Graduate and undergraduate degrees for 494 will be conferred at commencement exercises 10 a.m. Friday at University of Nebraska at Kearney.

University of Nebraska President Hank M. Bounds will be the honored guest and commencement speaker for the exercises, with UNK Chancellor Douglas A. Kristensen presiding. UNK Health and Sports Center arena is the site for the event. Doors to the venue open at 8:30 a.m.

Bounds was appointed seventh president of the University of Nebraska in January 2015 and began his tenure as president April 13. Bounds grew up on a small farm in rural Mississippi. His service in the Army National Guard helped him pay for college, and he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Bounds’ 25-year career in education began as a high school teacher. He then rose to principal, superintendent and state superintendent before becoming Mississippi’s commissioner of higher education in 2009. In that role, he oversaw a complex system of eight public universities including research universities, regional universities, an academic health science center, historically black institutions, a law center, a school of veterinary medicine and 200 institutes and centers. Together the system enrolled 85,000 students, employed 26,000 faculty and staff, and operated with a combined annual budget of $4.5 billion, including $300 million in research and development.

Heidi Hostert of O’Neill, who is graduating with an exercise science degree, will give the senior class reflection. Hostert is in the Honors Program, Mortar Board and Alpha Phi sorority, as well as a member of Loper Programming Activities Council, Exercise Science Club and a Chancellors Ambassador.

The Choraleers, directed by David Bauer, UNK professor of Music and Performing Arts, will perform a pre-commencement concert and processional, “Canzon Duodecimi Toni” by Giovanni Gabrieli. The national anthem will be sung by Danielle Klaver of Grand Island.

SEATING, PARKING INFORMATION

Because of a larger number of students participating, UNK anticipates the arena will become full, and encourages guests to arrive early, bring minimal baggage and coats inside, and to fill every seat. Overflow rooms with live stream feeds and space for children to be disruptive if they need will be available in the Health and Physical Recreation gym and in classrooms nearby.

Standing along rails or at entrances is prohibited and will be enforced. UNK commencement ceremonies are webcast at www.unk.edu.

Parking in the west lots is encouraged. Visitors with handicap permits can park east of the Health and Sports Center. Those transporting a handicapped person will have access to drop off the person on the east side of the complex, but will need to move their vehicle to another lot.

Visitors with wheelchairs can sit in the corner seating sections on the main floor or use the elevator in the northeast corner of the building to sit in the designated section on the arena floor. Individuals who have difficulties with steps should arrive at least an hour early to have access to seats just below the railings on the main floor or to obtain seating on the arena floor seats.

NOTE: Abbreviations that appear in the listings, and what they represent, are:

Undergraduate Degrees:
- BA – Bachelor of Arts
- BAE – Bachelor of Arts in Education
- BS – Bachelor of Science
- BSE – Bachelor of Science in Education
- BFA – Bachelor of Fine Arts
- BGS – Bachelor of General Studies
- BM – Bachelor of Music

Graduate Degrees (GR):
- EDS – Education Specialist
- MA – Master of Arts
- MAED – Master of Arts in Education
- MS – Master of Science
- MSAE – Master of Science in Education
- MBA – Master of Business Administration
- HP – Honors Program

Tylor Vose – ANSLEY
BS Business Administration

Bradi Hilker – ARAHAOE
BAED Elementary Education

Danielle Masters – ARCADIA
BS Business Administration

Naomi Barent – ASHLAND
MAE Curriculum and Instruction Early Childhood Education

Kristin Laughlin – ASHLAND
MAE Special Education Mild/Moderate

Trent Christensen – ALMA
BS History Social Science

Lauren Waggoner – ALMA
BAED Elementary Education

Taylor Barry – AMHERST
BS Psychology

Olivia Derr – AMHERST
BS Social Work

Kelsi Trampe – AMHERST
MSE Instructional Technology

Tylor Vose – ANSLEY
BS Business Administration

Bradi Hilker – ARAHAOE
BAED Elementary Education

Danielle Masters – ARCADIA
BS Business Administration

Naomi Barent – ASHLAND
MAE Curriculum and Instruction Early Childhood Education

Kristin Laughlin – ASHLAND
MAE Special Education Mild/Moderate

Erin Rathe – ASHLAND
MAE Curriculum and Instruction Early Childhood Education

Kamaha Cone – ATKINSON
BS Family Studies

Ashley Flies – AUBURN
MAE Reading PK-12

Taylor Reichardt – AURORA
BS Political Science

Shelby Trester – AURORA
BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention

