

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association

"Your opportunity to explore new ideas, be engaged and stay connected to UNL"

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**Welcome new Emeriti
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Association Members**



UNL Shines as a Member of the Big Ten Action Alliance

There is a strong academic side of the Big Ten to which UNL both contributes and benefits from greatly.

Wake Up to Well-being

Learn the benefits of having a positive attitude as we age and about the nine dimensions of well-being.

Book Review

Explore the incredible friendship of two different ladies that helped create the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

SHARING THE AMAZING WORK OF THE ERA COMMITTEES!

BY LARRY DLUGOSH, ERA PRESIDENT

Summer seemed to zip by very quickly and we are ready for the Fall schedule! Fall is an exciting time as students return to campus and make it come alive again. Fall is also a time when the Emeriti and Retirees Association (ERA) introduces new general membership luncheons, coffees, and tours. Please check out the membership luncheon program offerings for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025; they are excellent! As an added benefit, the ERA just renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with the UNL OLLI group so we can continue to collaborate on programs as well as receive a \$10.00 discount for Olli membership.

It is shaping up to be another great year for the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association. Your Board of Directors has been very busy working on plans to implement the strategic goals that were adopted by the Board in December of 2023. One of the goals is to implement an on-line payment and events registration system for the UNL ERA.

In July, the University of Wisconsin-Madison provided a 2-hour workshop for the UNL-ERA Software Committee to examine software that would improve our capacity to register members for events and provide them with the option to pay for the registration on-line with a credit card. The Committee is looking at a package called Wild Apricot, an organizational management software that could be of great benefit to the UNL-ERA. The association is adding approximately 90-100 memberships per year so the need for updated management tools is crucial.

Another committee (Branding and Marketing) has been meeting to develop a 'brand' for the UNL-ERA so the association can be more effectively marketed to members, prospective members, and potential sponsors. Currently we do not have a logo or any kind of graphics to identify the association and we do not offer any way to recognize our members with a membership card. Nor do we have any attire or paraphyllia to market to members. Perhaps the most important thing is that we need a solid mission statement and stated vision for the future as we seek out sponsors and collaborators.

The Partnership Committee (formerly The Mentoring Committee) has identified groups within and outside of the university that may be willing to partner with the UNL-ERA to provide volunteer opportunities for those who are interested. The City of Lincoln and the University are each filled with volunteer opportunities - - - it is a good way to promote the association and a great way to do good things for others.

The more that I am involved with the UNL-ERA, the more I realize how blessed we are to have the 660 (and growing) members. They simply are among the best people I know; smart, fun, and friendly. If you know someone who is looking to enjoy the camaraderie of a great organization, please invite them to luncheon or coffee or take them on one of the sponsored tours. They will thank you for thinking of them.



WELCOME NEW ERA MEMBERS!

BY DON WEEKS, ERA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Welcome to the 120 new ERA members who joined from January 1, 2024 to August 1, 2024. If you joined during that time period but do not see your name, please contact me at dweeks1@unl.edu so that we can include you in the next newsletter.

Frances M. Abbott, Facilities Planning and Construction
Linda L. Aden, Nebraska Business Information Systems
Esmat Alavi-Behbahani, IT Academic Technology and Support

Marilyn J. Augustyn, School of Computing

Ann F. Baker, University of Nebraska Press

Larry E. Barksdale, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Patrick T. Barrett, University Fleet Management

Toni A. Beggs, Parking and Transit Services

Tina H. Bennett, College of Education and Human Sciences

Stephen C. Behrendt, English

Clifford L. Bettis, Physics and Astronomy

Francene J. Blythe, University Television

Dana W. R. Boden, University Libraries

Andrea Lee Bolland, School of Art, Art History and Design

Diana R. Bonham, Biochemistry

Anita S. Breckbill, University Libraries

Robert E. Brooke, English

Eric S. Buhs, Educational Psychology

Sally Buchholz, Center on Children, Families, and the Law

Amy Nelson Burnett, History

Nancy J. Busch, University Libraries

Karen B. Byleen, Office of the University Registrar

Stephen O. Callaghan, Housing Facilities Maintenance

Charles W. Carpenter, US Meat Animal Research Center

Parks M. Coble, History

Nancy F. Coffey, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Karen L. DeBoer, Nebraska Extension

