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## Webb motivated by just do it 'hacker mentality'

BY LACEY MCPHILLIPS  
JMC 215

Jason Webb, a senior applied computer science major, is a doer.

"Less lecture, more building" is Webb's philosophy on learning.

While he admires the opportunities at UNK, the typical classroom setting doesn't quite satisfy his drive to learn.

"I wish there was more of a hacker mentality," Webb said. "More of a 'Just do it and we'll help you fix things.'"

Then again, Webb is not a typical student. During his time at UNK, he has gone above and beyond what was expected of him in the classroom. He is the president of the Association for Computing Machinery and has worked on numerous projects. Webb spends much of his time researching on the Internet beyond what is covered in class.

"I have the motivation," Webb said, "to learn what I need to learn, and then



**Jason Webb**

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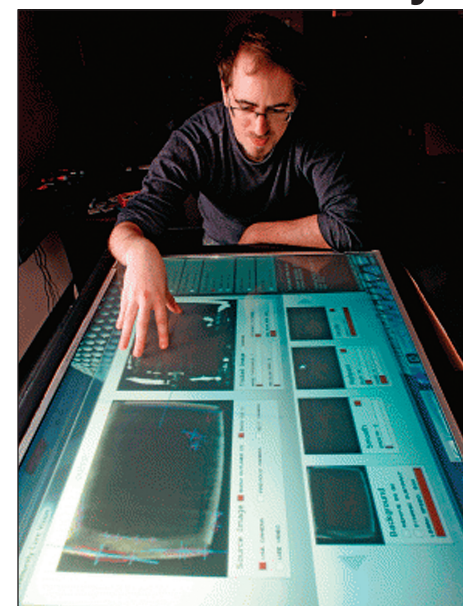
Applied computer science

**What's next?** Staying at UNK as a graduate student for two years, building more projects for his portfolio, and then using that to get into a "huge" design school

build it and learn from my mistakes."

Webb is helping to pioneer a new way of learning at UNK. Under the supervision of Dr. Sherri Harms, chair of the computer science department, Webb meets with a group of students twice a week as they work on individual projects. These

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Jason Webb, a senior applied computer science major from Kearney, plays with the multi-touch table he helped build last year.

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## AUDIENCE CAN GET INTO INTERACTIVE ART



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Skylar Leatherman

Motion-sensing Nerf turret, electronics built into clothing and augmented reality air hockey were only a few of the featured exhibits at the Interactive and Generative Art Exhibition Tuesday night in the Nebraskan Student Union. This exhibition showcased a diverse range of unique projects completed this semester by CSIS students. Josh Wilson, a sophomore computer science major from Wood River, created a vest (right) that vibrates when the connected Xbox controller vibrates at a local Kearney residence.



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'Summer to remember'  
*All players reach back for one perfect day***BY RYAN SEEFUS**  
JMC 315

Standing on a mound in front of 3,000 people screaming your name--a rock star for two minutes at a time. In the summer of 2007, I was that rock star for 20 minutes.

I pitched 10 innings at home in front of the best fans in Minnesota. But it all came with a price, one that many people fear more than snakes, heights, or public speaking.

The price of a bullpen pitcher in the Northwoods League was playing on the road in Madison, Wis. The Madison Mallards averaged 6,500 of the most under-the-influence, vulgar and ruthless fans you could ever experience.

Unlike many people, I live for those moments.

After watching the circus-like pre-game activities, which included the Mallard mascot descending upon the umpires' meeting on a zip cord stretching from the right field foul pole to home plate, the game was flying by just as the mascot did prior to the game. Before I knew it, the sun slowly dropped below the horizon and we were under the bright stadium lights. It was the sixth inning of a 2-2 pitching duel.

The manager was standing at the end of the dugout closest to home plate. He had one leg on the third step of the dugout and the other hiked up on the second, arms crossed over his legs and his body leaning toward the field as if there was some level of gravitational pull drawing him toward the action.

I was at the other end: sitting on the bench in the back of the dugout preparing, knowing that it was almost my time.

The leadoff hitter reached base on a walk. Skip, the manager, turned his head toward the opposite end of the bunker, spit out the juice from his fresh dip of Copenhagen— and before it hit the ground, I was up the steps and headed toward the bullpen. It was time to prepare for war.

It is routine for the relief pitchers to check out the bullpen before each road game. Some will toe the rubber and check the landing spot; others do dry mechanics without a ball to get a feel for the slope of the mound. And sometimes there is even the oddball who will bury

a ball somewhere for good luck. This is a way for a pitcher to get a feel for what they may be dealing with later on in the game (or in the case of the oddball, to get some good karma).

**"I was up the steps and headed toward the bullpen. It was time to prepare for war."**

As I reached the "bully" in the sixth inning, no pre-game routine could have prepared me for what I saw. Belligerent fans lined up around the fence on three sides, spilling their beer everywhere and ready for confrontation—a pack of hyenas ready to pounce on any piece of meat dangled in front of them.

While my catcher was getting his mask and glove positioned correctly upon his body, somebody shouted, "When did the circus get to town? I didn't see any trucks!" I calmly turned to the intoxicated man and said, "'Varsity Blues.' Good movie."

He was either caught off guard, or I was in the zone because I didn't hear a single word after that. Before I knew it, the field umpire was running toward the bullpen dramatically pointing at me, indicating that it was my time pitch. As I ran out to center stage, the crowd let out a unified "boo." I was so locked in that I didn't hear it. I could feel it in the bottom of my stomach as my intestines vibrated.

The bases were loaded with no outs. After seven pitches, a strikeout, and a double play, I was walking off the battlefield without any wounds. I deliberately slowed my pace to soak in my surroundings one last time before I disappeared into the dugout.

The fans were quiet.

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projects involve interactive and generative art, a field of study that Webb researched until he was able to teach others about it.

"It's not something I've ever done before—to have a student mentor other students, but he had the expertise to do this," Harms said. "It's working out wonderfully."

The students are currently working on building a multi-touch table—a second version of a similar table Webb built in the past. It's "kind of like a giant iPhone," Webb said.

He will also be working with Dr. Mark Hartman in the art and art history department this year. They are putting together an exhibition for teachers that will take place next fall. Their goal is to introduce teachers to interactive technology that can be used in classrooms, such as interactive walls using Wii remotes.

Luckily for Harms and Hartman, who are co-authoring this collaborative learning idea between the computer science and art departments, Webb will still be around for another few years to help them further develop this field of study.

Webb is graduating in May, but is going to stay at UNK as a graduate student. He wants to continue building his portfolio so that eventually he will get into a Ph.D program. "Somewhere like the MIT media lab or Cal Tech," he said. "Something huge."

To all current and future students, Webb's advice: "Find things that you enjoy and go after them, and everything else will fall in place as you figure that out," Webb said. "I think finding your own personal motivation for why you do things and why you create things is more important than the grading, the sitting in class and that kind of thing."

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# 'Insidious' starts out as innovative, chilling



BY BRANDT BANZHAF  
JMC 215

**Spoiler Alert!**  
Things going bump in the night. Objects being moved around. Ghouls jumping out to grab the innocent housewife.

We've all seen this horror film before. Right?

Not exactly. Directed by James Wan of "Saw" fame and produced by Jason Blum of "Paranormal Activity," "Insidious" is an old-fashioned horror film at its best: a film not meant to be disgusting but to be downright creepy.

Right from the start, the opening title flares onto the screen in blood-red, with the complement of jarring, deafening music. The movie tries to make your skin crawl, and sometimes it succeeds.

The story begins with Josh (Patrick Wilson) and Renai (Rose Byrne) moving their seemingly normal family of five into a new house. Their oldest son, Dalton (Ty

Simpkins), hits his head and falls into a coma.

Am I watching "House"? Renai begins to see apparitions when they bring their son home. Haunted house?

She believes the house is haunted, so the family moves out.

**"I only found one flaw with 'Insidious' The first half of the movie writes a check the second half just can't cash."**

Yup, haunted house. Only for the frightening presences to become even more real.

WHAT?! The couple finds out from an amusing gang of ghostbusters that their son is haunted, not the house. Demons and ghosts are trying to enter his body from "The Furthest," a dark other-worldly dimension.

Whoa. I found myself thoroughly awestruck

by the simplicity of "Insidious." It wasn't just the, "Oh no the music is tensing up! Something awesome is about to pop out," moments but the way these moments began to creep into your mind. The half-glimpsed specters, the gloom, the shadows and the earsplitting music start to take a toll on your psyche.

I found only one flaw with "Insidious." The first half of the movie writes a check that the second half just can't cash. The first half of the movie was brilliantly done, as if it had been done by the folks who made the "Paranormal Activity" films. Soft lighting, great camera work and an intense sense of anxiety had me on the edge of my seat (or cowering in it).

The second half just seemed like a PG version of the "Saw" franchise. No blood or gore and just a meager attempt at a story line. After the roller coaster ride I was taken on in the first part, it was a long way down in the second.

A slight letdown from all the pre-release buzz, but overall "Insidious" was a horror movie that kept the chills and anxiety coming from the start. Definitely a must see!



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## Sudoku ★★★★★

### How to play:

Sudoku is a placement puzzle. The aim of the puzzle is to enter a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. Completing the puzzle requires patience and logical ability. The puzzle initially became popular in Japan in 1986 and attained international popularity in 2005.

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## JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING



Photo by Skylar Leatherman

As the weather continues to warm up, UNK employees have been working to get the fountain going again. A lucky passerby may even be able to see the fountain in all its glory for a few moments before it goes off for more repairs.