Holley Florell – AXTELL
BA Business Administration

Brandi McHarness – AXTELL
BAED Elementary Education

Ryan Behmer – AYR
BAED Mild/Moderate, History Education

Kimberly Reed – BARTLETT
MSE Instructional Technology, School Librarian

Danielle Carpenter - BARTLEY
BAED Mild/Moderate, Magna Cum Laude

Megan Decker – BEATRICE
BA Music, Cum Laude

Michael Mauch – BEATRICE
BS Aviation Systems Management

Stephanie Rudder – BEATRICE
BS Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude

Maggie Laufman – BEATRICE
MAE Special Education Mild/Moderate

Heidi Hostert, a senior exercise science major from O’Neill, will be giving the senior class reflection. Hostert is a member of the Honors Program, Mortar Board and Alpha Phi sorority, as well as a member of Loper Programming Activities Council, Exercise Science Club and a Chancellors Ambassador.

When: 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 18

Where: UNK Health and Sports Center, 24th Street and 15th Avenue, Kearney

Social Media: Follow @UNKearney and #lopergrad on Twitter to see photos and posts

Live Broadcast: Watch commencement live and join in the #lopergrad conversation at http://unk.edu/eventdashboard.
BSED Mathematics Education, Honorable Mention
Randi Todd - BEATRICE
BAED Elementary Education
Lauren Check - BENEDICT
BS Social Work
Nolan High - BERTRAND
BS Agribusiness, Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Whitwer - BLAIR
MAE School Principalship 7-12
Riley Bonifás - BLUE HILL
BAED Physical Education, BS Exercise Science Fitness and Wellness, Honorable Mention
Jonathan Baehr - BLUE SPRINGS
MAE School Principalship PK-8
Kyle Pohman - BRADY
BS Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
Amy Hotovy - BRAINARD
MSE School Counseling Secondary
Kent Schmer - BRULE
BGS General Studies
Sara Swett - BURWELL
BS Sports Management
Eon Lemburg - CAIRO
BAED Social Science Education
Ashley VanDeWalle - CEDAR RAPIDS
BAED Mild/Moderate, Summa Cum Laude
Anna Faeh - CENTRAL CITY
BSED Mathematics Education, English as a Second Language, Summa Cum Laude
Jarah Hoese - CENTRAL CITY
BAED English Education
Carly Lubbe - CENTRAL CITY
BS Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
Matthew Musgrave - CENTRAL CITY
BAED Spanish Education
Susan Urbom - CERESCO
BGS General Studies
Katelyn Gottsch - CHAMBERS
BAED Social Science Education, Honorable Mention
Breanna Bailey - CLAY CENTER
BS Criminal Justice, Cum Laude
Brendell Martin - CLAY CENTER
MSE Speech Language Pathology
Jacob Keating - CODY
BS Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management
Marcus Gillespie - COLUMBUS
MAE Curriculum and Instruction
Michael Griffith - COLUMBUS
BS Exercise Science, Honorable Mention
Deanna Howerton - COLUMBUS
BS Psychology, Summa Cum Laude
Megan Johnson - COLUMBUS
MAE Reading PK-12
Dillion Loschen - COLUMBUS
BS Exercise Science, Magna Cum Laude
Taylor McDuffee - COLUMBUS
BS Exercise Science, Honorable Mention
Emily Olsufka - COLUMBUS
BS Business Administration
Alise Perault - COLUMBUS
BA Art History, Summa Cum Laude
Sarah Ryba - COLUMBUS
BS Criminal Justice
Megan Buss - COZAD
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified
Leslie Myers - COZAD
BAED Elementary Education
Eric Zimbelman - COZAD
BS Agribusiness
Rachel Micheel - CRAWFORD
BSED Middle Grades
Caroline Cote - CRETE
BS Criminal Justice
Thomas Augustine - CROFTON
BS Psychology, BM Musical Theatre, Cum Laude
Haley Gunnink - CROOKSTON
BAED Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude, Mortar Board
Jessica Madron - CURTIS
BA English Writing, Magna Cum Laude
Brandon Stolze - DAKOTA CITY
BS Athletic Training
Jared Rosenquist - DANEBOG
BS Industrial Distribution
Joshua Papa - DAVID CITY
BS Agribusiness
Laurel Valentine - DAVID CITY
MSE Instructional Technology
Haley Houtved - DESHLER
BS Biology, Business Administration
Juana Alanzo - DILLER
BA Spanish Translation and Interpretation
Kurt Ortmeyer - DODGE
BS Construction Management
