

# NU President Bounds to deliver commencement address to 494 grads

## UNK COMMUNICATIONS

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



HANK BOUNDS

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 \$500 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 Kluver 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



Courtesy

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.

is prohibited and will be enforced. UNK commencement ceremonies are webcast at [www.unk.edu](http://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.

**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>.

**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

**MSE** – Master of Science in Education

**MBA** – Master of Business Administration

**HP** – Honors Program

### Neiley Fernau-AINSWORTH

BAED Elementary Ed Mild/Moderate, Magna Cum Laude

### Justin Harris-AINSWORTH

MAE School Principalship 7-12

### Markie Sup-ALBION

BA Spanish, Magna Cum Laude

### Billie Kunzman-ALLIANCE

BS Business Administration, Cum Laude, Mortar Board

### 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-ARAPAHOE

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

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BSED Mathematics Education, Honorable Mention

**Randi Todd**-BEATRICE

BAED Elementary Education

**Lauren Cheek**-BENEDICT

BS Social Work

**Nolan High**-BERTRAND

BS Agribusiness, Magna Cum Laude

**Christopher Whitwer**-BLAIR

MAE School Principalship 7-12

**Riley Bonifas**-BLUE HILL

BAED Physical Education, BS Exercise Science Fitness and Wellness, Honorable Mention

**Jonathan Baehr**-BLUE SPRINGS

MAE School Principalship PK-8

**Kyle Pohlman**-BRADY

BS Recreation, Park and Tourism Management

**Amy Hottovy**-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 Hoesche**-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 Howerter**-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 Early Childhood Unified, 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**-DANNEBROG

BS Industrial Distribution

**Joshua Papa**-DAVID CITY

BS Agribusiness

**Laurel Valentine**-DAVID CITY

MSE Instructional Technology

**Haley Houtwed**-DESHLER

BS Biology, Business Administration

**Juanita Alonso**-DILLER

BA Spanish Translation and Interpretation

**Kurt Ortmeier**-DODGE

BS Construction Management

**Bryan Lienemann**-DONIPHAN

BS Criminal Justice, Honorable Mention

**Bailey Rainforth**-DONIPHAN

BSED Communication Disorders, Magna Cum Laude, Mortar Board

**Easton Wenzel**-EAGLE

BS 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 Lassek**-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

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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

BSED Communication Disorders,  
Honorable Mention

**Jenna McCray**-GRAND ISLAND

BS Business Administration

**Grace Mohr**-GRAND ISLAND

BSED Middle Grades, Summa Cum Laude

**Tyler Neal**-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 Wolsleben**-GRAND ISLAND

BS Social Work

**Vanessa Wragge**-GRAND ISLAND

BFA Visual Communication & Design

**Danielle Kluver**-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 Bitner**-HASTINGS

BAED Elementary Education, Middle  
Grades

**Lyndsey 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

**Ashtin Pawloski**-HASTINGS

BS Criminal Justice

**Alexander Schendt**-HASTINGS

BS Business Administration

**Zachary Thomas**-HASTINGS

BM Music

**Andrew Craig**-HEBRON

BS Business Administration

**Kesston Fink**-HEBRON

BSED 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

BAED Elementary Education, Summa  
Cum Laude

**Theodore Evans**-HOLDREGE

MAE 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 Archart**-KEARNEY

BS Family Studies

**Michelle Barry**-KEARNEY

MAE Curriculum & Instruction-  
Instructional Effectiveness

**Robert Carson**-KEARNEY

BAED Elementary Education, Mild/  
Moderate

**Lauren Cisler**-DeRocher-KEARNEY

BAED Early Childhood Unified

**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 Envick**-KEARNEY

BS Social Work, Cum Laude

**Ethan Epley**-KEARNEY

BS Criminal Justice

**Quinn Feikert**-KEARNEY

BS Computer Science, Honorable Mention

**Kara Fiala**-KEARNEY

BAED 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

BA 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 Recreation, Park & Tourism  
Management

