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Official E-Newsletter of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Alumni Association

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#LoperWelcome

Businesses around Kearney are wearing their Loper Blue and gearing up to welcome the Lopers by showing their support. The First National Bank of Kearney is teaming up with Louie to offer a warm Loper welcome to new students and their parents. You can join in the festivities by donning your Loper Blue, taking a picture and tagging @UNKAlumni or @UNKearney. Be sure to use the hashtag **#LoperWelcome** and tell us who you are. Your support means the world to us and to our students.

If you want to learn more about supporting the Lopers or would like to send a picture of your office, email lopers@unkalumni.org to find out more.

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Blue Gold Welcome

As students pack to move in to the residence halls, sororities and fraternities assemble for rush, fall sports warm up, and parents brace their hearts to say goodbye – UNK is busy preparing for the celebration that is Blue Gold Welcome Week. Festivities start Friday, Aug. 17 when students move into the residence halls. Opening day brings The Class of 2022 Parade at 3:45 p.m. Friday, on the east side of UNK's Health and Sports Center, followed by Freshman Convocation. Alumni are welcome to cheer on the newest Lopers as they head to their first official event. Parade spectators are encouraged to wear Loper gear. Join us for the Blue Gold Community Showcase and Chancellor's Picnic – more than 200 businesses and campus organizations' booths provide information regarding their offerings from 5 – 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17 on the Campus Greens near the Bell Tower.

Learn more at
<http://unknews.unk.edu/2018/08/14/unk-kick-off-new-year-with-blue-gold-welcome-event-s-community-showcase-is-friday/>

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Highlighting Teachers

We are highlighting teachers for the next issue of *UNK Today*, the alumni magazine, which will hit the presses in Nov. 1. So, we are offering an opportunity to get a pennant for your classroom. We ask that in return you take a picture of yourself in your classroom with your pennant and share it with us. Additionally, we are looking for unique teacher stories to share with our more than 54,000 alumni. Do you have a unique teaching story? Are there many members of your family who are in education and have come through UNK/KSC/NSTC? Let us know. Contact Michelle Widger at the email address below to send your teaching stories or to request a pennant.

Email your name, where you teach and where to send the pennant to Michelle Widger at michelle.widger@unkalumni.org

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC WITH US AT UNK HOMECOMING 2018!

Join the UNK Alumni Association as eleven distinguished alumni are recognized, as well as four UNK Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, during the UNK homecoming festivities that take place the weekend of Sept. 14-15.

Visit www.unkalumni.org/homecoming for a full schedule of events and to purchase tickets.

UNK Distinguished Alumni Awards

Michael Coe '68, MSE '74 (Crete)
Roger Mathiesen '73, MSE '77 (Kearney)
Sandra (Bishop) Olson '71 (Grand Island)
Rakesh Srivastava '02, MSE '05 (Hastings)

Jim Rundstrom Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Mat '99 and Amy Cope '99 (Kearney)

Distinguished Young Alumni Award

Erica (Wendland) Lee '03 (Tarzana, California)

Don Fox Lecturer (Chemistry)

Dr. Susan (McDonald) Fanta '89 (Yankton, South Dakota)
Dr. Kathleen McDonald '87 (Friendswood, Texas)

Gary Thomas Distinguished Music Alumna

Dr. Kelly Miller '93 (Winter Park, Florida)

College of Education Distinguished Educator of the Year

Donald Clark MSE '95 (Kearney)

Athletic Hall of Fame

Matt Bruggeman '96 (football)
William Jacome '08 (men's tennis)
Paula (West) Mayfield '91 (women's track and field)
Lance Pfeiffer '06, MBA '08 (men's track and field)



EXCITING EVENTS

**Pueblo Area Alumni Splash Down Aug. 17**

You and a guest are invited to the home of Harold '64, MSE '68 & Barbara (Andersen) Deselms '62 for a casual pool-side gathering. Sunday, Aug. 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Beer, soft drinks and pizza provided.

RSVP requested at www.unkalumni.org/outstate by Aug. 17.

**Scrambling for Scholarships Rescheduled to Aug. 31**

Due to weather, our annual Scrambling for Scholarships Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 31. So, there is still time to sign up for one last golf event of the season. A day of sun, golf and laughter with fellow Lopers out on the course at Ashland Golf Club in Ashland! What could be better? Check-in at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. start. All golfers must be prepaid.

View details and register at <https://unkalumni.org/omahagolf>

**Kearney Quarterly Scheduled for Oct. 11**

Join the UNK Alumni Association, special guests from UNK and fellow Loper alumni at the Chicken Coop, 2115 Avenue A in Kearney, Thursday, Oct. 11 from 5:30 — 7:30 p.m.

RSVP requested by Oct. 9 at www.unkalumni.org/instate

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We are excited to hear from you!

When you contact us, you will not hit a ridiculously long automated voice mail system. Your email will not land on the wasteland of emails never to be heard from again. Your information is important to us at UNK Alumni. Toni is sincerely awaiting your call to answer your questions. Michelle is here to celebrate your career steps and successes, wish you well on your wedding day and congratulate your new little bundle of joy or as we fondly refer to them, Loper Legacies. Trish is excited to help you set up alumni reunions, events for homecoming and hear your thoughts on Loper gatherings around the nation.

We believe everyone has a story. We love UNK, and we want you to love it, too. No story is too long. We are here to listen to how UNK has impacted your life and read about your journeys, trials and celebrations. What better way to do that than to simply complete class notes and update the contact form on our website. By completing your information, you will be connected to us for the latest news, invitations and opportunities for us to feature your story in an upcoming email or *UNK Today*. Be sure to include pictures that we can highlight in our news stories.

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