Alpha Omega Alpha Spring Convocation and Faculty Honors Convocation

March 27, 2014
12:00 noon
Eppley Science Hall Amphitheater
Dr. Paul Plotz was born in Brooklyn, New York into a large medical family. He attended Harvard Medical School where he began his research career with Professor Bernard Davis, taking a year off to work full time in the lab and to publish several papers on the mode of action of antibiotics. He completed his internship and residency in Medicine at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and in 1965, moved to Washington, DC to work at the NIH where he has remained, with only brief interruptions. Dr. Plotz has received a number of prizes including the Paul Klemperer Award in 2001, the Carol Nachman Prize in 2003, the Roger Demers Prize in 2008, the NIH Directors Award for Mentoring in 2000 and 2008, and has lectured widely. He is a Master of the ACR and of the American College of Physicians. The University of Athens gave him the honorary degree of Doctor Honoris Causa in 2007. The ACR awarded him the Distinguished Rheumatologist Award in 2003 and the Presidential Gold Medal in 2013. He retired officially from NIH in 2011 as a Scientist Emeritus and is currently serving there as a Senior Clinician.
AOA Nominees

2014 Student Nominees

Class of 2015

- Whitney Bossert
- Nicholas Brening
- Karen Deffenbacher
- Blake Helget
- Jery Inbarasu
- Curtis Lachowiez

- Paige Lundy
- Courtney Schroeder
- Samuel Thomsen
- Brandon Wachal
- Kathleen Young

Class of 2014

- Michael Baine
- Laura-Catherine Christensen
- Jesse Cox
- Jennifer Dwyer
- Heidi Hausmann

- Kimberly Huhmann
- Peter Simone
- Bradford Smith
- Stephanie Sutton
- Kelsey Watts

2014 Alumni Nominees

- David H. Filipi, M.D., Omaha, Nebraska

2014 Faculty Nominees

- Andre C. Kalil, M.D., Internal Medicine
- Craig A. Piquette, M.D., Internal Medicine

2014 House Officer Nominees

- Heather M. Said, D.O., Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Jordan C. Schramm, M.D., Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Dear Colleagues,

The Faculty Honors Convocation is an opportunity for the College of Medicine and the School of Allied Health Professions to recognize significant academic achievements in teaching, service or research by the faculty. Academic achievement is the essence of our mission and distinguishes us from the world around us. It fosters innovative ideas which create new knowledge and services for the benefit of our students, patients, and the community at-large. The academic impact of our faculty is clearly reflected by the array of achievements locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Moreover, the list of honorees is probably incomplete since the names of individuals to be honored at this convocation were supplied by each department and some may have declined the invitation to be honored.

We also take this opportunity to recognize those faculty members who met successfully the intense scrutiny of peer review and were promoted and/or tenured during the past year.

Exceptional and Outstanding Achievement
• A unique award presented by an entire class, school, college, national or international organization.
• A significant administrative position in a national or international organization.

Special Achievement
• An award presented by a department or group of residents.
• An elected position in a local organization.
• Honorary mention teaching awards.
• Service or research awards from other organizations.
• Other awards/administrative positions.

I congratulate all of the faculty listed in the program for your achievements and commend you for your contribution to the growing reputation of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions for excellence.

Sincerely,

Bradley E. Britigan, M.D.
Dean, College of Medicine
Exceptional Achievement

College of Medicine/Class of 1962
Basic Science Outstanding Teacher Award

The 1962 College of Medicine graduating class, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary in 1987, created the “Class of 1962 Basic Science Outstanding Teacher Award.” It is intended that this honor will inspire and foster continued excellence in classroom teaching and will honor, substantially and annually, one distinguished professor who has contributed greatly to the education of aspiring medical students. In 2007, the College of Medicine supplemented this award to recognize exemplary teaching by a basic scientist.