Debra K. DeWald, AVE Business Center, IANR

Judy Diamond, University Libraries

Eddie R. Dominguez, School of Art, Art History and Design



Donna Marie Dudney, Finance

Deanna K. Ebbeka, School of Natural Resources

Timothy J. Effrein, Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center

Lesley A. Esters, William H. Thompson Scholars Learning Community

James E. Fairchild, College of Business

Audrey J. Fisher, Bureau of Sociological Research

Tammie J. Fischer, Economics

Robert D. Frazier, West Central Research and Extension Center

Nancy G. Frecks, Nebraska Extension

Calvin Peter Garbin, Psychology

Hiliana E. Gleave, Dining Services

Ronald D. Green, Office of the Chancellor

Cheryl W. Gresham, Nebraska Extension

Marilee D. Gunning, Custodial Services

Juan Carlos Gutierrez, Office of the University Registrar

Maria E. Hansen, Lied Center for Performing Arts

Rumiko Handa, College of Architecture

Michelle Carr Hassler, Journalism

Leonard S. Hector, IT Infrastructure Services

Terence A. Hejny, Nebraska LEAD Program

Syed I Hussain, Athletics

Gregg C. Jablonski, University Television

Mary K. Jarvi, Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center

Wendy Kempcke, Alumni Association

Lisa P. King, Child, Youth and Family Studies

Matthew L. Klipfel, Custodial Services

Joan Latta Konecky, University Libraries

Susan M. Kriz, Sheldon Museum of Art

Miriam E. Kuhn, Special Education and Communication Disorders

Mark A. Kyriess, Business and Finance Business Center

Thomas E. Labedz, University Museum

Lisa A. Larkin, Nebraska Extension

Mary Kristine Lauber, College of Law

Mark D. Lee, History

Robert M. Lewis, Animal Science

Deanna M. Lubken, College of Law

Garold W. Mahnken, West Central Research and Extension Center

Mitiku Mamo, Nebraska Extension

Suzan Lynn Manthey, Information Technology Services

Gina Sue Matkin, Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication

Diane T. Matulka, Custodial Services

Fred J. McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service

Ann M. McKeighan, University Television

William O. Miller, Custodial Services

Alan M. Moore, Athletics

Regis F. Moreau, Nutrition and Health Sciences

Sheree L.M. Moser, Child, Youth and Family Studies

Janet P. Near, Management

H Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service

Tai Van Nguyen, Dining Services

Andrea S. Nisley, Nebraska Extension

Patricia R. Norman, University Museum

Gwen C. Nugent, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, and Families and Schools

Susan K. O'Keefe, Greater Nebraska Business Center

Vilma J. Orellana, Custodial Services

Nancy K. Otto, University Television

Rick E. Otto, University Museum

Marvin L. Piepho, University Housing

Maria A. Pocasangre, University Housing

Jay A. Puckett, Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction

Jeffery E. Rech, Student Affairs Business Services

Randall W. Reddecopp, History

Catherine B. Robertson, Athletics

Paul B. Royster, University Libraries

Khalid Sayood, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Robert J. Schmaltz, Food Science and Technology

Mark A. Schroeder, Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension

Lawrence C. Scharmann, Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education

Stephen Shumake, Information Technology Client Services

Dayna E. Souza, Financial Service

Amy M. Spiegel, College of Education and Human Sciences

Pamela J. Spurling, US Meat Animal Research Center

Karen Y. Standley, Student Affairs Business Services

Merle C. Still, West Central Research and Extension Center

Mary C. Sutton, College of Education and Human Sciences

James R. Teichert, West Center Research and Extension Center

Amy Tran, Dining Services

Larry W. VanTassel, Agricultural Economics

Hendrik J. Viljoen, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

Susan J. Walker, Buffett Early Childhood Institute

Jerry E. Weber, Athletics

Shari L. Weiss Shanks, Student Affairs Marketing and Communications

Robert E. Williams, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Sharon A. Wojtasek, The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska

Tracie L. Wolfe, Business Enablement

David Wishart, School of Global Integrative Studies

Maryann Wynne, Athletics

Gennady Yashirin, Nebraska Unions

Dean W. Young, International Quilt Museum

Keith Allen Zaborowski, Housing: Operations and Support

UNL EMERITI AND RETIREE ASSOCIATION'S FIRST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE!