**Jacob McCann**-KEARNEY

BS Political Science, Applied Computer  
Science

**Anthony Munch**-KEARNEY

BS Chemistry

**Reed Murbach**-KEARNEY

BS Chemistry

**Brandon Pacheco**-KEARNEY

BAED Elementary Education

**Stacie Pearson**-KEARNEY

MAE Curriculum & Instruction-  
Instructional Effectiveness

**Brock Persson**-KEARNEY

BAED Music Education

**Jamie Prickett**-KEARNEY

BAED Elementary Education, Honorable  
Mention

**Kristina Redwine**-KEARNEY

BAED Elementary Education, Honorable  
Mention

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**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 Tidei**-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 Shonerd**-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**-MCCOOK  
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**-NEBRASKA CITY  
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 Criminal Justice  
**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

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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'Brian**-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

BS Social Work, Honorable Mention

**Haley Allen**-OMAHA

BAED Music Education, Magna Cum  
Laude

**Kacia Callan**-ORD

BAED Elementary Education, Early  
Childhood Unified, Magna Cum Laude

**Heather Zaruba**-ORD

MA English-Literature

**Jessica Gabel**-OSCEOLA

BS Family Studies

**Amanda Lorenz**-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 Flaig**-PALISADE

BS Physical Education

**Amber Fairbrother**-PAPILLION

MAE School Principalship 7-12

**Abby Hongsermeier**-PHILLIPS

BSED Biology Education, Summa Cum  
Laude

**Donica Vonderohe**-PHILLIPS

MAE Music Education

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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 consist 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.

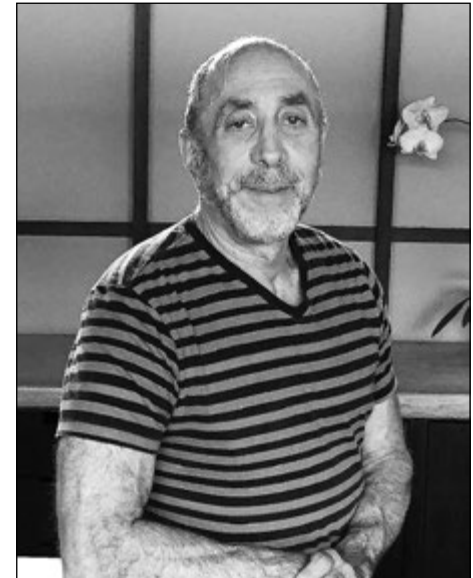
“The river is a perfect metaphor for a health science education building. A river spreads out over great distances while enriching its surroundings, so will the students who emerge from this center of learning,” Goldstein said.

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



*Courtesy*

**San Francisco artist Daniel Goldstein makes woodblock prints, collages and sculptures that have been exhibited in leading galleries and museums across the world**

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.



*Courtesy from UNK Communication*

**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.**

BERANEK from page 1



Photo by Keysha Foulk

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.

With goals set high, his determination is stronger than ever for this team to succeed. “My main goal is for our team to make it into the NCAA tournament for the first time in my career,” Beranek said.

Great leaders know it’s about the team’s success not the individual’s outcome. “He sets the tone for his teammates, leading by example. If first in line for drills, he goes so hard that it forces everyone else to stay at his level. In the end that is what makes players better” Lofton said.

Beranek keeps his eyes on the prize

and goals in check by continuing to practice and make improvements. “We continue to work a lot on growing his defensive skills and keeping control. Keeping control on the court is probably the biggest challenge to overcome,” Lofton said.

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.

## 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.”

## [SENIOR FEATURE]



Courtesy

# Meet Bailey Rainforth

## About Bailey

Major: Communication Disorders  
Hometown: Doniphan, NE

Activities involved in:  
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Mortar Board  
Kearney Student Speech Language  
Hearing Association  
Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society  
Gold Torch Society

# Q & A with Bailey

**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 your 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.

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