We’re one big family, and they all care about what’s going on,” he said. Whether it’s his parents, wife (Bailey) or his almost two-year-old son (Leo), he credits the support he has received throughout life for his success and says that has always driven him to be the best he could be. “Every day I get to come home and see the smiles on my wife and son’s faces, and no matter how the day was, the support I get from them always makes it better.”

On the football field, Dan was the definition of a student athlete and more. Others say he has always had a calling to help others as well. During his time as a Loper, he quickly earned the respect of his teammates and coaches as a bruising middle linebacker and a team leader on and off the field.

“Whether it was in the weight room, playbook or team meetings, you always knew Dan had your back or could help in some way,” said former teammate Lance Shifflet. “I have never met a better team player or person than Dan Martin.”
Otsuka grows with passion through music, more

BY WATARU SHIOMITSU
JMC 215

Until she was a sophomore, music was her minor, but after she met Prof. David Nabb and was impressed with his passion for playing the saxophone, she changed her emphasis to saxophone and her minor to her major.

Otsuka said, “I really respect Dr. Nabb, not only as a professor but also a player. Though he had a handicap, he kept his intense passion for saxophone. I believe that a great musician must have great skills and passion, and he has both.”

Otsuka found adventure through her music as well. She went to Italy and London with the marching band. She met many different people in Europe and became friends with them through the events. She found music kept her excited.

She said, “I had attended music concerts and events, but I had never felt the passion before I attended the parade. I understood music can pass across any borders. Every different country’s people can connect each other through music.” She recognized the great power of music and learned that music has no borders. The band waited out a light rain in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican in Rome.

Asami Otsuka, right, traveled with the UNK band to Italy where she said she recognized the great power of music and learned that music has no borders. The band waited out a light rain in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican in Rome.

“Music can pass across any borders. Every different country’s people can connect each other through music.”

Asami Otsuka

Hometown: Okayama, Japan

Majors: Speech, music

WHAT’S NEXT? Work at a foreign-affiliated company in Japan to use English and communicate with foreigners.

Grads celebrate, anticipate long-awaited commencement

BY KAYLIE PERRY
JMC 215

On Dec. 17, students will take a final walk toward the future at the UNK graduation. A total of 398 students, 288 undergraduates and 110 graduates, will participate in the fall commencement ceremony at the Health and Sports Center at 10 a.m.

The weeks leading up to graduation are filled with deadlines as well as scheduled events for the graduates.

“A couple weeks ago we had a graduation party for the students and provided free pizza, pop, a chocolate fountain and fun prizes for them to win... it was a really good turnout and the students had a lot of fun,” said Michelle Widger, the assistant director of the alumni association.

On Dec. 16 when the grads have their rehearsal at the Cushing Coliseum at 3 p.m., the alumni association will again be there to support the students. “There are usually some booths set up in the coliseum about different graduate schools or programs, and the Chancellor provides food for the students so they have something to snack on during rehearsal,” Widger said.

This year, Laura Ceron Gomez and Daniel Martin will speak on behalf of the grads.

Terry Kroeger, the publisher and Chief Executive Officer for the Omaha World-Herald, will present the commencement address. Kroeger has been with the World-Herald Company since 1985 and has served as the company’s president since 2005. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and actively involved in higher education, and organizations in Omaha including Creighton University, the College of Saint Mary, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Durham Western Heritage Museum, TeamMates Mentoring Program, Mutual Of Omaha Group and others.
Graduation