BY PATRICIA CREWS, ERA AWARDS CO-CHAIR

Over the past years, ERA members' contributions pushed the scholarship fund total over the endowment threshold. That means one \$1,000 scholarship can be awarded each year to a UNL sophomore or junior.

The \$1,000 ERA UNL student scholarship is need-based and awarded to a sophomore or junior, recognizing that there are fewer scholarship opportunities for second- and third-year students than for freshmen. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid selects scholarship recipients.

We are so excited to share the bio of our first scholarship recipient, Grace Nguyen! Grace is majoring in biochemistry with a minor in Psychology. She was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, and graduated from Pius X High School.

Her parents and grandparents immigrated to the United States from Vietnam in the early 90's and have worked hard to provide a stable life for their families. Grace's father received his associate degree while her mother received her bachelor's degree making her a second-generation college student.

In her spare time, Grace likes to read and do crafts like making bracelets. At University of Nebraska-Lincoln she is part of VSA (Vietnamese Student Association) and ASU (Asian Student Union) and a Biochemistry ambassador. At her local parish, she is a youth group leader for the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement. She is also a volunteer at Bryan Hospital in the Emergency Department. Her future career goal is to be a physician assistant that specializes in pulmonology.



Grace Nguyen



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UNL SHINES AS A MEMBER OF THE BIG TEN ACTION ALLIANCE

BY MARJORIE KOSTELNIK, ERA AWARDS CO-CHAIR

Whenever people talk about the 'Big Ten' the conversation commonly revolves around sports. This is no surprise since the **Big Ten Athletic Conference** has been around for more than 120 years and currently oversees 28 official conference sports across its member campuses. With such a large sports portfolio, it's no wonder the Big Ten is often viewed by the public as exclusively sports-centered. However, that perception falls short of reality. There is a strong academic side of the Big Ten to which UNL both contributes and benefits from greatly. This is addressed by our membership in the **Big Ten Academic Alliance**.

UNL's Entry into the Big Ten Academic Alliance

When the University of Nebraska Lincoln officially moved to the Big Ten on July 1, 2011, it became a member of both the Big Ten Athletic Conference and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). The CIC was a collaborative body designed to enhance the academic missions of Big Ten member institutions. In 2016, the CIC was renamed the **Big Ten Academic Alliance**. This action was taken to emphasize the Big Ten's scholastic profile among its peers, as well as to communicate more effectively with policy makers, government officials and funders.



Marjorie is a former Dean of UNL's College of Education and Human Sciences. Subsequently, she served as interim senior vice chancellor for UNL, senior associate to the President for the Budget Reduction Team project, a UNL Ombuds, and a faculty member in Child, Youth and Family Studies. Prior to coming to UNL, Marjorie spent 20 years at Michigan State on the faculty and then as chair of the Department of Family and Child Ecology. There, she participated in a Big Ten Academic Leadership Program described in this article.

In its pursuit of academic excellence, the Big Ten Academic Alliance provides opportunities for member institutions to leverage academic resources and create collaborations related to teaching, research and leadership development among faculty, staff, administrators, and students. For example, some current core academic initiatives taking place across the Big Ten today include:

- Enhancing library collections and access
- Developing technology collaborations to build capacity at reduced costs
- Leveraging purchasing and licensing agreements through economies of scale
- Providing leadership and professional development programs for faculty and staff
- Promoting study abroad and other global collaborations for students and faculty
- Creating course sharing mechanisms to increase student access to content across institutions
- Developing mechanisms for supporting and promoting joint research initiatives