# Video game doom: Controversy surrounds violent video games

BY ASHLEY LEEVER  
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It was a typical Tuesday morning at Columbine High School in Colorado when two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, committed one of the worst school shootings in United States history, taking the lives of 12 students and one teacher. It was a massacre that many blamed on video games.

When the first official video game console was sold in 1972, this new technology took off over the next 30 years. Over 65 percent of American households play video games. But as this new technology evolves, so does the controversy surrounding it.

It all began with the video game “Doom” released in 1993. “Doom” popularized the first-person shooter genre, a concept focused on gun and weapon-based combat in a first-person perspective. This new genre of first-person shooter and video game violence erupted with games like “Call of Duty” and “Grand Theft Auto.”

With the release of violent video games, violent crimes, such as the Columbine school shooting have been linked to video games. Jerad Block, a psychiatrist from Portland, Ore., believed that because the shooters at Columbine were cut off from video games days before the shooting, the only way to express their

rage was by acting out.

In a study conducted in 2006 by the Indiana University School of Medicine, children were tested by playing two different types of video games—one with violent content and the other without—for 30 minutes. After completing MRIs of their brains, scans showed that children who played the violent game had an increased amount of emotional arousal and a corresponding decrease of activity in brain areas involved in self-control, inhibition and attention.

Yet there are many gamers who would

argue that video games have little to no influence over their daily lives.

“My friends and I have played on weekends where we play days and nights on end against other people, firing different assault rifles, shotguns, submachine guns, sniper rifles at the opponents,” said Brett Bebensee, a senior English major from Hildreth and an avid video game



**“It could be that children who have violent tendencies are drawn to and more likely to play violent video games.”**

Dr. Krista Forrest  
Psychology professor

player.

Although there are those who believe that there are studies proving violence in video games increases actual violence in children, it is difficult to determine.

“Video games and violent movies have been blamed for events ranging from Columbine to the Virginia Tech slayings. What the people often forget is the studies done on violence and media are correlational,” said Dr. Krista Forrest, a professor of psychology at UNK. “Researchers can only say that violent video games are related to violent behavior. It could be that children who have violent tendencies are drawn to and more likely to play violent video games.”

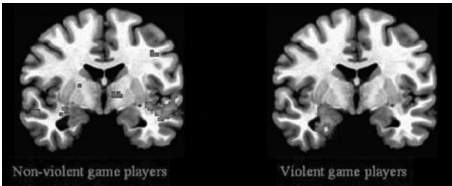
But when teenagers, such as Devin Moore, an 18-year-old from Fayette, Ala., kill 3 men after playing “Grand Theft Auto” every day and night for a month, the public begins to believe there is a connection. After Moore stated to the police that,

## GAMERS

- The average gamer is 32 years old
- 2 out of 5 gamers are female.
- Gamers spend an average of 18 hours a week playing video games.
- 18-49 year-olds make up the largest percentage of gamers at 49 percent.
- The Wii is the most popular video game console with 65.32 million sold worldwide.

Statistics from <http://www.onlineeducation.net/videogame>

## A DARK SIDE?



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## COE Honors Ceremony May 5

BY JUSTIN GILSON  
Antelope Staff

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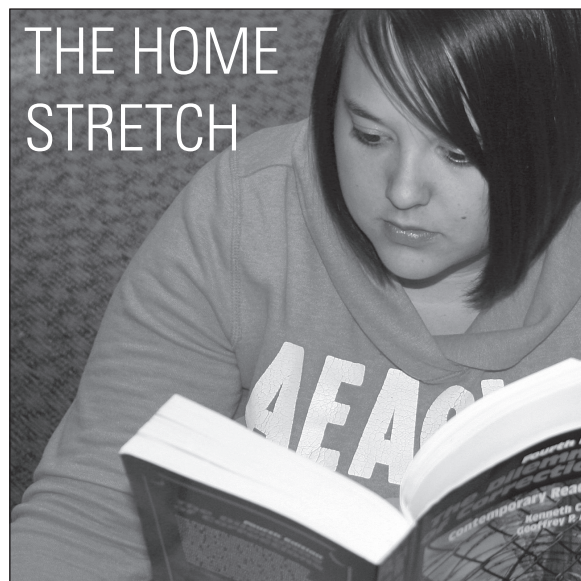
Students and their families will gather with faculty members and friends to honor those students graduating who have excelled with excellent academic careers at UNK. The awards ceremony will feature Dr. Joan Lewis, a professor in the department of teacher education, as the Master of Ceremonies. Following Dr. Lewis, professors from each program

department will be presenting the awards to outstanding students in their area of study in three different categories: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude.

During the ceremony, UNK will announce the winners of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Leaders in Education and Services award, or UNKLES. This award is given to outstanding school administration leaders within the Nebraska public school system who have gone above and beyond their duties as Administrators.

Following the awards ceremony a reception will be held for the award winners and their guests.

### THE HOME STRETCH



*Photo by Sam Bates*  
Graduating senior Katiana Meyer studies for one of her last papers she wrote this week about her internship at the Buffalo County Reporting Center. Meyer, a criminal justice major from Sutherland, is graduating Summa Cum Laude and was named an Outstanding Senior in the Natural and Social Science department. After graduation she will be pursuing her career as a Child and Family Services Specialist for Health and Human Services in North Platte.

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# Forensics team packin', delivering food

BY BROOKE ALSTROM  
JMC215

While preparing all year for the national forensics tournament in April was a major priority, the forensics team also found time to do community service through the Backpack program.

Beginning in the spring semester of the school year, competitors on UNK's forensics team began delivering boxes of food to local elementary schools. The Backpack Program is a part of the Food Bank for the Heartland and reaches out to Bryant, Central and Emerson elementary schools in Kearney.

"In forensics, we work and speak about persuading our audiences to take action along with other speaking events, which often highlight the human condition in many ways," said Grant Anderson, assistant director of forensics. "Beyond how caring the team is, this is an opportunity for the students to see how they can make a

difference in their own community."

Anderson, who is also a full-time member of the Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska, an AmeriCorps program, presented the idea to the team at the start of the semester, and the team quickly accepted the challenge. Members from the team get up early each Friday morning in order to deliver boxes of food to students in need at Kearney elementary schools. Over three months, the students have consistently pushed to see the food delivered, and they understand the importance of this project, Anderson said.

**"It's especially important to be involved with organizations that help children, because as cheesy as it is, they are our future."**

- Cassie Larreau

"The Backpack Program is an amazing opportunity to give back to the community I grew up in," said Cassie Larreau, a junior economics major from Kearney, "I think it's especially important

to be involved with organizations that help children, because as cheesy as it is, they are our future."

The team encourages other students



Courtesy photos

Forensics Team members:  
FRONT ROW: Director of Forensics Rachelle Kamrath, Cassie Larreau BACK ROW: Katie Lamb, Brooke Alstrom, Robert Friedman, Kara Loffler, Assistant Director of Forensics Grant Anderson.

to help out the team and learn more about how the backpack program works. You can add community service to your resume, and have an amazing experience while giv-

ing back to Kearney's youth.

For more information contact Grant Anderson at andersongs@unk.edu

From left, Brooke Alstrom, Kara Loffler and Cassie Larreau take a time out for a photo at the National Forensics Tournament in April.



Junior economics major Cassie Larreau landed on the list of quarter finalists at the National Forensics Tournament at UNK April 2-3.

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A crowd anticipates the opening ceremony for the National Forensics Tournament. This was the first year UNK has played host to the nationwide competition.



UNK Forensics Team representatives are, from left, Cassie Larreau, Katie Lamb, Kara Loffler, Brooke Alstrom and Robert Friedman.



## Video games from page 4



"Life is like a video game. Everybody's got to die sometime," the victims' families filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the makers and marketers of "Grand Theft Auto."

David Walsh, a child psychologist who has co-authored a study connecting violent video games to physical aggression, believes that violent video games have an effect on the developing teenager's brain, "And that's largely because the teenage brain is different from the adult brain. The impulse control center of the brain, the part of the brain that enables us to think ahead, consider consequences, manage urges—that's the part of the brain right behind our forehead called the prefrontal cortex," says Walsh. "That's under construction during the teenage years. In fact, the wiring of that is not completed until the early 20s."

However, even Walsh notes that Moore was already an angry person and that video games may have further triggered his anger.

"I think attorneys should look at the psychological background for Moore through testing and evaluation," said Bebensee, "I think age can also matter. If he is under 17, then a creator shouldn't be

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Senior criminal justice major from Hildreth

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held responsible. If he is under 17, then his parents should be held responsible because they are the one that caused that product to be in his hands."

Forrest notes that men are more attracted to violent video games than woman and growing up in a violent environment may have an influence, "Once again, I think growing up in this type of environment may make you more susceptible to wanting to play these kinds of games rather than cause people to be more violent."

Yet what makes researchers continually blame video games for violent acts when television and movies depict many of the same violent acts? According to Bebensee, video games are a new scary technology people don't understand.

"Based on the way movies have been, beginning in the 1920s when movies first started coming out you see the same thing that is happening now with video games.

You saw sex, violence, and drugs increase. People that are analyzing it and looking at it are people who don't play video games and don't try to understand it," Bebensee said.

Just as there has been an increased amount of violence in video games, it has also become more popular in other forms of media. "Violence sells. I think movies as well as other forms of media have all become more violent. This isn't just a characteristic of violent video games," Forrest said.

State governments have even begun to see video games as dangerous. The state of California has fought for years to ban the sale of violent video games to minors and giving a fine of \$1000 to those that do. The law, which hasn't gone into effect, has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and is still up for debate.