Bryan Liemann - DONIPHAN
BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention
Bailey Rainforth - DONIPHAN
BSED Communication Disorders, Magna Cum Laude, Mortar Board
Easton Wenzel - EAGLE
BA Industrial Distribution
Tracy Shafer - EDISON
BS Chemistry
Sara Ritzdorf - ELKHORN
BAED Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
Stephanie Ziola - ELKHORN
BS Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Taylor Spiegel - ELWOOD
BAED Early Childhood Unified
Anson Hueftle - EUSTIS
BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Alexa Swartz - FAIRBURY
BS Social Work
Amanda Taylor - FORT CALHOUN
MSE Science Math Education - Mathematics
Taylor Dreher - FRANKLIN
BAED Elementary Education, Honorable Mention
Mason Brown - FREMONT
BS Industrial Distribution, Magna Cum Laude
Kyle Coleman - FREMONT
BS Physics
Jena Hallstrom - FREMONT
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate, Honorable Mention
Alicia Johnson - FREMONT
BS Family Studies, Honorable Mention
Jessica Frenzen - FULLERTON
BS Social Work, Honorable Mention
Ryan Larsen - FULLERTON
BAED Health and Physical Education
Grant L'aske - FULLERTON
BS Business Administration
Abigail Carroll - GENEVA
BA Journalism
Daniel Conway - GENEVA
MAE School Principalship 7-12
Brittany Blanco - GERING
BS Family Studies
Elizabeth Joekel - GERING
BAED Language Arts, Magna Cum Laude
Regan Miller - GIBBON
BAED Language Arts, Magna Cum Laude
Nesha Rasmussen - GIBBON
BAED Elementary Education
Alexander Steele - GIBBON
BAED Health and Physical Education, Cum Laude
Steven Yockey - GIBBON
BAED Elementary Education
Tosha Paxton - GILTNER
BS Exercise Science
Amanda Cunningham - GLENVIL
BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention
Michael Smidt - GLENVIL
BS Agribusiness
Jessica Beck - GOTHENBURG
BA Spanish Translation & Interpretation, Honorable Mention
Jordyn Haake - GOTHENBURG
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Cum Laude
Tannor Mroczek - GOTHENBURG
BS Agribusiness
Sara Bartling - GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education
Aric Blender - GRAND ISLAND
BS Business Administration
Stephanie Brand - GRAND ISLAND
BSED Middle Grades
Nicole Brandt - GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate
Kalsie Cheek - GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education
Maureen Cook - GRAND ISLAND
BGS General Studies
Turner Fahey - GRAND ISLAND
BS Business Administration
Brendon Findley - GRAND ISLAND
BS Business Administration
Hali Furley - GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Tonia Gamblin - GRAND ISLAND
MAE Special Education-Mild/Moderate
Nancy Garcia - GRAND ISLAND
BS Family Studies
Sonya Goodrich - GRAND ISLAND
BS Social Work, Magna Cum Laude
Bradley Green - GRAND ISLAND
MSE School Counseling Student Affairs
Logan Gregory-GRAND ISLAND
BAED Music Education
Anthony Hostler-GRAND ISLAND
BS Business Administration
Kelsey Lehn-GRAND ISLAND
BS Psychology
Kelsey Lilienthal-GRAND ISLAND
BS Psychology
Pamela Lux-GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude
Jamie McCray-GRAND ISLAND
BS Applied Computer Science
Christina Silver-GRAND ISLAND
BS Exercise Science, Cum Laude
Landon Sindt-GRAND ISLAND
BS Business Administration
Cassandra Stara-GRAND ISLAND
BAED Elementary Education
John Steinke-GRAND ISLAND
MBA Business Administration-Accounting
Sydney Trosper-GRAND ISLAND
BS Psychobiology, Summa Cum Laude
Kellen Werner-GRAND ISLAND
BS Sports Administration
Esperanza Woosleben-GRAND ISLAND
BS Social Work
Vanessa Wragge-GRAND ISLAND
BFA Visual Communication & Design
Danielle Kluger-GRAND ISLAND
BM Music Performance, Honorable Mention
Victoria Morrow-GRAND ISLAND
BS Psychology
Michelle Wragge-GRAND ISLAND
MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Candace Lee-GRANT
BS Business Administration
Shalee Pollard-GRANT
BAED Mild/Moderate, Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Clara Allen-GRETNA