When UNL became part of the Big Ten, former Chancellor Harvey Perlman made clear that we were joining an academic enterprise as well as one governing athletics. The University was already partnering with several Big Ten institutions in projects such as the digital humanities, transportation engineering, and interdisciplinary research on environmental change in Antarctica. By formally joining the Big Ten, the entire campus had more opportunities to engage in educational endeavors like these. Ultimately, the academic benefits of Big Ten membership have included accessing new colleagues across Big Ten institutions as well as developing new opportunities, expectations, and goals related to research, creative activity, teaching and outreach. Thus, from UNL's earliest days of Big Ten membership, enhancing the academic enterprise was top of mind

Examples of Current Big Ten Academic Alliance Initiatives

The following programs illustrate some of the **Big Ten Academic Alliance** initiatives that contribute to UNL's scholarly mission. Additional examples can be found on the Big Ten Academic Alliance website (<https://btaa.org/home>).

The **Big Ten Summer Research Program (SRP)** gives talented undergraduate students from underrepresented and historically underserved groups a chance to come to UNL from other institutions to enhance their academic skills. The program is carried out for ten weeks during the summer, with students participating in varied research projects under the guidance of faculty mentors from a wide array of disciplines. The SRP provides an average stipend of \$6,000- \$7,000 to each student, on-campus housing for 10 weeks, a meal plan and access to other campus services, social excursions, and travel opportunities.



To enhance SRP enrollments, the **Big Ten Academic Alliance** markets the program across partner institutions through a Mellon Foundation funded grant program, targeting underrepresented students for potential graduate education. Moreover, graduate student application fees are waived for students who successfully complete the SRP program and then apply to a Big Ten school for advanced work.

It is a point of pride that UNL's Summer Research Program is as one of the Big Ten's largest and most exemplary in terms of interdisciplinary engagement, faculty involvement and student enrollments (averaging 100 to 130 students per year). It is seen as a premier model across the Big Ten in providing outstanding summer research experiences. As such it serves as a pipeline for increasing the number of underrepresented students pursuing graduate studies and research careers. See this recent news story for further examples of program impact. <https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/gradstudies/17642/95821>.

The **Big Ten Traveling Scholar Program** enables doctoral students enrolled at UNL to spend up to a full academic year engaging in specialized courses of study at other Big Ten institutions. These are arranged in agreement with the student's advisor and a faculty member at the partner institution. Approved experiences are ones not specifically available at UNL, such as examining unique library collections or working in specialized laboratories. During their year in the program, students remain registered at UNL and pay fees as if they were in Lincoln. Credits earned are accepted by the Graduate College and transferred to the student's transcript.

The **Big Ten Academic Leadership Program (ALP)** began in 1989 to support the development of academic leadership and managerial skills among faculty. Such leadership might be exercised within formal administrative roles (such as unit administrators) or within teams of colleagues and staff members. The program is designed to confront the challenges of academic administration within research institutions and to help faculty and executive-level professional staff navigate the ever-changing terrain of academic demands. Currently, the program is delivered via a blend of on-line interactive sessions as well as two multi-day in-person visits to two different Big Ten campuses. Annually, each Big Ten institution chooses five ALP fellows for the program. UNL's inaugural ALP class came on board during the 2011-2012 school year. Since then, 65 fellows have participated from UNL. This number includes individuals from every college and multiple departments across the institution.

The **Deans Leadership Program (DLP)** enables newly appointed deans to address questions and situations that confront and confound them while working toward solutions that benefit their college, colleagues, and them personally. This coming academic year, three current UNL administrators will participate in the DLP program.

The **Department Executive Officers Program (DEO)** is a highly interactive program that fosters skills to manage the diverse and complex responsibilities of executive officers while exploring their own leadership practices. This three-day program, administered by the Big Ten Academic Alliance, includes workshops on topics such as conflict resolution, time management, faculty development, performance reviews, and group problem solving. Each year, up to five department heads and chairs from UNL are selected as DEO Fellows.

The **Big Ten Retirees Association (BTRA)** was founded to enhance faculty and staff experiences upon retirement. There are retirees' associations found on each Big Ten campus. Our UNL chapter is officially named the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and is an active participant in BTRA. The overall aim is to explore solutions to common problems and to become better acquainted with the workings of the BRTAs on each campus. Each year a different Big Ten institution hosts a conference to share ideas about programming, membership engagement, finances, and communication. UNL will host the BTRA group in 2028.