Even with increased amounts of vio-

lence in the media, violence in adolescents is at the lowest rate in 30 years. The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) has seven different types of ratings they place on games with descriptions of the content that appears in the game. "I think games are rated M for mature so that most people understand what is and isn't reality. The problem is that 12 year olds are playing these games because their parents allow them to," said Jake Fritz, a senior criminal justice major from Hildreth.

The controversy of violence in video games continues to grow but psychologists and gamers alike believe parental involvement and control is the best alleviation route.

"Like any other activity that children and adults overdo, I think the family as a whole benefits from limiting time on the computer and TV. I often let my kids earn time on the computer by playing outside or engaging in physical activity," Forrest said.

As Bebensee stated, "Why are we looking at technology when we should be looking at their parent situation, their household and why kids are playing these video games? Like the saying goes, one person can ruin it for the whole group."

## Sudoku answer:

Upside down, from page 3

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Duan, Yintian — Yongzhou, Hunan  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
•Honorable Mention

Xue, Wen — Suzhou, JiangSu  
CBT BS Business Administration  
Li, Chen — Yinchuan, Ningxia  
CBT BS Business Administration  
Zhao, Yang— Beijing, Xi'an, Shaanxi  
CFAH BA English  
•Honorable Mention

Song, Yang — Qingdao, Shan Dong  
CFAH BFA Visual Communication and Design Comp

Pan, Meizi — Heze, Shandong  
CBT BS Business Administration  
Li, Zhen — Weihai, Shandong  
CBT BS Business Administration  
•Cum Laude

Liu, Minhua — Weihai, Shandong  
MAEd Curriculum and Instruction  
Zhang, Danxuan — Ruili, Yunnan  
CBT BS Business Administration

COLUMBIA

Parra Diaz, Maria Camila — Bogota  
CBT BA Economics International Studies  
•Magna Cum Laude

COTE D'IVOIRE

Kreme, Adja Olga — Abidjan  
CBT BS Telecommunications Management Comp

JAPAN

Sumi, Yuki — Kisarazu, Chiba  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
Sugahara, Maiko — Minamisoma, Fukushima  
CFAH BM Music Performance Comp  
Yonemoto, Naomi — Kakamigahara, Gifu  
CFAH BFA Studio Art Comprehensive  
Yoshida, Keiko — Kanagawa  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
Nishimoto, Yui — Ise, Mie  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

Takahashi, Reo — Niigata-shi, Niigata-ken  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
•Honorable Mention  
Ikenaga, Ayumi — Soka, Saitama  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
Okubo, Yoshinori — Nasushiobara, Tochigi  
CNSS BS Physics

NEPAL

Pathak, Sanjeev — Kathmandu  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
Upreti, Ayush — Kathmandu  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp, Business  
Economics Comp  
•Magna Cum Laude PKP

Pathak, Sanjog — Kathmandu  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
SUDAN

Deng, Peter Gatbel — Nasir, Southern Sudan  
CBT BS Family Studies

THAILAND

Buakaew, Wisanu — Muang, Nakhonsithamarat  
GR MBA Business Administration  
USA — OUT OF STATE

Warren, Audra Gallaspy — Fairhope, AL  
GR MS Biology

Gantt, Rhonda Lynn — Huntsville, AL  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology  
Peden, John — Mountain View, AR  
GR MA History

Gill, Matthew P. — Arcadia, CA  
CBTBS Business Economics Comp  
Sedlacek, Carey E. — Palmdale, CA  
GRMS Biology

Gildner, Derek — Riverside, CA  
GR MS Biology  
McCue, Brett Camille — San Clemente, CA  
CBT BS Business Administration  
McKay, Mark Conrad — Tracy, CA  
GR MS Biology

Kaiser, Kyle N. — Broomfield, CO  
CE BS Sports Administration Comp  
Turecek, Steven Taylor — Byers, CO  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp  
Roth, Kahlee Brooke — Cheyenne Wells, CO  
CE BSE Communication Disorders  
•Magna Cum Laude

Vaughn, Amanda Gail —Craig, CO  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
•Magna Cum Laude

Field, Sharon A. — Fort Collins, CO  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology  
Cardenas, Maria — Greeley, CO  
CBT BS Business Administration  
Spanish Translation and Interpretation

Hof, Brian J. — Holyoke, CO  
GR EdS School Superintendent

Schlachter, Kendra Kay — Holyoke, CO  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

Streeter, Taylor Marie — Strasburg, CO  
CNSS BS Psychology

Panton, Sue Ann — Kissimmee, FL  
GR MS Biology

Presley, Donna Miller — Vero Beach, FL  
GR MS Biology

Kapka-Kitzman, Deirdre Marie — Ankeny, IA  
GR MS Biology

Burns, Lindsay A. — Council Bluffs, IA  
CBT BS Family Studies

Heiserman, Katlyn Lammers — Manchester, IA  
CE BS Exercise Science  
•Cum Laude  
Weinrich, Heather — Missouri Valley, IA  
GR MAEd Special Education

Stamp, Luke Edward — Persia, IA  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
•Honorable Mention

Stamp, Michael William — Persia, IA  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
•Honorable Mention

Dutcher, Thomas R. — Waukee, IA  
GR MAEd Physical Education

Weichle, Jennifer Ann — Cary, IL  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology

Liberty, Rebecca — Chicago, IL  
GR MS Biology

Kyp-Johnson, Kimberly — Glen Ellyn, IL  
GR MAEd Art Education

Sullivan, Dean Michael — Mokena, IL  
CNSS BAE History 7-12, Physical Education 7-12

Swidergal, Angela M. — Oak Forest, IL  
GR MSEd School Counseling Student Affairs

Denny, Teresa Jane — Riverton, IL  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology  
Snodgrass, Brandon Kyle — Danville, IN  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Sis, Stephanie Diane — Atwood, KS  
CE BAE Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified  
•Magna Cum Laude

Sis, Valerie Ann — Atwood, KS  
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12, Spanish 7-12

•Summa Cum Laude, H  
Gile, Nathan A. — Clay Center, KS  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

Parker, Jillian L. — Goodland, KS  
CFAH BM Musical Theatre Comp  
•Cum Laude

Kaus, Alyssa R. — Norton, KS  
CE BAE Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified

Blasdel, Brittany Susan — Wichita, KS  
CE BS Sports Administration Comp  
Moran, Nance Maria — Framingham, MA  
GR MS Biology

Laura, Kelly M. — Houghton Lake, MI  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology  
Seites, Heather Lynne — Traverse City, MI  
GR MS Biology

Burch, Grant M. — Slayton, MN  
CNSS BS Political Science

Roalson, Kerry M. — Two Harbors, MN  
CNSS BA History

Clay-Royston, Corrie Vanessa —  
Grandview, MO  
GR EdS School Psychology

Sampson, Andrea Dawn — Lawson, MO  
GR MS Biology

Graham, Gary S. — Neosho, MO  
GR EdS School Superintendent

Prather, Jessica C. — Ripley, MS  
GR MAEd Special Education

Bridges, Amy Downs — Polkville, NC  
GR MS Biology

Stewart, Keisha Monique— Raleigh, NC  
GR MS Biology

Utecht, Aron R. — Beulah, ND  
GR MA History

Lopez, Lydell Mitchell Zenon — Burlington, ND

GR MS Biology  
Barker, Brett — Galisteo, NM  
GR MAEd Art Education  
Epp, Jenice — Henderson, NV  
GR MSEd Community Counseling  
Osborne, Shuk Man Cheung — Zanesville, OH  
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction  
Farrens, Steve — Corvallis, OR  
CE BS Sports Administration Comp  
Troyer, Amy S. — Lancaster, PA  
GR MS Biology  
Mix, Hillary Lake — Philadelphia, PA  
GR MAEd Reading PK-12

Lechtenberg, Torri L. — Pierre, SD  
CNSS BSE Physical Science 7-12  
•Honorable Mention

Langevin, Nicholas Elliott — Burleson, TX  
GR MS Biology

Wechter, Rebecca Aileen — Houston, TX  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

•Magna Cum Laude  
Bostick, Darrell J. — Killeen, TX  
GR MBA Business Administration

Clark, Dawn Denise — Rockdale, TX  
GR MAEd Art Education

Sumler, Bergina R. — Norfolk, VA  
GR MAEd Reading PK-12

Jackson, Catherine Marie — Spotsylvania, VA  
GR MS Biology

Thornton, Sandra Lynne Wallace —  
Wachapreague, VA  
GR MS Biology

Powers, Jamie Elizabeth — Granite Falls, WA  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
•Cum Laude, PKP

Sacco, Jeffrey B. — Delavan, WI  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
Robinson, Kevin James — Milwaukee, WI  
CE BS Exercise Science

Spencer, Cody — Cheyenne, WY  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
CFAH BA International Studies

Lundeen, Jessica West — Jackson, WY  
GR MAEd Art Education

Benson, Annastashia Marie — Pine Bluffs, WY  
GR EdS School Psychology

Baig, Mahvash Iqbal — Rawlins, WY  
GR MSEd Speech-Language Pathology

NEBRASKA

Schlake, Ashley Cheri — Adams  
GR MAEd Curriculum & Instruction  
Watts, Katie Dyan — Ainsworth  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12

Carder, Keri — Albion  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
•Summa Cum Laude, H

Figgner, Kiley L. — Albion  
CE BSE Communication Disorders  
•Honorable Mention

Knust, Alicia M. — Albion  
CE BS Recreation Management

Majerus, Craig W. — Albion  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp

Olson, Thomas M. — Alliance  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
Kirkpatrick, Jacob Thomas — Anselmo-Merna  
CE BS Exercise Science

**Beck, Joshua Edwin** — Arapahoe  
CNSS BS Physics Comprehensive, Mathematics Comprehensive  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Luedtke, Jeffrey Keith** — Arcadia  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Ziola, Jody Lyn** — Archer  
CFAH BAE Music K-12  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Flannery, Brian Harry** — Atkinson  
CNSS BS Mathematics, Applied Computer Science  
•*Magna Cum Laude, H*  
**Lehmer, Kelley J.** — Aurora  
CBT BS Family Studies  
•*Summa Cum Laude, PKP*  
**Olson, Christopher J.** — Aurora  
CNSS BS Public Administration  
**Becker, Brigham Andrew** — Axtell  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
**Ropers, Kent L.** — Axtell  
GR MSED Science Education  
**Supanchick, Joseph R.** — Axtell  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Pelster, Ann Marie** — Bartlett  
CFAH BS Multimedia  
•*Summa Cum Laude, H*  
**McConville, Krista R.** — Bartley  
CBT BS Family Studies  
**Buoy, Misty Marie** — Bassett  
CFAH BS Multimedia  
**Eirich, Natasha Leigh** — Bayard  
GR MSED Community Counseling  
**Hanshaw, Jacob A.** — Beatrice  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
**Zarybnicky, Craig A.** — Beatrice  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12  
•*Magna Cum Laude*  
**Zarybnicky, Krista Kay** — Beatrice  
CE BS Exercise Science  
•*Summa Cum Laude*  
**Campbell, Christopher Harold** — Beatrice  
GR MAEd Physical Education Exercise Science  
**Becker, Megan Ann** — Beaver City  
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising  
**Chaloupka, Jennifer M.** — Beaver Lake  
CNSS BAE History 7-12, English 7-12  
•*Summa Cum Laude*  
**Ball, Andre Marcusm** — Bellevue

CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Brown, Caleb Matthew** — Bellevue  
CNSS BAE Social Science 7-12  
**Chandler, Jackelyn D.** — Bellevue  
CFAH BS Broadcasting  
**Tasich, Sarah Marie** — Bellevue  
GR MS Biology  
**Birge, Dusty L.** — Benkelman  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Gordon, Matt G.** — Benkelman  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Wilson, Suzanne M.** — Benkelman  
CNSS BS Psychobiology  
**Peterman, David James** — Big Springs  
CNSS BAE Social Science 7-12  
**Breuer, Helen Elisa** — Blair  
CNSS BS Geography  
•*Magna Cum Laude, PKP, H*  
**Seefus, Ryan Mark** — Blair  
CE BS Sports Administration, Jour: Public Relations  
**Boden, Beth Sue** — Brady  
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction  
**Batterman, Keller Cody** — Bridgeport  
GR EdS School Psychology  
**Moore, Amber Rae** — Bridgeport  
CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9, Mild Moderate 7-12  
**Foster, Lyndsey Leigh** — Broken Bow  
CE BS Exercise Science  
**Steffens, Jaime Lyn** — Broken Bow  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Wehrbein, John David** — Burchard  
GR EdS School Psychology  
**Hansen, Sara M.** — Cairo  
CBT BS Family Studies  
**Webb, Tierr Dawn** — Cairo  
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12  
•*Cum Laude*  
**Shoemaker, Charlie** — Cambridge  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Root, Diane Elizabeth** — Central City  
GR MSED Instructional Technology  
**Paxton, Heather Arlene** — Central City  
GR MSED Speech-Language Pathology  
**Kadlecekl, Courtney** — Ceresco  
CE BAE Elementary Education,  
English as a Second Language

•*Honorable Mention*  
**Kaus, Michael Anthony** — Chadron  
GR MS Biology  
**Cooney, Ben William** — Clay Center  
CFAH BS Broadcasting  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Gehring, Brent Steven** — Columbus  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Korte, Andrew Joseph** — Columbus  
CNSS BAE History 7-12, Physical Education 7-12  
**Pillen, Morgan M.** — Columbus  
GR MSED Speech-Language Pathology  
•*PKP*  
**Wagner, Nathaniel R.** — Columbus  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp,  
Criminal Justice  
•*Summa Cum Laude, H*  
**Poppert, Taressa Leigh** — Cozad  
GR MAEd Reading PK-12  
**Ross, Jaysie Lanae** — Cozad  
CFAH BFA Visual Communication and Design Comp  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Tvrdy, Christopher Scott** — Cozad  
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12, History 7-12  
**Limbach, Mary Catherine** — Crawford  
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction  
**Cooper, Gina Lorraine** — Crete  
GR MSED School Counseling Student Affairs  
**Faimon, Brittani Lee** — Crete  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Goranson, Wesley A.** — Crete  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
•*Cum Laude*  
**Hagan, Brittney Sue** — Culbertson  
CE BAE Elementary Education, Middle Grades 4-9  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Rippen, Kelly K.** — Culbertson  
GR MSED School Counseling Student Affairs  
**Andersen, Benjamin Wayne** — Curtis  
CNSS BS Physics Comprehensive  
**Jones, Michael S.** — Curtis  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Wills, Heather Dawn** — Curtis  
CNSS BS Biology Comp  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Stanton, Jeralynn Marie** — Dannebrog  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
•*Honorable Mention, H*

**Kubalik, Emily A.** — Davenport  
CNSS BS Psychology  
•*Summa Cum Laude*  
**Clancy, Benjamin S.** — Dawson  
CNSS BS Psychology Comprehensive  
•*H*  
**Dutton, Nicholas Elsworth** — Doniphan  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Klahn, Betsy A.** — Doniphan  
CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9  
**Stromer, Jeremy** — Doniphan  
CNSS BS Physics Comprehensive,  
Mathematics Comprehensive  
•*Summa Cum Laude, H*  
**Williams, Stacie M.** — Doniphan  
CE BAE Elementary Education,  
Early Childhood Unified  
**Fugleberg, Cale Allen** — Eagle  
CBT BS Aviation Systems Management Comp  
**Kleinsasser, Donald Alan** — Elba  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Svec, Nicole A.** — Elkhorn  
CBT BA Business Administration  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Brodine, Mason Riley** — Elm Creek  
CBT BS Business Administration  
**McCarter, Robbie L.** — Elm Creek  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Keys, Kristin LaRae** — Elsmere  
CE BAE Elementary Education,  
English as a Second Language  
**Schutz, Stephen John** — Elwood  
CBT BS Business Economics Comp  
•*Honorable Mention*  
**Malcom, Brennon David** — Eustis  
CNSS BS History Social Science Comp  
•*Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H*  
**Sanders, Wesley G.** — Eustis  
CNSS BS Mathematics, Psychology  
•*Honorable Mention, H*  
**Bartak, Brooke Elizabeth** — Ewing  
GR MSED Community Counseling  
**Mach, Sarah Grace** — Fairbury  
CBT BS Interior Design Comp  
•*Magna Cum Laude, MB*  
**Pitkin, Charles Ashley** — Fairbury  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

## Congratulations UNK Graduates

Good luck Kylee & Misty  
in your future endeavors.

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promised to no one.” ~ Wayne Dyer

The Buckle Girls

*Gamma Phi Beta  
wants to say Thank You to our  
Seniors:*

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Amanda Simmons  
Ashley Stutzman  
Emilie Ross  
Jillian Jumps  
Kristin Donnelly  
Rachel Hall  
Sarah Grosz  
Sarah Mach*

*Thanks for all you have done  
these last four years!*

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before walking across  
that stage...*

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The Buckle Girls



**Vetter, Jeffrey G.** — Fairbury  
GR EdS School Superintendent

**Brodrick, Megan Renee** — Fairfield  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Parsons, Rebecca Elaine** — Falls City  
GR MSEd Speech Language Pathology

**Rathman, Jennifer S.** — Farwell  
CE BAE Elementary Education,  
Early Childhood Unified

•*Summa Cum Laude, H*

**Kent, Lisa Evelyn** — Fremont  
CNSS BA Political Science

**Epping, Deborah Louise** — Funk  
CFAH BA Jour: News Editorial

•*Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Gehring, Kara L.** — Genoa  
CBT BS Business Administration

**Buehler, Thomas M.** — Gering  
CE BS Athletic Training Comp

**Christensen, Kody Michael** — Gering  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

**Flaherty, Kara Anne** — Gering  
CFAH BA Jour: Mass Media

•*H*

**Heilbrun, Kynzie M.** — Gering  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

**Olivarez, Jessica L.** — Gering  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

•*Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Ruzicka, Melissa Ann** — Gering  
CBT BS Business Administration

**Baker, Megan Nicole** — Gibbon  
CE BAE Elementary Education

**Bugee, Lindsey Joy** — Gibbon  
GR MSEd Speech/Language Pathology

**Grado, Cristal** — Gibbon  
CBT BS Family Studies

**Pokorney, Tara Jean** — Gibbon  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Rachow, Thaddeus James** — Gibbon  
CBT BS Business Economics Comp