BS Criminal Justice
Libby Garrett-HAMPTON
BS Social Work
Itandewi Mendoza-HARVARD
MSE School Counseling Secondary
Mitchell Bitter-HASTINGS
BAED Elementary Education, Middle Grades
Lyndsay Frank-HASTINGS
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate
Cami Karnes-HASTINGS
BAED Health & Physical Education
Will Keller-HASTINGS
BS Criminal Justice, Political Science
Brittany McWhirter-HASTINGS
MSE Speech Language Pathology
Jordon Messersmith-HASTINGS
MSE Speech Language Pathology
Ashlin Pawloski-HASTINGS
BS Criminal Justice
Alexander Schendt-HASTINGS
BAED Business Administration
Zachary Thomas-HASTINGS
BM Music
Andrew Craig-HEBRON
BS Business Administration
Kesston Fink-HEBRON
BAED Mathematics Education, Cum Laude
Camrie Gregg-HERSHEY
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified
Heather Hutchison-HERSHEY
BS Family Studies
Chelsey Nickolite-HERSHEY
BAED Early Childhood Unified, Honorable Mention
Haley Halvorsen-HICKMAN
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate
Kristina Price-HICKMAN
BS Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude
Theodore Evans-HOLDREGE
MSE Special Education-Mild/Moderate
Jaci Gillespie-HOLDREGE
BS Recreation, Park & Tourism Management, Honorable Mention
Amanda Gray-HOLDREGE
BA Music
Emily Hegemann-HOLDREGE
BS Business Administration
Krystal Jones-HOLDREGE
BS Family Studies
Ashley Kreutzer-HOLDREGE
BS Family Studies, Honorable Mention
Eric Schroder-HOLDREGE
BS Business Administration
Whitney Wagner-HOLDREGE
BAED Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Mark Ernst-HOWELLS
MAE School Principalship 7-12
Jonathan Hess-IMPERIAL
BS Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, Mortar Board
Kacia Smith-IMPERIAL
BS Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude
Candace Malleck-INDIANOLA
BS Business Administration
Heath Teel-INDIANOLA
BS Recreation, Park & Tourism Management
Caryn Masters-JACKSON
MS Biology
Ashlee Arehart-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies
Michelle Barry-KEARNEY
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Effectiveness
Robert Carson-KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate
Lauren Cisler-DeRocher-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies
Taylor Cody-KEARNEY
BFA Visual Communication & Design, Honorable Mention
Christian Dier-KEARNEY
BS Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude
Jennifer Dozler-KEARNEY
BS Criminal Justice
Keely Enwick-KEARNEY
BS Social Work, Cum Laude
Ethan Epley-KEARNEY
BS Criminal Justice
Quinn Feikert-KEARNEY
BS Computer Science, Honorable Mention
Kara Fiala-KEARNEY
BSBA Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate, Magna Cum Laude
Scott Fusby-KEARNEY
BS Biology
Jennifer Green-KEARNEY
BAED Art Education
Edward Harms-KEARNEY
BS Biology
Colten Hartman-KEARNEY
BA History
Guled Ismail-KEARNEY
BS Economics
Ashley Jeffs-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies
Nancy Johnson-KEARNEY
MSE School Counseling Student Affairs
Jennifer Kotschwar-KEARNEY
BAED Mild/Moderate, Honorable Mention
Bian Kouassi-KEARNEY
BS Business Administration
Brandon Landanger-KEARNEY
BS Criminal Justice
McKenzie Rae Loeffelholz-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies, Magna Cum Laude
Deitra Ludowese-KEARNEY
BS Social Work
Kaylei Margheim-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies
Joshua May-KEARNEY
BS Family Studies
Anthony Munch-KEARNEY
BS Business Administration
Reed Murbach-KEARNEY
BS Chemistry
Bian Kouassi-KEARNEY
BS Political Science, Applied Computer Science
Stacie Pearson-KEARNEY
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Effectiveness
Brock Persson-KEARNEY
BS Chemistry
Brandon Pacheco-KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education
Stacie Pearson-KEARNEY
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Instructional Effectiveness
Brock Persson-KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education
graduation