2013 Recipient: Gordon L. Todd, Ph.D.
Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy

Pioneering Women in Medicine Award 2013

The UNMC Pioneering Women in Medicine Award was created in 2012 by Carol Swarts, M.D., COM ’59. Dr. Swarts seeks to recognize the importance of dedicated teaching faculty who enrich the lives of students and shape outstanding health care providers. The award is given to a basic science teaching faculty in the College of Medicine and may be used as a cash award or to support the recipient’s teaching technology, teaching-related research, or faculty development.

The Pioneering Women in Medicine Award also recognizes the contributions and lifelong friendships of Margaret Hancock Peterson, M.D., COM’ 59; Marilyn Myers, M.D., COM ’59; Carol Swarts, M.D., COM ’59; and Gretchen Glode Berggren, M.D., COM ’58.

2013 Recipient: David C. McMillan, Ph.D.
Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience

University of Nebraska Awards 2013

Thomas R. Porter, M.D.
Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award

Susan Swindells, M.B.B.S.
Innovation, Development and Engagement Award

Edward V. Vandenberg, M.D.
Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award
UNMC Distinguished Scientists 2013

This award, sponsored by the Chancellor, recognizes those UNMC researchers who have been among the most productive scientists in the country over the past five years. Criteria for the award include the researcher’s history of leading an outstanding research program, publishing research results in journals of the highest quality, and showing the ability to attract and retain extramural funding. One individual is named UNMC Scientist Laureate, which is the highest recognition given to a UNMC scientist.

UNMC Scientist Laureate
Howard S. Fox, M.D., Ph.D.
Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience

UNMC Distinguished Scientists
Andre C. Kalil, M.D., Internal Medicine
Kusum Kharbanda, Ph.D., Internal Medicine
William B. Rizzo, M.D., Pediatrics
Harold D. Schultz, Ph.D., Cellular and Integrative Physiology

UNMC New Investigators
The New Investigators Award recognizes those UNMC researchers who have secured their first NIH funding and have demonstrated scholarly activity, such as presentation and publication.

Katherine J. Jones, Ph.D., Physical Therapy Education
Stephen K. Obaro, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., Pediatrics
Cheng Wang, Ph.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology

UNMC Research Leadership Award
The Research Leadership Award recognizes those UNMC researchers previously recognized as Distinguished Scientists who have a longstanding research funding history and also serve as research leaders and mentors on campus.

Kaushik P. Patel, Ph.D., Cellular and Integrative Physiology
Wallace B. Thoreson, Ph.D., Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Outstanding Achievement

Robert T. Binhammer, Ph.D.
Hirschmann Prize for Teaching Excellence
Golden Apple Award – Basic Science
American Medical Student Association
Senior Class

Julia A. Bridge, M.D.
President, International Society of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology

Matthew J. DeVries, M.D.
Hirschmann Prize for Teaching Excellence
Golden Apple Award – Clinical
American Medical Student Association
Senior Class

Corrine K. Hanson, Ph.D.
Researcher of the Year
School of Allied Health Professions

Sarah Keim Janssen, Ph.D.
Golden Apple Award
American Medical Association
Freshman Class

William L. Lyons, M.D.
Outstanding Teacher Award
UNMC Faculty Senate

Geoffrey M. Talmon, M.D.
Golden Apple Award
American Medical Association
Sophomore Class
Special Achievement

Samuel M. Cohen, M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman, Expert Panel
Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association

Jeffrey S. Cooper, M.D.
Faculty Teaching Award
Emergency Medicine Residents

Kevin L. Garvin, M.D.
Chair, Educational Committee
The Hip Society

2013 Wilson Guest Speaker Lectureship
Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City, NY

Kaleidoscope Visionary Award
University Hospital Auxiliary
The Nebraska Medical Center

Katherine J. Jones, Ph.D., PT
Editor’s Choice
BMJ Quality Safety

Teri Jo Mauch, M.D., Ph.D.
Member, Executive Committee
American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Nephrology

Benita L. McVicker, Ph.D.
Basic Science Investigator Award
Department of Internal Medicine

Joseph F. Norman, Ph.D., PT, CCS
Chair, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Specialty Council
American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties

Steven W. Remmenga, M.D.
Chairman, District VI
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and
American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Member, Executive Board
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and
American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology
John A. Scherschel, M.D.
Governor-Elect, American College of Cardiology, Nebraska
President-Elect, Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