**Shafer, Johnathan Michael** — Gibbon  
CNSS BSE Physics 7-12, History 7-12

**Smallcomb, Amy Elizabeth** — Gibbon  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp

**Teahon, Heather Nicole** — Gothenburg  
CE BAE Elementary Education, Mild Moderate K-6

**Ackerson, Erin L.** — Grand Island  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

**Alvarado, Jonathan M.** — Grand Island  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12

**Ayala, Bianca Dee** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Early Childhood Unified

**Baker, Larry A.** — Grand Island  
CNSS BAE Social Science 7-12

•*Honorable Mention*

**Beck, Megan L.** — Grand Island  
CBT BA Business Administration

**Bills, Glenn Charles** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Telecommunications Management Comp

•*Honorable Mention*

**Boersen, Angela Dawn** — Grand Island  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

•*Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H*

**Brixius, Kayla C.** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

•*Summa Cum Laude, H*

**Dvorak, Taylor Jerome** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice

**Flores Gutierrez, Angelica Lucia** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp

**Friesen, Brittany May** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

**Green, Bradley James** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Mild Moderate 7-12, History 7-12

**Griesman, Alicia Marie** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Mathematics

•*H*

**Grimes, Collin Steven** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Political Science

•*Summa Cum Laude, H*

**Hopkins, Cassandra Colleen** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive

•*H*

**Kent, Kasmira** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Business Administration

**Kosch, Matthew John** — Grand Island  
GR MAEd Spanish Education

**Kovar, Matthew James** — Grand Island  
CFAH BAE Language Arts 7-12

•*Summa Cum Laude*

**Meier, Heath Berrick** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Elementary Education

**Mendoza, Ana R.** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
English as a Second Language

**Nabower, Katie Lynn** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Unified

•*Summa Cum Laude*

**Schiley, Rachel Renee** — Grand Island  
GR MAEd Curriculum & Instruction

**Sheen, Kelsey Ann** — Grand Island  
CE BAE Elementary Education,  
English as a Second Language

•*Summa Cum Laude*

**Sims, Dylan Mitchell** — Grand Island  
CNSS BS Sociology

**Walkowiak, Jeri Lynn** — Grand Island  
CE BS Exer Sci Fit and Wellness Comp

**Wegner, Cheryl Lynn** — Grand Island  
GR MSEd Community Counseling

**Werner, Kelsey Marie** — Grand Island  
CE BS Exercise Science

**Wieck, Phillip Allan** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp

**Zuehlke, Phillip M.** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**McMillan, Sara Ann** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

•*Cum Laude, H*

**Nieto, Kristen Marie** — Grand Island  
CBT BS Family Studies

**Summers, Steven** — Grant  
GR MSEd Instructional Technology

**Wilson, Lance Russell** — Grant  
CNSS BS Biology Comp

•*Honorable Mention*

**Dugan, Autumn Lea** — Greeley  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

•*Honorable Mention*

**Gray, Halley Lynn** — Greeley  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Hammers, Christine A.** — Gretna  
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction

**Luhrs, Nicholas J.** — Gretna  
CBT BS Industrial Technology

# Fast forward to the future

BY COURTNEY FLETCHER  
JMC 215

For many seniors, the future is still unknown. But senior, Sara McMillan, knows she will go on to take her major in business management to the next level.

McMillan has always pressed herself to strive for success. “Thanks to my mother, Eileen McMillan, I have always had someone to push me,” she said. "I have been able to take my mother's advice, and make sure I push myself to give 100 percent in all that I do."

Deciding to attend UNK was an easy decision for McMillan. She liked the idea that UNK was close to her hometown of Grand Island. "I just felt that UNK was going to give me a better opportunity, and that I was going to get more out of it," McMillan said.

Carrie Stithem at the Center of Research and Development sees a bright future for McMillan. She said, "I see Sara being a very successful member of her community, and I know she will look for ways to help others along the way."

Get involved, and take a risk, McMillan advises younger students. “Go out and meet new people. If you get involved sooner there are better opportunities that will help you prepare for life after college."

McMillan has done just that. As a member of LPAC, the Honors Program,



**Sara McMillan**  
Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Grand Island  
**Major:**  
Business

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Find a job, and stay in the Kearney/Grand Island area.

Beta Gamma Sigma, and the Students in Free Enterprise organization, McMillan made a great effort in putting herself out there.

“It’s going to be hard to keep all of the ties and bonds that I’ve made with others over the years, and that’s something I’m going to miss about being at UNK,” McMillan said.

Although graduation is an exciting time, it can also be extremely nerve-racking. “The fear of the uncertain is definitely something to be nervous about,” McMillan said.

However, new opportunities are something to look forward to for McMillan. “I now have a different perception on things, and not only am I looking forward to the paycheck, but I am also looking forward to deciding how I live my life.”

**Dose, Danielle Rae** — Hampton  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Unified

•*Cum Laude, H*

**Klute, Katelyn M.** — Hampton  
CFAH BAE Language Arts 7 - 12

•*Honorable Mention*

**Mason, Lona Kristine** — Hampton  
GR EdS School Psychology

**Smith, Beverly A.** — Hampton  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Hoesing, Patrick Alan** — Hartington  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp

**Weinandt, Brittany Ann** — Hartington  
CNSS BS Psychology

•*Honorable Mention, H*

**Ahlman, Laura A.** — Hastings  
CNSS BA Sociology

•*Honorable Mention*

**Augustin, Joshua Adam** — Hastings  
GR MSEd Community Counseling

**Carlin, Scott P.** — Hastings  
CNSS BSE Physical Science 7-12

**Gallegos, Juan Carlos** — Hastings  
CFAH BA Multimedia

**Jacobitz, Amelia, Marie** — Hastings  
CFAH BAE English 7-12, History 7-12

•*Cum Laude, H*

**Lonowski, Emilee Veronica** — Hastings

CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9

•*Cum Laude, H*

**McPherson, Rachel Rae** — Hastings  
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising

**Renzelman, Lana J.** — Hastings  
GR EdS School Psychology

**Zysset, Alexandra Leigh** — Hastings  
CBT BA Economics, Spanish

•*Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Wittwer, Elizabeth Ann** — Heartwell  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

•*Honorable Mention*

**Bailey, Dustin Alan** — Holdrege  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

•*Honorable Mention*

**Boysen, Zaneta Zari-Aidan** — Holdrege  
CE BAE Early Childhood Unified  
English as a Second Language

**Crawford, Russell Allen** — Holdrege  
CE BAE Mild Moderate 7-12

**Feusner, Chelsea M.** — Holdrege  
GR MAEd School Principalship PK-8

**Hinze, Creighton Joel** — Holdrege  
CE BS Exercise Science

**Jones, Kaylee Ann** — Holdrege  
CE BAE Elementary Education

•*Honorable Mention, H*

**Lindstrom, Jenni L.** — Holdrege  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

•*Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Morten, Mark Jeffery** — Holdrege  
GR MS Biology

**Morten, Rachal** — Holdrege  
CBT BS Business Administration

**Mueller, Monica Rae** — Holdrege  
GR MSED School Counseling Student Affairs

**Reed, James D.** — Holdrege  
GR MSED Instructional Technology

**Shield, Cory Eldon** — Holdrege  
CBT BS Business Administration, Biology

• *Cum Laude*

**Strydom, Marcelle** — Holdrege  
CNSS BS Biology Comp

• *Honorable Mention, H*

**Towndrow, Heather J.** — Holdrege  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp

• *Magna Cum Laude*

**Van Vuuren, Shana Marie** — Holdrege  
CBT BS Interior Design Comp

**Churchill, Audrey Ann** — Holstein  
CBT BS Interior Design Comp

• *Cum Laude*

**Hastreiter, Samantha** — Humphrey  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice, History

**Kosch, Joel M.** — Humphrey  
CE BSE Middle Grades 4-9

• *Summa Cum Laude, H*

**Jones, Joshua Paul** — Huntley  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

**Kunнемann, Kayla L.** — Imperial  
CE BSE Communication Disorders

• *Honorable Mention*

**McDaniel, Jake** — Imperial  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp

**Regier, Tiffany Ann** — Imperial  
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive

• *Summa Cum Laude*

**Swink, Janessa Amber** — Imperial  
GR MSED Speech/Language Pathology

**Zuege, Chelsea Marie** — Imperial  
GR MAEd Art Education

**Volzke, Evan Miles** — Juniata  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

• *Magna Cum Laude*

**Abegglen, Nicholas John** — Kearney  
GR MBA Business Administration

**Adams, Kylee Denae** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising

**Arias, Oscar Adrian** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

**Asay, Austin T.** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Multimedia

**Baker, Alyssa Marie** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp

**Beatson, Christine M.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp

**Bittman, Abby R.** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp

**Bogard, Cara** — Kearney  
CE BAE Elementary Education

Early Childhood Unified

• *Cum Laude*

**Bonk, Isaac Michael** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Broadfoot, Aaron D.** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Chramosta, Ryan Richard** — Kearney  
CE BS Recreation, Park & Tourism Management

**Christensen, Heather A.** — Kearney

CNSS BGS General Studies

**Corder, Carl L.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Mathematics Comp  
Physics Comp

• *Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Decker, Luke B.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Applied Computer Science

**Dobish, Kelsey L.** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Technology

• *Honorable Mention*

**Estes, Luke P.** — Kearney  
GR MSED Community Counseling

**Farrell, Alexander** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Fast, Kevin Paul** — Kearney  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp

**Frink, Heath** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Frye, Karen L.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Psychology  
Criminal Justice

**Gannon, Emmett James** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp

• *Summa Cum Laude*

**Giddings, Teresa** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Sociology

• *Honorable Mention*

**Gillen, Ann S.** — Kearney  
GR MSED Community Counseling

**Glinsmann, Melanie Elaine** — Kearney  
GR MA English

**Gough, David Christopher** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration

**Greer, Andrew Tyler** — Kearney  
CE BS Sports Administration  
Broadcasting

**Hilton, Danielle M.** — Kearney  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Mild Moderate K-6

**Hogeland, Paden E.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Computer Science Comprehensive

• *Honorable Mention*

**Holen, Patricia Ann** — Kearney  
GR MSED Community Counseling

**Hunt, Daneil Mirray** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Speech Communication, English

**Ingersoll, Matthew A.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Chemistry, Philosophy

• *Cum Laude*

**Johnson, Owen Joseph** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Biology Comp

**Jorgensen, Patricia A.** — Kearney  
GR MSED Community Counseling

**Jorgenson, Kamille Kae** — Kearney  
CFAH BAE Art K-12, Spanish 7-12

• *Magna Cum Laude*

**Karg, Emily M.** — Kearney  
CFAH BAE French 7-12, English 7-12

• *Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Karre, Leah Diane** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Psychology Comprehensive

**Kennedy, Michael J.** — Kearney  
CFAH BFA Visual Communication and Design

**Kimball, Tina Rose** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp

**Kincaid, Molly Ann** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

• *Honorable Mention*

**Knispel, Amy Nicole** — Kearney

# Richardson in love

## With history, art and MONA

BY SABINE FRANKE  
JMC 215

If asked if you liked your job, what would you say? Could you honestly say, “I do”? Graduating senior Jennifer Richardson says, “I absolutely love working there!”