In-state graduates

Miller, Kristen – ADAMS, NE
BA JOUR: ADVERTISING
Johnson, Courtney – AINSWORTH, NE
BS CHEMISTRY COMPREHENSIVE
Kozisek, Drew – AINSWORTH, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Nelson, Dawna – ALBION, NE
MSE SCHOOL COUNSELING SECONDARY
Watson, Denise – ALLIANCE, NE
MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Kronhoffman, Dustin – ALMA, NE
BA SOCIAL SCIENCE 7-12
Beaver, Jonathan – AMHERST, NE
BGS GENERAL STUDIES
Gilligan, Terisa – ANSELMO, NE
BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
Hartman, Lindsey – ANSLEY, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Kaelin, Nicole – ANSLEY, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Laughlin, Kristin – ASHLAND, NE
MAE RESEARCH PK-12
Glinsmann, Elizabeth – ASHTON, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Mostek, Bridget – ASHTON, NE
MSE COMMUNITY COUNSELING
Garwood, Kelli – ATKINSON, NE
BS EXERCISE SCIENCE
Kerkman, Kody – ATKINSON, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Slaymaker, Heather – ATKINSON, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Lawton, Ashley – AURORA, NE
BS MUSIC K-12
Koch, Justin – AXTELL, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Oberg, Kristin – AXTELL, NE
BSE MIDDLE LEVELS
Cadwallader, Debra – BAYARD, NE
MAE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Newhoff, Daniel – BAYARD, NE
BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMPREHENSIVE
Baete, Amanda – BEATRICE, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Pflanz, Jolene – BELDEN, NE
BS SOCIOLOGY
Kiefel, Jennifer – BELLEVUE, NE
MAE READING PK-12
Martin, Jennifer – BELLEVUE, NE
MAE READING PK-12
Shank, Stephanie – BELLEVUE, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Carnes, Jola – BELLWOOD, NE
MSE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
Hoagland, Jeffry – BENKELMAN, NE
BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Steele, Echo – BENKELMAN, NE
BS FAMILY STUDIES
Bartels, Trenton – BERTRAND, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Brandyberry, Stephanie – BERTRAND, NE
MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Johnson, Brennan – BIG SPRINGS, NE
BS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Love, Holly – BLAIR, NE
MAE READING PK-12
Paulsen, Mallory – BLAIR, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE
Toepfer, Lora – BLUE HILL, NE
MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Waterbury, Lisa – BLUE HILL, NE
BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
Whiteley, Jeffery – BLUE HILL, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Emken, Megan – BRADY, NE
MAE ART EDUCATION
Birnie, Sarah – BROKEN BOW, NE
BAE FAMILY STUDIES
Littlejohn, Rebekah – BROKEN BOW, NE
BAE EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
ELEMENRTY EDUCATION
Ross, Emilie – BROKEN BOW, NE
BAE FAMILY STUDIES
Lemburg, Dana – CAIRO, NE
BS EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Peters, Nicole – CAIRO, NE
BAE LANGUAGE ARTS 7-12
Rush, Jarod – CALLAWAY, NE
MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Hall-Warburton, Amanda – CAMPBELL, NE
MSE COMMUNITY COUNSELING
Catlett, Kylie – CENTRAL CITY, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Moore, Sara – CENTRAL CITY, NE
BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Smith, Jacie – CENTRAL CITY, NE
BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
Chancellor, Timothy – CHADRON, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Sanford, Aaron – CHADRON, NE
BS RECREATION/PARK/TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMP
Leapley, Christyne – COLERIDGE, NE
BS GEOGRAPHY GIS-SPATIAL ANALYSIS
Niles, Cristine – COLUMBUS, NE
MAE READING PK-12
Weidner, Laura – COLUMBUS, NE
BAE LANGUAGE ARTS 7-12
Coulal, Jason – COTESFIELD, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Lemmer, Chad – COZAD, NE
BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
Brown, Jennifer – CULBERTSON, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Thompson, Blake – DALTON, NE
BAE MUSIC K-12
Collinson, Andrea – DONIPHAN, NE
BS LANGUAGE ARTS 7-12
ENGELISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE
Cosgriff, Kyley – DONIPHAN, NE
BS RADIOGRAPHY COMP
England, Heidi – DONIPHAN, NE
BA JOUR: NEWS EDITORIAL
Zutavern, Drew – DUNNING, NE
BA HISTORY
Johnson, Katie – EDGAR, NE
MAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
CHILD MILD MODERATE K-6
Kenton, Jeffrey – EDGAR, NE
MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP PK-8
Robinson, Travis – ELM CREEK, NE
BA BROADCASTING
Bennett, Kelynne – ELWOOD, NE
BAE SOCIAL SCIENCE 7-12
Chrisp, Elizabeth – ELWOOD, NE
BS POLITICAL SCIENCE
Crimal JUSTICE
Spivey, Luke – ELWOOD, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Koch, Anthony – EUSTIS, NE
MS BIOLOGY
Eligert, Mark – FAIRBURY, NE
MS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMP
Parrack, Marni – FAIRBURY, NE
MAE SPECIAL EDUCATION
Pritchard, Jenna – FRANKLIN, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Ehrenberg, Angela – FUNK, NE
BS THEATRE
Kapperman, Teresa – GENEVA, NE
MAE SCHOOL COUNSELING SECONDARY
Lindhorst, Travis – GERING, NE
BS EXERCISE SCIENCE COMPREHENSIVE
Nuñez, Viannett – GIBBON, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Borchardt, Travis – GOTHENBURG, NE
BS SPORTS ADMINISTRATION
Borchardt, Brittnay – GOTHENBURG, NE
BS FAMILY STUDIES
Messersmith, Haela – GOTHENBURG, NE
MAE HISTORY
Boersen, Jennifer – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS FAMILY STUDIES
Caldwell, Jacqueline – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Carlson, Barry – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Galbraith, John – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BFA STUDIO ART COMPREHENSIVE
Gewecke, Nicholas – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE
Grenier, Joseph – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BA HISTORY 7-12
ELYNEEDUATION
McFarland, Molly – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BA SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE
Perea, Jose – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Rauert, Rachael – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Reed, DeAnn – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS JOUR: PUBLIC RELATIONS
Rollen, Kristi – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED
Sears, Melissa – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MSE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
Stamer, Levi – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Stanley, Thad – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MAE SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP 7-12
Stewart, Lauren – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BA HISTORY
Trout, Christina – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Kropp, Jay – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Yager, Whitnee – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MAE HISTORY
Vivian, Lindsay – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MS BIOLOGY
Wolfe, Erika – GRAND ISLAND, NE
MAE MUSIC EDUCATION
Galbraith, John – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE
Kropp, Jay – GRAND ISLAND, NE
BS INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION COMP
Gorgen, Talon – GRANT, NE
BS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COMP
Porter, Kayla – MERNA, NE
BAE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED

Fees, Roxanna – MILLER, NE
BSE BIOLOGY 7-12  CHEMISTRY 7-12

Brooks, Rebecca – MINDEN, NE
BS SOCIAL WORK COMPREHENSIVE

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