Conclusion

Many of us in the emeriti ranks already know about Big Ten sponsored-programs like these and some of us have engaged in them as participants or mentors during our careers. Others may find some that are new to them. In either case, this fall, as we head toward a new academic year it will be useful to remind ourselves and others that the Big Ten is a holistic alliance, emphasizing excellence in our scholarly pursuits as well as in sports. That's a winning combination both for the Big Ten and for UNL! **GO BIG RED!**



A group picture from the 2024 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference. [A Conference report from this year's meeting held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, can be found at 2024 Big 10 Retiree Association Conference.](#)

WAKE UP YOUR WELL-BEING

BY CONNIE BOEHM, ERA PUBLICATIONS CHAIR

There is nothing more rewarding than to learn about the success of a student with whom you supported in their academic career. Recently as I was conducting research on the well-being of older adults, I learned that Dr. Matthew Fullen, who I mentored while at The Ohio State University, created an amazing model for well-being in older adults. His work is highlighted in numerous publications and is leading the way in declaring that well-being looks a little different for the aging population.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln uses an eight-dimension model for well-being. Dimensions for the UNL model are: Social, Physical, Intellectual, Career, Environmental, Spiritual, Financial and Emotional. We will add another dimension to our discussions within the ERA and add a dimension that Dr. Fullen calls a Developmental dimension (Sayer, 2019). The Developmental dimension is characterized by hopeful and realistic perceptions of aging. Some research indicates that if one has a positive view of getting older the person will live as much as 7.5 years longer than someone with negative beliefs about aging.



Some resources for each of the well-being dimensions are listed below. **PLEASE CLICK THE UNDERLINED TEXT AND CHECK OUT THE RESOURCE.**

Social-Social well-being involves creating and sustaining healthy, diverse relationships. Check out the social well-being assessment!

Physical-This resource provides a number of up-to-date articles and tools for physical well-being.

Intellectual well-being involves maintaining curiosity and keeping the mind active. 10 Creative Intellectual Well-being Activities

Career-Career well-being is how you use your particular skills and talents to contribute to activities that you find rewarding and enjoyable. Working Post Retirement

Environmental-Climate Change and the Elderly. Environmental well-being involves contributing to a safe, healthy environment in your home and community.

Spiritual-Spiritual well-being is seeking purpose and meaning in life beyond yourself. Practicing religion can be part of spiritual well-being. Awe Video (one of my favorite activities)

Financial-The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau defines financial well-being as when an individual can fully meet their current and ongoing financial obligation, can feel secure in their financial future and is able to make choices that allow them to enjoy life. Check out this article: Making Ends Meet: Financial Strain and Well-Being Among Older Adults

Emotional-Healthy Emotional Aging Better Up defines emotional well-being as the ability to produce positive emotions, moods, thoughts, and feelings, and to be resilient when faced with adversity.

Developmental-Think More Positively.

Each issue of the ERA newsletter will feature a well-being section with contributions from members. Please let me know if you would like to be featured!

Life is good

BOOK REVIEW—THE FIRST LADIES

BY MARIE BENEDICT AND VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY

REVIEW WRITTEN BY VICKI HIGHSTREET, ERA ENGAGEMENT CHAIR

Reading has always been one of my passions. It fulfills my **intellectual well-being** as well as my **social and emotional well-being** when I'm sharing books with my friends and colleagues. There are times I need it for my mental health as I identify books that are more self-help in nature.