With a major in history and a minor in art history, working at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) is a perfect fit for her. It was here that Richardson found her passion.

Karen Humphrey, office supervisor at MONA, said that what started out as simple volunteer work in the MONA gift-shop let to Richardson becoming a paid part-time visitor security representative and assistant to MONA’s director of education. Yet, as much as Richardson loves working at MONA, she says her main focus always was on school, “Always put school first and find a job where working hours are flexible enough to allow a change if things get too overwhelming.”

Richardson’s interest in art is a family affair with both her mother and sister working in artistic fields. Both women are a great motivation and inspiration to her.

Further encouragement to pursue a career in art history came from a quite unexpected source. During high school, Richardson worked in a drive-in restaurant. Her boss had been rejected by her dream employer, the CIA, and had made



**Jennifer Richardson**  
Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Stratton, Neb.  
**Major:**  
History

**WHAT’S NEXT?** Hopefully be accepted to work as a graduate assistant in the UNK history department.

it her mission to place high school students in jobs that fit them. She nurtured Richardson’s interest in art by taking her to museums and art expositions and motivated her to study art history.

Not only does Richardson enjoy her career choice, but she has excelled both academically and professionally. Richardson has held the Chancellor’s Scholarship throughout the her four years at UNK and has received various additional academic scholarships.

Since she will be graduating soon, Richardson has already started the job hunt. She has applied for a job as a graduate assistant in UNK’s history department. However, she could also imagine working in a business-oriented job that deals with museums where she could apply all the knowledge she acquired through studying at UNK and working at MONA.

CFAH BM Musical Theatre Comp

• *Summa Cum Laude, H*

**Kratochvil, Amy L.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Political Science

**Kruse, Jenae Lynn** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Kulhanek, Wayne W.** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

• *Honorable Mention*

**Lentfer, Austin S.** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp

**Lillyman, Rachel Ann** — Kearney  
CBT BS Interior Design Comp

• *Honorable Mention, H*

**Lindsey, Sonja Dawn** — Kearney  
GR MA English

**McLaughlin, Lauren Eve** — Kearney  
CFAH BAE Art K-12

**Michaels, Jennifer K.** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp

**Moore, Taylor Michael** — Kearney

CNSS BGS General Studies

**Mullen, Matthew Paul** — Kearney  
GR MBA Business Administration

**Neal, John Claude** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Nguyen, Kien Viet** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Nightingale, Allie Rae** — Kearney  
CE BAE Elementary Education

**Nordhues, Sarah Joelle** — Kearney  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Mild Moderate K-6

• *Summa Cum Laude, MB*

**Peters, Mary E.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp

**Pfannenstien, Ben** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

• *Honorable Mention*

**Polk, Julie Marie** — Kearney  
CFAH BFA Visual Communication and Design

• *Cum Laude*



**Porter, Benjamin Scott** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Pratt, Carter Ross** — Kearney  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Prososki, Andrew Michael** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H, MB*  
**Rash, Stephanie Jeanne** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration  
• *Honorable Mention, MB*  
**Rice, Denise M.** — Kearney  
CBT BS Family Studies  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Rowe, Lerrin Nicole** — Kearney  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Sage, Alyssa Rae** — Kearney  
CE BSE Communication Disorders  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Schliefert, Megan Lynn** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude, H, MB*  
**Sizer, Elizabeth Ellen** — Kearney  
GR MEd Community Counseling  
**Theesen, Cheri A.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude, PKP*  
**Thiel, Frank** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Tidwell, Melissa Darlene** — Kearney  
CFAH BA Spanish Translation and Interpretation  
Criminal Justice  
**Todd, Bryan Charles** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Psychology  
**Troyer, Kaylee M.** — Kearney  
CFAH BA Jour: Advertising  
• *Magna Cum Laude, H*  
**Webb, Jason** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Applied Computer Science  
**Whetstone, Kevin James** — Kearney  
CFAH BS Jour: News Editorial  
**White Adrienne Renae** — Kearney  
CNSS BA Psychology  
**Wood, Jason K.** — Kearney  
CNSS BS Psychology  
**Zapata, Anthony Paul** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Zikmund, Mitchell Craig** — Kearney  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Zinnel, Ryan** — Kearney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**McCarty, Sara Danielle** — Kearney  
CBT BS Family Studies  
**Van Dusen, Kelsey Leigh** — Kearney  
GR EdS School Psychology  
**Harpham Brian T.** — Kenesaw  
GR MAEd Reading PK-12  
**Prelle, Leslie Ann** — Kenesaw  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
**Thompson, Robby E.** — Kenesaw  
GR EdS School Superintendent  
**Brooks, Emily Marie** — Kimball  
GR MAEd Art Education  
**Nunn, Kyle E.** — Kimball  
CE BS Sports Administration Comp

Business Administration  
**Sudbeck, Elizabeth Christina** — Laurel  
GR MAEd Curriculum and Instruction  
**Laughlin, Selena M.** — Lawrence  
GR MAEd Curriculum & Instruction  
**Barajas, Richard** — Lexington  
CFAH BA Philosophy  
**Granillo, Jesus Daniel** — Lexington  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
Criminal Justice  
**Hanna, Erin Lea** — Lexington  
GR MEd Instructional Technology  
**Lauby, Michelle L.** — Lexington  
CE BAE Mild Moderate K-6  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**McKenna, Tomye** — Lexington  
GR MAEd Special Education  
**Truax, Phillip Jon** — Lexington  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Williams, Kayla Marie** — Lexington  
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive  
**Reyes, Sandra** — Lexington  
CNSS BS Political Science  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Donnelly, Kristin M.** — Lincoln  
CBT BS Interior Design Comp  
• *Magna Cum Laude, PKP*  
**Ernstmeyer, Scott J.** — Lincoln  
GR EdS School Superintendent  
**Farley, Kevin Patrick** — Lincoln  
CBT BS Business Administration  
**Hotovy, Sada Marie** — Lincoln  
CNSS BA History, English  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Jumps, Jillian M.** — Lincoln  
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising  
**Means, Kyle R.** — Lincoln  
GR MAEd Physical Education  
**Moser, Brian Robert** — Lincoln  
CFAH BAE English 7-12  
History 7-12  
• *Honorable Mention, H*  
**Moss, Katie Lorraine** — Lincoln  
CFAH BAE Language Arts 7-12  
**Nason, Margot Elise** — Lincoln  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
**Neemann, Megan J.** — Lincoln  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
**Russell, Rachel Anne** — Lincoln  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Schneider, Nathaniel S.** — Lincoln  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
**Shaw, Gordon Kirk** — Lincoln  
GR MEd Instructional Technology  
**Willman, Eric Brent** — Lincoln  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Mild Moderate K-6  
**Jakub, Jordan James** — Lincoln  
CNSS BS Psychobiology  
**Koch, Shelly R.** — Lindsay  
CNSS BS Psychology  
**Hendricks, Brooke Ellen** — Litchfield  
GR MEd Speech Language Pathology  
**Richards, Nicole Marie** — Lodgepole  
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive  
**Day, Mathew Boyd** — Loup City  
CNSS BS Biology  
• *Magna Cum Laude, H*

**Hill, Casey LaVonne** — Loup City  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Jaeschke, Sara A.** — Loup City  
CE BS Exercise Science  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Bomgaars, Patricia Lynn Ridgley** — Martell  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Rosentreader, Amy S.** — Mason City  
CBT BS Business Administration  
**Stoetzel, Samantha Dawn** — Maxwell  
CNSS BAE History 7-12 Business 7-12  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Burrows, Christi Ane** — McCook  
CE BSE Communication Disorders  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Havlicek, Susan Michele Cash** — McCook  
GR MAEd Special Education  
**Messinger, Kari Marie** — McCook  
CNSS BS Respiratory Therapy Comp  
**Pfanstiel, Kimberly** — McCook  
CE BAE Middle Grades 4-9  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Reicks, Nathan J.** — McCook  
CBT BS Business Administration  
Economics  
**Rittenhouse, Jennifer Ann** — McCook  
GR MBA Business Administration  
**Weidner, Jarod** — McCook  
CNSS BS Biology  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Hoyt, Thomas K.** — Merna  
CE BS Exercise Science  
**Rush, Nicholas Alan** — Merna  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Roth, Joel Thomas** — Milford  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp  
**Stutzman, Ashley Rae** — Milford  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Wergin, Krista Renae** — Milford  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Unified  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Craig, Cade Gregory** — Minden  
CE BS Exercise Science  
• *Honorable Mention, MB*  
**Hinrichsen, Jordan Brian** — Minden  
CBT BS Family Studies  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Osterbuhr, Jessica E.** — Minden  
CBT BS Family Studies  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Schrader, Heather** — Neligh  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
English as a Second Language  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Underwood, Jess Clark** — Neligh  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Ziegenbein, Amanda Irene** — Neligh  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Statz, Nikolaus McHale** — Nelson  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
**Baumert, Nikki M.** — Norfolk  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Becker, Elliott F.** — Norfolk  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Frohberg, Alexandra R.** — Norfolk  
CNSS BS Biology Comp

• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Jirovsky, Crayton Conrad** — Norfolk  
GR MEd Community Counseling  
**O'Gorman, Tyler Patrick** — Norfolk  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Schmidt, Chandler J.** — Norfolk  
CNSS BS Biology Comp  
**Altig, Mary Lou** — North Platte  
GR MAEd Special Education  
**Chessmore, Kristi L.** — North Platte  
GR EDS School Psychology  
**Hackbart, Trishia Lynn** — North Platte  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
**Hatch, Laurie Lea** — North Platte  
GR MAEd Special Education  
**Heinzen, Robert John** — North Platte  
CFAH BAE Music K-12  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Hille Sarah S.** — North Platte  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice, Psychology  
**Mark, Staci** — North Platte  
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12  
Physical Education 7-12  
**Ripple, Jessica Ann** — North Platte  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
English as a Second Language  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Skiles, Bret Michael** — North Platte  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Twarling, Ben Walter** — North Platte  
CE BS Sports Administration  
**Carmody, Brent Michael** — Odessa  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12  
**Buell, Kayla Marie** — Ogallala  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
**Fruit, Tanner Christian** — Ogallala  
CE BS Exercise Science  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Holscher, Cale James** — Ogallala  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
**Meyer, Katiana N.** — Ogallala  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**O'Neil, John G.** — Ogallala  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Rudolph, Kaitlin Elisabeth** — Ogallala  
CE BAE Mild Moderate 7-12, History 7-12  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Clatterbuck, Ashley Christine** — Omaha  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
**Hughes, Abigail Lynne** — Omaha  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
• *Magna Cum Laude, H*  
**Johnson, Sonja** — Omaha  
CNSS BSE Mathematics 7-12  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Kocanda, Bryan Paul** — Omaha  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
**Krupski, Michael Joseph** — Omaha  
CFAH BS Broadcasting  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Loyd, Nicholas Allen** — Omaha  
CNSS BS Psychology  
**Miller, Debra L.** — Omaha  
GR MAEd Special Education  
**Obradovich, Christopher Joel** — Omaha  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
**Peterson, Kevin L.** — Omaha  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

**Rhine, Jason Thomas** — Omaha  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Sommer, Jacqueline Ann** — Omaha  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Unified  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Ward, Sarah Elizabeth** — Omaha  
GR MSED Speech Language Pathology  
**Zimmerman, Melissa S.** — Omaha  
GR MAEd Art Education  
**Zohlen, Maureen F.** — Omaha  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Zulkoski, Mark Allen** — Omaha  
GR MAEd School Principalship PK-8  
**Peter, Sara Jean** — O'Neill  
CBT BS Family Studies  
**Bish, Marcus A.** — Ord  
CBT BAE Vocational Business 7-12  
**Kastler, Dru A.** — Ord  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Woollen, Jace W.** — Ord  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
**Tarkington, Tyler Drew** — Orleans  
CE BAE Health and PE K-12  
**O'Brien, Kyle T.** — Oshkosh  
CE BS Exercise Science  
**Hickey, Rachel Ann** — Overton  
CBT BS Family Studies  
**McCarter, Jessica Dawn** — Overton  
CNSS BS Radiography Comprehensive  
**Morales, Alejandro** — Overton  
CFAH BA Jour: Public Relations  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Gallagher, Anthony Charles** — Page  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Schluckebier, Charles Daniel** — Palisade  
CFAH BAE Art K-12  
**Adams, Emily Christina** — Papillion  
GR MAEd Art Education  
**Carper, Adler Amianna Elaine** — Papillion  
GR MSED Instructional Technology  
**Dada, Moboalji O.** — Papillion  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Moore, Melissa** — Papillion  
GR MSED Instructional Technology  
**Oltman, Dawn Kathleen** — Papillion  
GR MSED School Counseling Student Affairs  
**Sievers, Alison L.** — Papillion  
CFAH BS Jour: Advertising  
**Gyhra, Lori Lee** — Pawnee City  
GR MSED Instructional Technology  
**Kulus, Brad Scott** — Phillips  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Ziola, David E.** — Phillips  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Micek, Nelson Albert** — Pierce  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Barth, Caleb** — Pilger  
CNSS BA History  
**Jensen, Jared Broderick** — Plainview  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Kush, Clayton R.** — Platte Center  
CFAH BS Jour: Sports Communication  
**Halstead, Samantha** — Pleasanton  
CNSS BS Psychology  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Hermesch, Michelle Rae** — Plymouth  
CE BS Exercise Science  
• *Summa Cum Laude, H, MB*

**Milius, Nicole Lynn** — Plymouth  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp  
**Doty, Kaitlin Nan** — Ralston  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
**Achtenberg, Abby Marie** — Ravenna  
CNSS BS Psychology  
**Luth, Clinton M.** — Ravenna  
CNSS BS History Social Science Comp  
**Treffer, Shelby A.** — Ravenna  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Wolfe, Caitlin L.** — Ravenna  
CNSS BS Respiratory Therapy Comp  
**Hoffman, Landon W.** — Red Cloud  
CBT BS Agribusiness Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Sindelar, Natalie Marie** — Republican City  
CFAH BFA Studio Art Comprehensive  
• *Summa Cum Laude, PKP*  
**Pratt, Callie J.** — Riverdale  
CNSS BS Biology Comp  
**Schmitt, Dawn Elizabeth** — Rushville  
GR MSED Speech Language Pathology  
**Sullivan, Jennifer Ann** — Saint Libory  
CE BAE Early Childhood Unified  
Elementary Education  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Brase, Leanna A.** — Saint Paul  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude*  
**Granger, MaLania Luella** — Sargent  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
**Kaup, Mitchell Ryan** — Schuyler  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Knutson, Paul Michael** — Schuyler  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Sweet, Dallas John** — Schuyler  
GR MAEd School Principalship 7-12  
**Mason, Michael O.** — Scottsbluff  
GR EdS School Superintendent  
**McGee, Lindsey Anne** — Scottsbluff  
GR MSED Speech Language Pathology  
**Sulu, Phillip Anthony de Jesus** — Scottsbluff  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp  
**Cousins, Teresa Michelle** — Seward  
CNSS BS Political Science  
Criminal Justice  
**Luethke, Tiffani Nicole** — Seward  
CFAH BS Organizational Communication Comp  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Wergin, Rachel Nicole** — Seward  
GR MSED Speech Language Pathology  
**Schmidt, Jenna M.** — Shelby  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
**Kirkover, Amber May** — Shelton  
CNSS BS Criminal Justice Comp  
**Amen, Kelsi Lynn** — Sidney  
CFAH BAE Art K-12  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Kurz, Joni Marie** — Sidney  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Smith, Brandon J.** — Sidney  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
**Cunningham, Stephanie S.** — South Bend  
CNSS BS Geography and GIScience  
**Bauer, Nicole Marie** — Spalding  
CNSS BS Social Work Comp  
**Diessner, Kassandra A.** — Spalding

CBT BS Family Studies  
**Pritchard, Jeanie M.** — Spalding  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Physical Education K-6  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Arens, Jason Edward** — Springview  
CFAH BS Jour: Sports Communication  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Harrington, Mathew David** — St. Paul  
CE BS Exercise Science Comp  
**Jorgensen, Cody L.** — St. Paul  
CFAH BAE Art K-12  
**Horwart, Amanda Jean** — Stamford  
GR MSED Speech and Language Pathology  
**Hegeholz, Debra Kay** — Staplehurst  
GR MAEd Curriculum & Instruction  
**Richardson, Jennifer Michelle** — Stratton  
CNSS BA History  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Borg, Jason J.** — Stuart  
CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Kaup, Lucas Andrew** — Stuart

CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
**Kohle, Chad S.** — Stuart  
CBT BS Construction Management Comp  
**Jones, Robert C.** — Sumner  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Brennan, Samantha Jo** — Sutherland  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Unified  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Paulman, Debra** — Sutherland  
GR MAEd School Principalship PK-8  
**Fox, James Owen** — Tilden  
CBT BS Aviation Systems Management  
**Larson, Tracy Lynn** — Tilden  
GR MSED Instructional Technology  
**Oelsligle, Kelli Rae** — Tilden  
CNSS BS Psychobiology  
• *Summa Cum Laude, PKP*  
**Paprocki, David Scott** — Trenton  
CNSS BS Chemistry Comp  
• *Summa Cum Laude, PKP, H, MB*

# For Tomjack, UNK was luck of the draw *Being involved made his experience 'awesome'*

BY BRANDT BANZHAF  
JMC 215

Matt Tomjack had a decision to make. Where would he spend his next four years of college? He could have been rational about it, but that wouldn't be his style. With acceptance letters from UNK, UNL, Kansas State and others on the table, the decision became easy. "I couldn't decide which college to go to, I figured the easiest thing would be to draw them out of a hat," Tomjack said.