Michelle Rodine - KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate, English as Second Language, Cum Laude

Claire Sandman - KEARNEY
BS Family Studies, Honorable Mention

Amanda Schipporeit - KEARNEY
MSE School Counseling Student Affairs

Natalya Schleiger - KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude

Michael Schumacher - KEARNEY
BS Geography

Sara Smalley - KEARNEY
BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention

Allen Smith - KEARNEY
BS Business Administration

Nina Snider - KEARNEY
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-English as Second Language

Nathan Swinney - KEARNEY
BS Business Administration

James Tidel - KEARNEY
MA History

Meghan Tinkham - KEARNEY
BS Business Administration

Jordan Tucker - KEARNEY
BS Aviation Systems Management

Sarah Wall - KEARNEY
MSE Science Math Education-Mathematics

Zachary Waller - KEARNEY
BAED Social Science Education

Jacinda Wilson - KEARNEY
BAED Music Education

Ming Zhang - KEARNEY
BS Business Administration

Xun Zhu - KEARNEY
BS Business Administration, Honorable Mention

Nicole Arp - KEARNEY
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate

Janice Fronczak - KEARNEY
MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ashton Jackson - KEARNEY
BA History, Honorable Mention

Charla Peeks - KEARNEY
BS Family Studies

Kristine Weinberger - KEARNEY
BS Organization & Relational Communication, Cum Laude

Reed Hanke - KENESAW
BS Exercise Science

Jaron Karr - KENESAW
BSED Communication Disorders

Keshia Hadenfeldt - KENESAW
BS Social Work

Dee Snyder - KIMBALL
BAED Mild/Moderate, Early Childhood Unified, Summa Cum Laude

Jennifer Hill - LA VISTA
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Early Childhood Education

Kylie Kissinger - LA VISTA
BS Family Studies

Emily McCoy - LAUREL
BAED Early Childhood Unified, Mild/Moderate

Karina Alvarez Rodriguez - LEXINGTON
BS Exercise Science Fitness & Wellness

Nuria Avalos - LEXINGTON
BS Criminal Justice

Jeremy Callahan - LEXINGTON
BS Agribusiness

Christina Carnahan - LEXINGTON
MAE Reading PK-12

Yesenia Lopez-Lopez - LEXINGTON
BS Criminal Justice

Abigail Martinez - LEXINGTON
BA Spanish Translation & Interpretation

John McKenna - LEXINGTON
MAE School Principalship Pre-K-8

Jose Mendoza - LEXINGTON
BS Criminal Justice

Jesus Moreno - LEXINGTON
BS Information Networking & Telecommunications, Honorable Mention

Marissa Richman - LEXINGTON
BS Organizational & Relational Communication

Luis Villalobos - LEXINGTON
BS Industrial Distribution

Kaleigh Anderson - LINCOLN
MAE Physical Education-Research & Field Work

Kathleen Carey - LINCOLN
BS Sociology, Honorable Mention

Daphne Darter - LINCOLN
MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kristofer Gainsforth - LINCOLN
BS Business Administration

Cody Hoegh - LINCOLN
MAESchool Principalship Pre-K-8

Sara Johnson - LINCOLN
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude

Brett LaBudda - LINCOLN
BAED Health & Physical Education, Magna Cum Laude

David Rohrer - LINCOLN
BS Chemistry

Jay Shonedr - LINCOLN
MA History

Michael Wiese - LINCOLN
MAE Special Education-Mild/Moderate

Trinity Abrams - LODGEPOLE
BAED Art Education, Cum Laude

Jacob Morten - LOOMIS
BS Industrial Distribution

Jenna Stovall - LOUISVILLE
BAED Mild/Moderate

Whitney Kaminski - LOUP CITY
BAED Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude

Ayla Wade - LYNCH
BAED Early Childhood Unified, Honorable Mention

Katie Fletcher - MAXWELL
BS Family Studies

Rachel Bradley - MCCOOK
BS Industrial Distribution

Tiffany Gapp - MCCOOK
MAE Music Education

Hannah Vontz - MCCOOK
MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Alexandria Petersen - MCCOOL
JUNCTION
BS Industrial Distribution