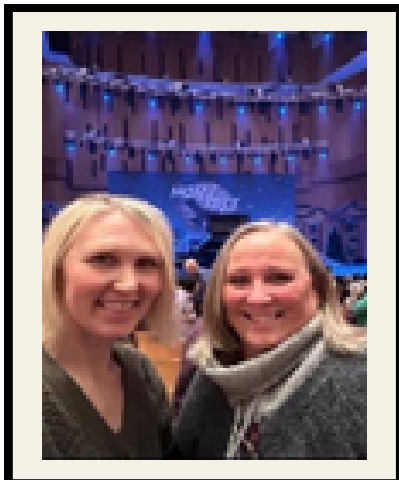
I've always been a fan of Eleanor Roosevelt and the history behind how she influenced people, policy and progress. This novel is about the partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

Mary McLeod Buthune was the daughter of formerly enslaved parents. She was strong in her convictions as an activist and educator. You might recognize the name Buthune from the HBCU[CB1] Buthune Cookman College. Mary was the founder of that institution. Education was very important to Eleanor Roosevelt and hearing of Mary's work was eager to make her acquaintance. They were initially being drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education. The two became best friends and confidants with secrets, hopes, and dreams. They stuck together through tragedy and triumph.



Eleanor and Mary began to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moved toward her own agenda separate from FDR's after the discovery of FDR's private love affair. The First Lady became quite controversial for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights, often receiving threats. This fueled the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality. It was not without pushback from both outside influences and some of the members of FDR's staff.

Eleanor and Mary were constantly learning from each other. They had the type of friendship that they would call out the other for mistaken beliefs or inappropriate behavior based on those same beliefs. They would then work forward to ensure that others had a better understanding of what was appropriate and accurate. The actions they took and the connections they made were essential parts of their learning journey. The story itself is eye opening and evolves in a time in history where two different women created a singular friendship that helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.



Vicki and her daughter, Andrea, enjoying a concert at the Holland.

Vicki is a forty-year employee at the University of Nebraska. She is passionate about working with young professionals in personal and professional development. She is enjoying retirement making time for friends, events (at the LIED) and Nebraska athletics. . . and her wonderful grandson!

THE ERA PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO CONNECT, ENGAGE AND SERVE. THE NEXT FEW PAGES HIGHLIGHT THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

A LOOK AHEAD AT FALL 2024 AND SPRING 2025 PROGRAMMING

October 17, 2024

Speaker: Dr. John Hibbing, Foundation Regent University Professor, Political Science, UNL

Topic: "Polarization and the 2024 Election"

Location: East Campus Union, Arbor Time: 11:30 am



November 14, 2024

Speaker: TBD

Topic: Barkley Memorial Center Tour and Speaker

Location: 4075 East Campus Loop S Time: 11:30 am



December 12, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Rodney Bennett, Chancellor, UNL

Topic: Updates from the University

Location: Nebraska Innovation Campus Time: 11:30 am



January 21, 2025

Speaker: Dr. Karen Kassebaum, Global Inclusion Lead, Hudl

Topic: Inclusion and Belonging

Location: East Campus Union Time: 11:30 am



February 12, 2025

Speaker: Dr. Adrien Wisnicki, Professor, English Department, UNL

Topic: Artificial Intelligence Today and Tomorrow

Location: East Campus Union Time: 11:30 am



March 13, 2025

Speaker: Michael Forsberg, Research Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources, UNL

Topic: Photography in the Wild

Location: East Campus Union Time: 11:30 am



April 10, 2025

Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Stevens, Susan J. Rosowski Professor, Psychology, UNL

Topic: Canine Research and the ManyDogs Project

Location: East Campus Union Time: 11:30 am



Get your \$10 discount on an OLLI membership

ERA members can purchase a yearly membership (value \$75) at a discount rate of \$65 when they join or renew their membership using the OLLI online process at <https://olli.unl.edu>. Click on the red tab at the top of web page labelled "Register Online." This discount is available now through the end of day on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 (day one for registration for OLLI Term 2 courses) by applying this promo code: emeriti25.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BY VICKI HIGHSTREET, ERA ENGAGEMENT CHAIR

Bring to any monthly ERA meeting

Coats, hats and mittens for students at UNL



September 16 (EC) September 17-19 City Campus

Event: Career Services

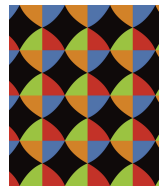
Contact: Ronesha Love, rhoagland3@unl.edu



Various Times

Event: East Campus Quilt Museum

Contact: Lindy Clausen, lclausen3@unl.edu



Various Times

Event: Husker Vote Coalition (training required)