Tomjack reached in and pulled out the sheet of paper. "I broke into a smile when I saw it was UNK."

A native from Wahoo, Tomjack wanted to make the most of his college experience. He became extremely involved on campus. He was a student senator for the College of Education, member of the Sports Administration Club and Collegians for Integration and Accessibility and an intern for the UNK athletic department. On top of everything else, Tomjack also founded the Loper Legion, a student organization that congregates at athletic events and cheers and hollers for their Lopers.

Still, that's not even the most fun Tomjack has had here at UNK. "Being a community advisor was awesome. Meeting all the new freshman and being the enforcer of rules was definitely the best part." He has been a community advisor for three years and is now also a mentor for the Thompson Scholars Learning Community.

Joe Jasper, a fellow Thompson Scholar mentor, said Tomjack knows how



**Matt Tomjack**  
Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Wahoo  
**Major:**  
Sports administration

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Working for the University of Florida athletic department.

to have fun. "There is always something going on across the hall, either studying or what sounds like a small party," Jasper said.

UNK hasn't been all fun and games for Tomjack though. Well, maybe a little bit. He has been working for the athletic department for a couple years now and the experience has surpassed his expectations. "Working for the athletic department has been a dream of mine since I've been here at UNK. Being able to see how things work and the managing of all the events has been invaluable."

The opportunities Tomjack received here at UNK will surely help him acquire his dream job. "I want to be in charge of events management at a Division I University. The experience I have received here at UNK will no doubt help me get where I want to be."

These opportunities sure have paid off. Tomjack recently received a job in the athletic department at the University of Florida.



**Stromer, Bobbi Shanyelle** — Trumbull  
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**Kimbell, Mitchell J.** — Unadilla  
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CE BSE Communication Disorders  
**Tobey, Jorden** — Utica  
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Mild Moderate K-6  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Blume, Megan** — Valentine  
CFAH BA Jour: Advertising  
Jour: Public Relations  
• *Honorable Mention*  
**Graham, Zebadiah R.** — Valentine  
CNSS BS Biology Comp  
**Pierce, Ross L.** — Verdigre  
CBT BS Business Administration Comp

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**Richter, Abby Robyn** — Waco  
CFAH BS Jour: Mass Media  
• *Magna Cum Laude*  
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CFAH BFA Visual Communication and Design  
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**Tomjack, Matthew William** — Wahoo  
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**McAtee, Laura Leigh** — Wahoo  
CFAH BA English  
Philosophy  
• *Cum Laude, H*

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CBT BS Industrial Distribution Comp  
**Christensen, Joseph Randel** —  
Wolbach  
CBT BS Telecommunications Management Comp  
• *Cum Laude*  
**Oblinger, Stacy Lynn** — Wymore  
CE BAE Elementary Education  
Mild Moderate K-6  
**Huff, Spencer K.** — York  
CBT BS Industrial Technology  
**Mauer, Kendall Marie** — York  
CE BS Exercise Science  
• *Honorable Mention, H*  
**Potter, Nicole D.** — York  
CNSS BSE Biology 7-12  
Health Education 7-12

## Paging Dr. Oelsligle

### Psycho biology major looks to pre-med

BY BO NESSLEIN  
JMC 215

Even at a young age, senior Kelli Oelsligle had dreams of being in the medical field. A small town farm girl from Tilden, number five out of seven siblings always found herself fixing the injuries of her brothers and sisters. "Growing up on a farm had its fair share of injuries. It seemed we were always jumping off of something."

Oelsligle's desire to help others has kept her very grounded in her educational pursuits. As early as a sophomore in high school; psycho biology was her main focus. Both attending UNK and her choice for a major were very easy choices for Oelsligle. In addition to wanting to help others, Oelsligle's sister attended UNK. "My sister came to UNK, she chose psycho biology also;" so UNK has become a bit of a family tradition.

Oelsligle had some encouraging words for new prospective students. "Get involved, join clubs, find some interests and discover others with the same interests."

Oelsligle is involved in the university daycare program, LPAC and Campus Kitchen as the under graduate coordinator and she is also the president of her Psychology Club. "It makes the time go faster. You really get to know other people who have similar interests with you so you find people that you can hang out with, even outside classes."

Oelsligle also stresses the importance of time management and prioritizing. She said she experienced culture shock as a freshman. There was not anyone to wake her up or keep track of her. She had to

self regulate, and it took a while to get the hang of it. "I always joked that sleep was a minimal," she said, reminiscing about her freshman year. She learned to utilize a day planner and wall calendar as well as know her boundaries. "I really had to learn to say no."

Finding the right niche to do all she wanted to do took some time, however, her work ethic in combination with good time

**Kelli Oelsligle**  
Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Tilden  
**Major:**  
Psycho biology



**WHAT'S NEXT?** Pre-med program to hospital work, then to private practice.

management placed her on the dean's list for the last three years. Looking on to the future, Oelsligle has her sights set on two places: UNMC and Kansas. "UNMC because it's local and they have a really good program, and Kansas because they have a good rural physician program." Oelsligle said she would like to work at a hospital for a while then eventually opening her own practice as a general practitioner, or specializing in obstetrics.

So from the roots of a small town farm girl with a knack for fixing the family boo-boos to an aspiring pre-med student, Oelsligle is to become a successful doctor. One day she will hear the musical sounds of, "Dr. Oelsligle, paging Dr. Oelsligle."

## Above and beyond

### Zysset finishes double major, minor

BY GREG DAVIDSON  
JMC 215

To many UNK students, May 6 signals the end of the semester, and the beginning of summer break. But for senior Alex Zysset, graduation begins the next chapter in her life. Zysset will graduate with not just one degree from UNK, but

arney seems a lot bigger with restaurants and shopping. I think it's a nice town."

Along with being a full-time student working towards the two degrees, Zysset found the time to work a part-time job, participate in extra-curricular activities and still have the time to hang out with friends. "I don't really know how she does it," said senior Josh Beck, a friend of Zysset's, "I don't think there are many people out there that can do what she does."

She is a teller at Platte Valley State Bank, as well as a volunteer with the the-

**"I just want to get where I am going figured out and get started on the rest of my life."**

atre department and the foreign language honor society. Zysset was even named the "Outstanding Junior" for the econ department last year.

Between work and homework, Zysset enjoys spending time with friends at several places across Kearney, such as Thunderhead Brewery. "I also like to spend time reading and watching movies, and playing random board games. I love learning random facts."

Zysset said that she is very excited about graduating, and starting the next chapter in her life. She has applied to multiple graduate schools across the Midwest, and hopes to get responses back from them soon. "I just want to get where I am going figured out and get started on the rest of my life," she said.



**Alex Zysset**  
Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Hastings  
**Major:** Spanish & economics

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Zysset has been accepted into the UNL graduate school to continue studying Spanish."

two. "I'm a Spanish and econ major with a math minor," Zysset said. "I liked the Spanish in high school, and I thought it would be beneficial to communicate with more people. And I just liked the econ math. It's a more practical kind of math."

The oldest of three children, Zysset originally chose UNK over UNL based on the smaller campus size. "I liked seeing people I know all the time," Zysset said. "Plus, I like the smaller classes, and getting to know the professors over the course of four years."

Zysset, who is originally from Hastings, also enjoys living in the city of Kearney. "It's about the same size, but Ke-



# Lopers look to clinch RMAC regular season title

BY GANDY HENRY  
Antelope Staff

With just four games left in the regular season, the Loper baseball team has an opportunity to make school history.

When the Lopers begin a four-game series this Friday against Regis University, they will be three wins away from clinching their first regular season RMAC championship in school history. It will also be a weekend to honor the group of 16 seniors that has helped lead the team this year.

After taking three of four games this past weekend against New Mexico Highlands University, the Lopers reached 30 wins on the season, and held control of the RMAC's best record. The Lopers have won their last three series against Metro State University, Colorado Christian University and Highlands. The Lopers won three games in each of those series, posting a 9-3 record and winning a midweek contest against the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The Lopers have been led by stand-out senior first basemen, Andrew Haake, who leads the team on offense and defense. Haake has started all 43 games for the Lopers so far and leads the team in average (.411), runs (47), doubles (21), homeruns (10), runs batted in (51), total bases (113), slugging percentage (.748), walks (34) and on base percentage (.516). Haake is also second in hits (62),



Courtesy The Kearney Hub

Senior first baseman Andrew Haake prepares to apply the tag against New Mexico Highlands University. Haake became the career leader in putouts this year and currently has 1,159.

Catch the Loper baseball team at home against Regis Friday and Saturday.

just one behind senior second basemen Jordan Mitchelhill.

"Andrew is tremendous at the plate and is extremely disciplined. He gets his pitch, and he doesn't miss often when he gets it" said Trey Howell, the team's hitting coach.

Defensively, Haake has recorded 335 putouts this year, and holds the school record with 1,159 current putouts. "Andrew basically has his Ph.D. in putouts and is more commonly referred to as Dr. Putout around the team because of his greatness with the glove," Mitchelhill

said.

Haake, a social science education major from Beatrice, also succeeds in the classroom, and was recently named 1<sup>st</sup> Team Academic All RMAC. Haake was also awarded UNK's senior student athlete of the year award.



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Catching one of five strike outs is sophomore Chandler Klute from Kearney. Klute was named RMAC Co-Freshman of the year last year and started 22 games out of 25. The Lopers will take on Regis this weekend at Memorial Field.

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