

# Department of Family Medicine

**Newsletter - Fall 2023**

## Family Medicine Upcoming Events



## November Business Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 7

Dinner included and department group photo will be taken. More details to come.

### New Faculty, Staff, APPs

#### New APPs:

**Kara Christensen, APRN - BMC**

**Angela Curran, APRN - DOC**



Kara Christensen, APRN



Angela Curran, APRN

#### New Faculty:

**Dr. Allison Bird - DOC**

**Dr. Daniel Brown - Elkhorn**

**Dr. Zachary Ehresman - BMC**

**Dr. Denai Gordon - Girls Inc.**



Allison Bird, DO



Daniel Brown, DO



Zachary Ehresman, MD



Denai Gordon, MD



# Resident Graduation

The Department of Family Medicine gathered for the 2023 graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 24. The ceremony was held at Falconwood Park in Bellevue, Nebraska.

## 2023 Resident Graduation Awards and Recognition



Department of Family Medicine 2023 Resident Graduates

# Welcome new residents!



Department of Family Medicine 2023 incoming residents

# Graduate Medical Education Symposium

The 5th Annual Graduate Medical Education Research Symposium was held on May 3. The Department of Family Medicine was well represented by several residents.

## Posters:

Diana Bosworth - Medical School Elective on Breastfeeding Medicine Successful, Possible Model for Addressing Curriculum Gap

Steven Prueitt - Perceived Barriers of Implementing Battlefield Acupuncture in Civilian Family Medicine Clinics: A Qualitative Study

Jeffrey Wallman and Cody Masters - Evaluation of Diabetic Eye Screening and Access at Two Outpatient Family Medicine Clinics in Omaha, Nebraska

Brendan George - The Kneed for Stability: Posterior Knee Pain in a Recreational Soccer Player

Ethan Miller - Pediatric Acute Liver Failure During the Pandemic: A Tale of Two Viruses

Jacqueline Baude - A Small Bruise Led to a Large Discovery: Pelvic Mass Presented with Grey Turner's Sign

Rachel Sundman - Not Your Typical Lateral Ankle Sprain

Michael Hall - When Your Teammate Kneeds You

Patricia Zick - Not your TIPICal Neck Pain: Case of Transient Perivascular Inflammation of the Carotid Artery (TIPIc) Syndrome

Ryan Wendt - Treatment of IT Band Tendinopathy and Gerdy's Tubercle Hypertrophy with Dextrose Prolotherapy

Justin Taylor - An Incidentally Found Large Retroperitoneal Liposarcoma

# Resident Research Symposium Results

## Posters:

1st Place - Allison Bird - Non-Genital STIs: A Hidden Disease Reservoir

2nd Place - Sara (Marlatt) Hoffschneider - High Lap Counts in Cesarean Sections Are Linked to Higher Quantitative Blood Loss

## Oral Presentations:

1st Place - Vitor Martins da Silva - Right Coronary Obstruction Presenting as BRASH Syndrome

# Medical Student Education

## Association of American Medical Colleges

### Rankings for College of Medicine

- Clerkship over 90 percentile
- Primary Care over 90 percentile
- Family Medicine over 90 percentile
- Rural over 90 percentile



# Sports Medicine Fellowship

The program is currently interviewing fellowship candidates for the next class. The next academic year will welcome two new fellows to the program.

### Fellowship Program:

- Dr. Michael Hall completed his fellowship in 2023 and now practices at OrthoNebraska.
- Dr. Michael Osterholt will complete the program in 2024.



The Family Medicine Research Leadership Team provides infrastructure support to research activities of Family Medicine faculty, residents and medical students.

[Department of Family Medicine Research SharePoint page](#)

Resources for faculty and residents

- Dedicated study and research support
- Study planning
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications
- Writing and grant support
- Data acquisition
- Data and statistical analysis
- Dissemination of findings
- Funding
- Journal placement

Move your project forward and email Mary Beth Steele to set up a meeting ([marsteele@unmc.edu](mailto:marsteele@unmc.edu)).



# Research Highlights

## Congratulations Dr. Khandalavala!

Co-investigator on NIH All of Us Community Engagement Grant

Dr. Cyrus Desouza – lead for UNMC

- All of Us Research Program Heartland Consortium (AoURP-HC)
- University of Kansas Medical Center and University of Kansas Health System (KUMC-TUKHS). KU – Principle site, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (U-Iowa Health), University of Missouri Medical Center (MU), University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).
- \$7.7 million
- NIH effort to invite 1 million people to help build one of the most diverse health databases in history
- Conduct outreach, engagement, enrollment, retention, and other participant partnership activities in the All of Us Research Program (AoURP)

## Congratulations Dr. Melanie Menning and Dr. Peter Schindler

- 2023 Health Disparities Grant - improving diabetes outcomes in patients who speak Karen or Kanjobal
- *Contraception and Gender Affirming Care* has been accepted into the Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health