Kiley Stutzman - MILFORD
BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention

Brady Tolle - MILFORD
BS Social Work, Summa Cum Laude

Mackenzie Palatsky - MINDEN
BS Family Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Cassandra Warnell - MINDEN
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate

Kylie Lewis - MITCHELL
BAED Elementary Education, English as a Second Language

Jacob Spies - MULLEN
BS Agribusiness

Breanna Bales - OMAHA
BAED Health & Physical Education

Marie Bauer - NORFOLK
BFA Visual Communication & Design, Honorable Mention

Trisha Braithwait - NORFOLK
MSE Instructional Technology-School Librarian

Tyler Habrock - NORFOLK
BSED Mathematics Education

Samantha Byrns - NORTH PLATTE
MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Randi Clark - NORTH PLATTE
BS Organizational & Relational Communication

Stephanie Derickson - NORTH PLATTE
BAED Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Madison Doughty - NORTH PLATTE
BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude

Mariah Kimble - NORTH PLATTE
BS Business Administration

Ryan Linder - NORTH PLATTE
BAED Social Science Education

Rhett Nordquist - NORTH PLATTE
BGS General Studies

Alicia Shirley - NORTH PLATTE
MAE School Principalship Pre-K-8

Karni Smith - NORTH PLATTE
BS Business Administration

Jennifer Teets - NORTH PLATTE
MAE Special Education-Advanced Practitioner

Heidi Hostert - O'NEILL
BS Exercise Science, Summa Cum Laude

Connor Peterson - O'NEILL
BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude

Ryan Kroger - OAKLAND
MAE Curriculum & Instruction- Transitional Certification

Vanessa McMurray - ODELL
BS Family Studies

Thomas Knott - OGALLALA
MSE School Counseling Student Affairs

Nichole Van Winkle - OGALLALA
MAE Reading PK-12

Kaylee Asche - OMAHA
BAED Elementary Education, English as a Second Language, Honorable Mention