Contact: Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@unl.edu



Various Times and Various Locations

Event: Engage Lincoln

Contact: Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@unl.edu



October 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Event: Connect Lincoln

Location: Lincoln Homeless Coalition

Contact: Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@unl.edu



September 30, 11:00 am, October 1,2,3, 11:00 am

Event: Homecoming Blood Drive

Activity: To donate blood

Contact: [UNL Homecoming website](http://unl.edu/homecoming)



RECAPPING PAST PROGRAMMING

SPRING 2024 TOURS BY NANCY MITCHELL

April 23, 2024 - Kiewit Hall, College of Engineering

ERA members explored Kiewit Hall, the innovative new home of undergraduate engineering education for the College of Engineering. The result of much careful planning (372 meetings with 150 individuals to be exact!), the state-of-the-art space is designed to change the perception of engineers and their work. Kim Wilson, Special Assistant to the Dean and Professor of Landscape Architecture, who oversaw the \$190 million new facility construction and renovation, and Stacy Spale, Interior Designer and Associate Principal at Clark Enersen, guided the tour.



May 13, 2024 - The Davis Global Center

ERA members and guests had the opportunity to converse with then UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, and tour The Davis Global Center to learn firsthand how UNMC is transforming health care education with its groundbreaking innovations in technology. Located on UNMC's Omaha campus, the Davis Global Center serves as the hub for a statewide network of interconnected education centers for faculty in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Norfolk, and Lincoln to promote experiential and interactive training opportunities.



May 21, 2024 - ERA/OLLI Special Afternoon at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts

The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association (ERA) and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) worked with the staff at the Lied to offer members a preview of the exciting programs scheduled for the 2024-25 season and a backstage tour of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.



SPRING 2024 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THESE PROGRAMS OR WATCH FOR THE FIRST TIME FOLLOW THIS LINK



“Ensuring Food and Water Security for All: Daugherty Global Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska” with Frances Hayes, director of communications and public relations, Water for Food Global Institute. **January 23, 2024**

“Global Affairs at a Crossroads - The Future of Freedom” with Tyler White, associate professor of practice, director, National Security Program, UNL Political Science. **March 21, 2024**



“Nutrition and Brain Health” with Heather Rasmussen, Ph.D., RDN, LMNT, associate professor, Interim Chair of the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences and Director of the Professional Studies in Dietetics graduate program. **February 20, 2024**

Don Weeks, Tom McFarland, Pam Edwards and Roshan Pajngar presented at the **Pre-Retirement Seminar** on **April 10, 2024**.

COFFEE CHATS SPRING AND FALL 2024





The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board mindfully watches obituaries and posts information on the website regarding deceased emeriti and retirees who are honored with a moment of silence at meetings. The following names were announced since May 1, 2024. According to board policy, a \$500 contribution will be made each year to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Scholarship fund in honor of the ERA members who have died that year.

Lloyd Ambrosious College of Arts and Sciences
Joan Sampson Anderson College of Education and Human Sciences
Karen Sue Amen, wife of James Goeke, School of Natural Resources
Robert Broman, Chemistry
Christine Marie Thiesfeld-Carranza, wife of Miguel Carranza, Sociology
Dave Dolezal, University Printing
Dorothy Duey, Wife of Doug Duey, Nebraska Extension
Judy Fredrick, Wife of Roy Fredrick, Ag Economics
Ted Hartung, IANR associate VC, Dean CASNR
E. Charles Healey, College of Education and Human Sciences
Barbara Howard, spouse of Dan Howard, Art and Art History
Colleen Jones, College of Business
Patricia Lacquement, Admissions and Greek Affairs
John Lambert, Nebraska Extension
Aloysius 'Al' Mach, Custodial Services
Marilyn T. McDowell, University Administration
Lloyd 'Bruce' Meyer, Agronomy and Horticulture
Venita Joan Mittelstaedt, wife of Robert Mittelstaedt, College of Business
Ann Nickerson, Wife of Ken Nickerson, Biological Sciences
Roger Spiehs, Purchasing and Procurement
Dean Waddel, University Libraries

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