Harold D. Schultz, Ph.D.
Plenary Lecturer at the 24th International Symposium of the Autonomic Nervous System
American Autonomic Society, Hawaii, HI

Carl V. Smith, M.D.
Excellence in Teaching Award
Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Wallace B. Thoreson, Ph.D.
Senior Scientific Investigator Award
Research to Prevent Blindness

Dawn M. Venema, Ph.D., PT
Achievement in Education Award
Nebraska Physical Therapy Association

Weining (Ken) Zhen, M.D.
Outstanding Contribution Award: International Experts
Chinese Society for Radiation Oncology

Matthew C. Zimmerman, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Midwest Affiliate Research Committee
American Heart Association
The UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association is proud to recognize the dedicated faculty members who have served the College of Medicine for 25 years.

Steven D. Carson, Ph.D.  Pathology and Microbiology
Kevin L. Garvin, M.D.  Orthopaedic Surgery
Richard G. MacDonald, Ph.D.  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Monty S. Mathews, M.D.  Family Medicine
Elizabeth C. Reed, M.D.  Internal Medicine
Paul H. Sammut, M.D.  Pediatrics
Geoffrey M. Thiele, Ph.D.  Internal Medicine
Susanna G. Von Essen, M.D.  Internal Medicine

The UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association is pleased to recognize the following UNMC faculty member who received an Alumni award in 2013.

Sheila J. Ellis, M.D.  Early Career Achievement Award
Anesthesiology
Promotion and Tenure
Effective July 1, 2013

Tenure at the Rank of Associate Professor:

Kai Fu, M.D., Pathology and Microbiology
Katherine J. Jones, Ph.D., Physical Therapy Education

Promotion to Assistant Professor:

Jeana L. Benton, M.D., Psychiatry
Beth R. Burton, M.D., Anesthesiology
Lindsey L. Corr, M.D., Psychiatry
Linsey M. Donner, MPH, MLS(ASCP)CM, Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Shan Fan, M.D., Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Terry Huang, M.D., Anesthesiology
Jana L. Koth, BS, R.T.(R)(T), Radiation Science Technology Education
Thomas A. Nicholas IV, M.D., Anesthesiology
Patty J. Scholting, BS, PA-C, Physician Assistant Education

Promotion to Associate Professor:

Sandeep Agrawal, Ph.D., Surgery
Daniel R. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D., Internal Medicine
Stephen J. Bonasera, M.D., Ph.D., Internal Medicine;
  Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience (courtesy)
Jeffrey W. Delaney, M.D., Pediatrics
Jose Americo M. Fernandes Filho, M.D., Neurological Sciences
Marius C. Florescu, M.D., Internal Medicine
Vikas Gulati, M.D., Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
James M. Hammel, M.D., Surgery
Jason T. Helvey, M.D., Radiology
Katherine J. Jones, Ph.D., Physical Therapy Education
Syed AJ Kazmi, MBBS, Pathology and Microbiology
Chad A. LaGrange, M.D., Surgery
Sicong Li, D.Sc., Radiation Oncology
Chi Lin, M.D., Ph.D., Radiation Oncology
Lori J. Maness-Harris, M.D., Internal Medicine
Sean V. McGarry, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation
Jason J. Miller, M.D., D.M.D., Surgery
Lori K. Reed, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation
Vijay Shivaswamy, MBBS, Internal Medicine
Kari A. Simonsen, M.D., Pediatrics
Promotion to Professor:

Stephen H. Caplan, Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Nora M. Chapman, Ph.D., Pathology and Microbiology
Maurice Godfrey, Ph.D., Pediatrics (courtesy), Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy)
Ann Haskins Olney, M.D., Pediatrics
Youri I. Pavlov, Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (courtesy); Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy)
Aaron R. Sasson, M.D., Surgery
Edibaldo Silva-Lopez, M.D., Ph.D., Surgery
Paul L. Sorgen, Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Zhixin Zhang, Ph.D., Pathology and Microbiology