Rebecca Best - OMAHA
BS Biology  
**Jamilla Coleman-OMAHA**  
BS Business Administration  
**Shannon Courtney-OMAHA**  
BS Advertising & Public Relations  
**Morgan Hopkins-OMAHA**  
BS Business Administration  
**Elizabeth Lieberman-OMAHA**  
BM Musical Theatre  
**Katelyn O’Brien-OMAHA**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified  
**Kathrina Patterson-OMAHA**  
BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude  
**Elizabeth Ruth-OMAHA**  
BS Business Administration  
**Nathan Seggerman-OMAHA**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Martin Senechal-OMAHA**  
MA History  
**Matthew Sich-OMAHA**  
BS Business Administration  
**Nathan Skinner-OMAHA**  
BM Music  
**Melissa Valentino-OMAHA**  
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate, Cum Laude  
**Taylor Wiese-OMAHA**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude  
**Heather Zaruba-ORD**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude  
**Kacia Callan-ORD**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude  
**Haley Allen-OMAHA**  
BAED Music Education, Magna Cum Laude  
**Kacida Callan-OMAHA**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude  
**Karen Chamberlain-OMAHA**  
BAED Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude  
**Heather Zaruba-ORD**  
MA English-Literature  
**Jessica Gabel-OSCEOLA**  
BS Family Studies  
**Amanda Lorent-Osmond**  
BSED Middle Grades, Magna Cum Laude  
**Rachel Hosick-Overton**  
BS Psychology, Honorable Mention  
**Brian Jeffries-Overton**  
BS Exercise Science Fitness & Wellness  
**Zachary Olmstead-Overton**  
BS Business Administration  
**Kimberly McQuiston-Oxford**  
MAE Special Education-Advanced Practitioner  
Chadric Flag-**PALISADE**  
BS Physical Education  
**Amber Fairbrother-Papillion**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Abby Honsegmeier-Phillips**  
BSED Biology Education, Summa Cum Laude  
**Donica Vonderohe-Phillips**  
MAE Music Education  
**Shane Anderson-Pierce**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Teran Boyer-Plainview**  
BS Business Administration  
**Jason Nichols-Pleasanton**  
BS Industrial Distribution  
**Jarod Albers-Pleasanton**  
EDS School Superintendent  
**Brett Scheiding-Plymouth**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Kyle Hohnholt-Polk**  
BS Criminal Justice  
**Ian Sahling-Prosper**  
BS Industrial Distribution  
**Callie Eddie-Randolph**  
BS Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude  
**Megan Musil-Ravenna**  
BS Psychology  
**Kayla Glinsmann-Ravenna**  
BAED Mild/Moderate, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude  
**Jessica Gorecki-Ravenna**  
BGS General Studies, Cum Laude  
**Taylor Miigerl-Ravenna**  
BS Sociology  
**Suzan Tramby-Ravenna**  
BS Biology  
**Traci Turek-Ravenna**  
BS Exercise Science, Cum Laude  
**McKayla Kucera-Red Cloud**  
BS Business Administration  
**Shelby Peters-Red Cloud**  
BS Psychobiology  
**James Sindelar-Republican City**  
BAED Health & Physical Education  
**Michael Cantrell-Saint Paul**  
BA Psychology, Music, Honorable Mention  
**Jessica Scott-Salem**  
BS Organizational & Relational Communication  
**Brady Sutton-Sargent**  
BS Industrial Distribution  
**Jeffreyy Slagle-Sargent**  
BS Agribusiness  
**Daniel Acosta-Schuyler**  
BS Criminal Justice  
**Erin McGowan-Schuyler**  
BAED Social Science Education, Summa Cum Laude  
**Roger Holsinger-Scottsbluff**  
MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Transitional Certification  
**Kasey Kampbell-Scottsbluff**  
BS Industrial Distribution  
**Alma Torrez-Scottsbluff**  
BAED Elementary Education, English as a Second Language  
**Amanda Imig-Seward**  
BAED Early Childhood Unified, Honorable Mention  
**Layne Rogers-Seward**  
BS Exercise Science, Cum Laude  
**Maritza Bernal Pardo-Shelton**  
BS Family Studies  
**Vanessa Flores-Shelton**  
BS Psychology  
**Dylan Plial-Shelton**  
BS Business Administration  
**Roberto Portillo-Shelton**  
BAED Spanish Education  
**Matthew Swartzendruber-Shickley**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Brienna Bruce-Sidney**  
BS Social Work  
**Tessa Schumacher-Sidney**  
BAED Elementary Education, Mild/Moderate, Summa Cum Laude  
**Megan Ehlers-St. Libory**  
BS Psychology  
**Stacey Burns-St. Paul**  
MAE School Principalship Pre-K-8  
**Erin McGowan-St. Paul**  
MAE School Principalship 7-12  
**Abby Hongsermeier-St. Paul**  
MAE School Principalship Pre-K-8  
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MA Biology
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BA Psychology
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BS Criminal Justice
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MS Biology
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MS Biology
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BS Business Administration
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MS Biology
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MA History
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MS History
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MA History
Megan Jones-GARNER, NC  
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MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling
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MAE Music Education
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MA History
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BS Biology
Sarina Rose-SHERIDAN, OR  
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MAE Curriculum & Instruction-Secondary Education
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MA History
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MS Biology
Ashley Hann-GARLAND, TX  
MAE School Pincipalship, Pre-K-8
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BS Criminal Justice
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BAED Mild/Moderate, Magna Cum Laude
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BS Exercise Science, Cum Laude
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BS Business Administration
Liping Jiang-SHIJIAZHUANG, HEBEI  
BS Business Administration
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Large sculpture highlights new art in Health Science Ed Complex

UNK COMMUNICATION

A large aluminum sculpture inspired by the Platte River is part of $160,000 in new artwork being installed in the Health Science Education Complex on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus.

The project – a partnership between UNK, University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Arts Council – is funded by the 1% For Art program that places art in Nebraska’s state buildings, colleges and University of Nebraska system.

The new artwork titled “River At Dawn” is a suspended sculpture that builds on the braided river theme implemented in the building by RDG Planning and Design. The silhouette of the sculpture as seen from outside the building is based on the path of the Platte River as it flows through Nebraska.

The piece of art weighs 250 pounds, measures 50 feet long and consists of hundreds of colorful anodized aluminum pieces and reflective sheen that alludes to a Midwest sunset reflecting on water. It will be hung this spring.

The sculpture was created by San Francisco artist Daniel Goldstein, whose woodblock prints, collages and sculptures have been exhibited in leading galleries and museums across the world. His large public sculptures are owned by numerous American and international corporations and municipalities, and displayed in plazas, lobbies, train stations and town squares across the U.S.

