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# **The University of Nebraska at Omaha**

**May Commencement 2008**

## ***UNO CHIMES***

*And the chimes ring out for Omaha,  
bidding welcome to old and new, to our Alma Mater,  
Nebraska Omaha, this city's great Nebraska U.*

*We will lift our voice, pledging loyalty,  
for our thoughts and memories are fond and true.*

*Voices loud and strong, sing out praise and gratefulness  
to Omaha Nebraska U!*

*Hail to you, Omaha Nebraska U!*

# Commencement

## University of Nebraska at Omaha

Omaha Civic Auditorium

May 9, 2008

2:00 p.m.

*...to those who dedicate their lives to  
the high calling of instruction  
to all students who shall here  
learn to earn a living  
and to live a cultured life  
not as two processes  
but as one...*

# PROGRAM

## PRELUDE

"Canzona per Sonare No. 2".....G. Gabrielli

## PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1".....E. Elgar  
Palladium Brass

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Interim Senior Vice Chancellor Sheri Noren Everts

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star Spangled Banner".....Key  
Please join in singing led by  
Mr. Timothy Vallier  
Graduating Senior, Music Major

## CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME

Chancellor John Christensen

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President James B. Milliken

## REGENTS' WELCOME

Robert Whitehouse  
Member, Board of Regents

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Mr. Aaron Albin  
"Tomorrow's Heroes"

## PRESENTATION OF CITATION FOR ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Rod Oberle  
Chairman, Alumni Association  
To: Chancellor John Christensen

## PRESENTATION OF CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL

Chancellor John Christensen  
Recipient: Ms. Kathy Pfeiffer

## INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Interim Senior Vice Chancellor Sheri Noren Everts

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Academic Deans

### AND

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Chancellor John Christensen

Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education,  
and Master's  
Bachelor's

Associate Vice Chancellor Deborah Smith-Howell

Arts and Sciences.....Dean Shelton Hendricks  
Engineering.....Associate Dean Raymond Moore  
Education.....Dean John Langan  
Business Administration.....Dean Louis Pol  
Public Affairs and Community Service.....Dean B. J. Reed  
Education and Human Sciences.....Assistant Professor Catherine Huddleston-Casas  
Information Science & Technology.....Dean Hesham Ali  
Communication, Fine Arts and Media.....Dean Gail Baker

## CLOSING

Interim Senior Vice Chancellor Sheri Noren Everts

## RECESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4".....E. Elgar

For the safety and convenience of our guests and out of respect for our graduates, we ask that members of the audience refrain from leaving their seats, congregating near the stage or exiting prior to the close of our ceremonies. A professional photographer will record graduates as they cross the stage. Photos are available from the vendors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Identification of the hood and robe as academic apparel is believed to have originated at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The hoods are a carry-over from the times when monks, who operated these universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter. The robe is an adaptation of the shoulder cape also worn by these same monks while collecting alms.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, a commission of University officials adopted a universal code of design and color for the academic garb. This code has undergone several revisions in subsequent years.

Styling of the robes varies for the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees with the width of sleeve borders and length of the hood increasing with each advanced degree. Hoods are normally not used for bachelor's degrees today. Instead, the tassel colors are used to indicate the degree program. All doctoral degree recipients are indicated by a gold tassel.

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program is a University-wide program providing maximum educational opportunities for students of high ability through special multidisciplinary seminars and participation in an academic level not generally possible in usual curricular offerings.

The program is an outgrowth of the Arts and Sciences Honors program and was initiated in 1978. It is governed through the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and administered through the Honors Coordinator. UNO colleges which implement honors programs include Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Public Affairs and Community Service; Information Science and Technology; and Communication, Fine Arts and Media.

As part of their Honors Program requirements, students undertake a research project that results in a Senior Honors Thesis. Students and their theses topics are listed at the end of the list of graduates. Students who have been designated in this booklet as Honors Program students have fulfilled the academic requirements of this program. Honors Program graduates wear blue and scarlet Honors cords.

## MEDALLION COLORS

Students receiving their baccalaureate degree with honors will be presented medallions in the colors designated.

Summa Cum Laude.....	Red/White
Magna Cum Laude.....	White
Cum Laude.....	Red

## PHI KAPPA PHI

Members of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's most selective all-discipline academic honor organization, shall be recognized by the navy blue and gold honor cords or stoles.

## OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Active student members of the UNO Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, shall be recognized by the blue, white and black honor cords, the official colors of the society.

## PI GAMMA MU

Blue and white cords with the blue tassels honor graduating members of Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science.

## GRADUATION TASSEL COLORS

Doctoral Programs.....	Gold
Cooperative Programs	
Master of Public Health.....	Salmon
College of Arts and Sciences	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Arts for Teachers of Mathematics.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Specialist in Education.....	Light Blue
Bachelor of Arts.....	White
Bachelor of Science.....	Golden Yellow
UNL College of Engineering.....	Orange
Associate.....	Grey-Blue
College of Education.....	
Master of Arts.....	Light Blue
Master of Science.....	White
Specialist in Education.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Education.....	Light Blue
College of Business Administration	
Master of Business Administration.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Business Administration:	
Executive MBA.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Accounting.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Arts.....	Drab (Nugget)
Master of Science.....	Drab (Nugget)
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.....	Drab (Nugget)
College of Public Affairs and Community Service	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Master of Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Master of Social Work.....	Citron
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of General Studies.....	Black
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Bachelor of Science in Social Work.....	Citron
Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Aviation.....	Golden Yellow
College of Education and Human Sciences.....	Maroon
College of Information Science and Technology	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Science.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems.....	Golden Yellow
Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics.....	Golden Yellow
College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media	
Master of Arts.....	White
Master of Music.....	Pink
Bachelor of Arts in Art History.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Communication.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art.....	White
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.....	White
Bachelor of Fine Arts.....	Brown
Bachelor of Music.....	Pink
Bachelor of Science in Communication.....	Golden Yellow

# STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## AARON ALBIN

Aaron Albin, an Omaha native, graduates today with a bachelor of arts in English (with a concentration in writing and linguistics) and a bachelor of arts in Spanish. His commencement address is titled "Tomorrow's Heroes."