Dr. Birgit Khandalavala

# Clinic

## Clinic Presence:

Durham Outpatient Center  
Bellevue Medical Center  
Millard Health Center  
Fontenelle Health Center  
Chalco Health Center  
Eagle Run Health Center  
Elkhorn Health Center  
OneWorld Community Health Center  
Girls Inc. Health Center



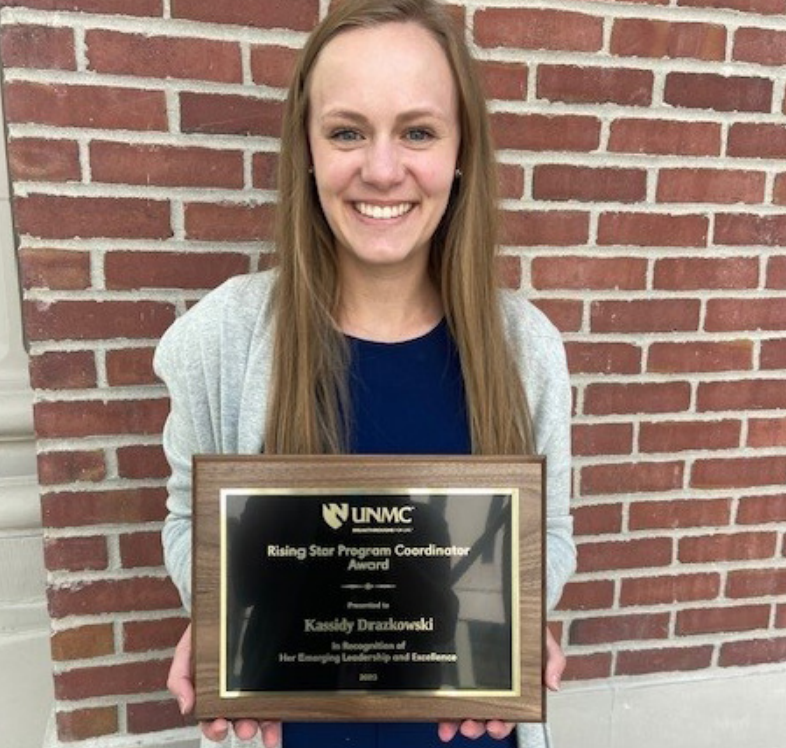
Resident program graduate, Dr. Denai Gordon, joins the faculty as an assistant professor in October and will practice at Girls Inc Health Center. Dr. Drea Jones serves as the medical director of Girls Inc. Health Center.

## Nebraska Area Health Education Center

This past year, 2022-2023, the Nebraska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program received an increase in continuation funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The NE AHEC Program works to recruit and retain health care providers to serve in rural and underserved areas in Nebraska. This past year the NE AHEC Program:

- Graduated 51 students from the AHEC Scholars Program. The NE AHEC Scholars Program is an interprofessional two-year program, part of a national initiative, that prepares health profession students to serve in rural and urban underserved areas of the state.
- Conducted/hosted 186 pipeline program activities for 2,859 students interested in health care, pre-health programs and/or health profession programs across the state, 54% of these attendees were from a rural background.





Kassidy Drazkowski

### Universidad Anáhuac Veracruz share article about UNMC partnership

Drs. Melanie Menning, Armando de Alba, Liliana Bronner, and Jeff Harrison are featured. [Read the article here.](#)

### Organizers call college's SHPEP summer a success

This summer, the college grew its LEAP program and launched the new REACH program as the school year began. Featuring Liliana Bronner. [Read the article here.](#)

## Department Awards and News

### Rising Star Program Coordinator Award: Kassidy Drazkowski

Awarded for her hard work and initiative, Kassidy navigated an accreditation site visit during her first year of employment to ensure the program is in compliance.

### Alpha Omega Alpha Faculty Inductee: Dr. Kim Jarzynka

Dr. Kim Jarzynka will be inducted as a faculty member into Alpha Omega Alpha, an honor society in the field of medicine. Faculty members are inducted for their leadership capabilities, ethical standards, fairness in dealing with colleagues, demonstrated professionalism, achievement in medicine, and a record of service to the school and community.

### U.S. News again ranks UNMC's primary care medical program in nation's top 10

The program was ranked eighth among 123 medical school primary care programs in rankings released today by the magazine. It was also ranked seventh in most medical graduates practicing in rural areas and 35th in medical graduates practicing in primary care fields.

### Dr. Wheatley Retirement Party



Dr. Laeth Nasir, Dr. James Stageman, Dr. Jeff Harrison, Dr. Mike Sitorius, Dr. Doug Wheatley, Dr. Dennis Goeschel, Dr. Dan Haim at Dr. Wheatley's retirement celebration.