“The river is a perfect metaphor for a health science education building. A river spreads out over great distances while enriching its surroundings, so will the students who emerge from this center of learning,” Goldstein said.

The $19 million UNMC Health Science Education Complex opened in August. Located on the UNK campus, classroom and lab spaces are shared by College of Nursing and College of Allied Health Professions students.

“A river moves forward, so will the research and knowledge as this school creates social and scientific advances for the improvement of rural health,” Goldstein added. “A river ties communities together, so will the many graduates who will remain connected to each other and this school because of their common college experiences.”

Nebraska’s 1% for Art law has been in effect since 1978 and generated more than $3.5 million in artwork for Nebraska’s state buildings, state colleges and university system.

The number of projects generated each year is dependent on legislative appropriations for new construction projects in excess of $500,000 and remodeling or renovation of a public building in excess of $250,000. Buildings meeting the criteria must be open to public access in order for a project to take effect. An art selection committee is then established for each project to determine the criteria for suitable locations, art forms and artist eligibility.

The Nebraska Arts Council provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts in Nebraska.

In addition to the Goldstein piece, artwork inside the HSEC has also been purchased from Nebraska artists James Bockelman, Berly Brown, Ben Darling, Gary Day, Stephen Dinsmore, Michael Farrell, Charles Guildner, Karen Kunc, Michael Larsen, Diane Lounsberry-Williams, Deborah Murphy, Christina Narwicz, John Spence, Barbara Takenaga and Bart Vargas.

Selected artwork was chosen by the 1% for Art committee, which consisted of representatives from the College of Allied Health Professions, College of Nursing, UNK, UNMC, the project agency, arts professionals and public constituents. The application and review process spanned seven months.

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Courtesy from UNK Communication

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While playing basketball at UNK, Beranek has grown more as an individual by reaching out and getting involved in the Kearney community.

in his game performances. “He is doing really well. When it comes to practice and working out, he has a great attitude, he goes hard,” Lofton said.

Leadership is a quality that has been mastered by all great athletes. Sophomore teammate Jalen Barry, he says even after being named player of the year, Beranek always strives to get better, pushing himself to become the vocal constructive leader that the Lopers need.

“Being able to have that mentality, it’s not about what happens, but how you respond is vital. As a player if you’re struggling forget it, there is so much more that can be done to help the team win,” said head men’s basketball coach Kevin Lofton.

Six games into the season, Beranek continues to push himself throughout the rest of the year hoping to finally reach his full potential as a basketball player.

Beranek and the rest of the Lopers now turn their focus towards a tough Central Missouri team when they faceoff at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Kori Hixson
Antelope Staff

Q: Looking back on your years as an undergrad student, what is the one thing you will miss the most?
A: Being an active member of my sorority Alpha Phi. Although I know I made friendships that will last a lifetime, I will miss living in the house with everyone and being president.

Q: What sparked your interest in the field of communication disorders?
A: My interest in becoming a speech-language pathologist started in high school when I had the opportunity to work with our school speech-language pathologist. I helped with a little boy who had been diagnosed with autism. He taught me the importance of communication and I got to watch him grow and meet goals. Witnessing his language development progress was such a personally rewarding experience that I instantly felt a passion for what I was doing and knew that my future career would be in speech-language pathology.

Q: Now that you are graduating, what are you future career goals?
A: I hope to start graduate school in the fall of 2016 for Speech-Language Pathology. After graduate school I want to work at a clinic or school as a SLP and create a positive impact on the lives of my clients and their families.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom/encouragement for current undergraduate students?
A: Get Involved. Being a part of organizations on campus enhanced my college experience, allowed me to gain leadership experience, and prepared me for graduate school.

Q & A with Bailey

Meet Bailey Rainforth

About Bailey
Major: Communication Disorders
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Alpha Phi-Delta Xi President
Mortar Board
Kearney Student Speech Language Hearing Association
Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society
Gold Torch Society

Connor’s Favorite...
- Basketball player: Kevin Durant
- Food: Steak
- Color: Blue
- Movie: “Dark Knight Rises”
- Dance: The Quan
- Trending song: “Riser” by Dierks Bentley
- Quote or life motto: “Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond.”

Q: Hey did you know? The Antelope is online!
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