At the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), he was a recipient of a Regents Scholarship, the Hansen Distinguished Scholarship and the Marian Basler/Helen Basler Anderson Scholarship. A member of the Honors Program, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta and Sigma Delta Pi, he also was named to the Dean's and Chancellor's Lists several times.

Albin has been active as the secretary for the Friends of Japan, a student organization dedicated to providing opportunities for cultural interaction between American and Japanese students at UNO. In addition, he was a member of the Global Diplomat Program, a team of 15 scholarship recipients through UNO International Studies and Programs that picked up new international students from the airport, helped them transition to living in Omaha and planned outreach events to involve them on campus.

For the past six years, Albin has also assisted exchange students from the Hiroshima College of Foreign Languages. Each summer, he was one of several conversation partners who helped the students practice English conversation skills and showed the students around Omaha. Last year, he became the conversation partner leader and managed relations between conversation partners, host families and faculty.

Fluent in Japanese from 10 years of self-teaching, Albin holds a teaching position at Omaha Japanese School. Upon graduation from UNO, he will venture to Japan for a 90-day stay including work on a linguistics research project involving Japanese.

This fall, he plans to move to Indiana to enter a master's program in linguistics and teach Japanese courses through an associate instructorship. Eventually, Albin wants to earn his Ph.D. in linguistics or second language acquisition studies and become a researcher at a Japanese university.



# CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL RECIPIENT

## KATHY PFEIFFER

Kathy Pfeiffer has been the budget coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) since 2000. She began her service to UNO in 1979 as accounting clerk III. Other positions she has held include accounting technician and budget assistant.

Pfeiffer is responsible for preparing the UNO operating budget. She oversees changes and updates to the budget to ensure the adherence of guidelines set by the University of Nebraska Office of the President and Board of Regents.

Additionally, she represents the Business and Finance division on university committees on behalf of the budget. She also provides budget assistance and training to the campus community, including periodic financial reviews with deans and chairs/department heads.

She participated in the implementation and the ongoing developments of the university's Financial Management and Human Resource System. In addition, she contributed as a team member in the design and implementation of the current budget module.

Before joining the university, Pfeiffer was an accounting clerk I at Wayne State College. There, she processed the student bi-weekly payroll, daily deposits, student loan collections and billings.

Active on campus, Pfeiffer is a volunteer and supporter of the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk. A two-time recipient of the UNO Employee of the Month Award, she was honored for her dedication to the university in June 1986 and January 1997.

Pfeiffer enjoys volunteering for high school athletics and attending a variety of events.

*The Chancellor's Medal at the University of Nebraska at Omaha was established to recognize the contribution of faculty and administrative staff who embody the institution's mission and values. It is bestowed only to those within the university community who have demonstrated unusual excellence.*

# ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## JOHN CHRISTENSEN

John Christensen has served as the 14th chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) since May 2007. He is the first UNO graduate and Omaha native to lead the institution. Christensen earned a master's degree in special education/speech pathology from UNO in 1974.

Christensen has spent nearly his entire academic career at UNO, beginning in 1978 as a faculty member in the College of Education's Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. He, subsequently, served as chair of that department for 12 years.

He was dean of the College of Education from 1998-2003 and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs from 2003 until his appointment as interim chancellor in 2006. As chancellor, Christensen oversees eight colleges, 3,000 faculty and staff, 15,000 students and an annual budget of \$172 million.

A graduate of Omaha Benson High School, Christensen earned a bachelor's degree in speech communications and drama at Dana College in 1971. From 1972-73, he was an instructor in special education and communication disorders at the now-defunct JFK College in Wahoo, Neb.

In 1975, Christensen became a speech-language pathologist in Omaha with Educational Service Unit #3, where he was responsible for elementary and secondary public school children and youth with communication disorders.

From 1976-78, he was co-director of the adult stuttering program at the University of Kansas Department of Speech Pathology/Audiology. The program provided fluency disorders services for the Kansas City and Topeka metropolitan areas, in addition to the central states region. In 1977, Christensen joined the University of Alaska (Fairbanks) as a co-instructor for summer programs dealing with speech-language pathology interventions.

Christensen earned his Ph.D. in 1980 from the University of Kansas in speech pathology/audiology. His research and scholarly activity includes numerous publications and professional reports, book reviews and conference presentations. He has served on more than 75 college, departmental and university committees at UNO.

Active in the community, Christensen has been a member of a number of committees or boards of professional, community and state organizations, including the Omaha Community Partnership, Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools and the Omaha 2000 Steering Committee. He also has been instrumental to the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium, Central High School, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha Home for Boys, Stuttering Foundation of America, Nebraska ADHD, Westside Community Schools and others.

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGRESS

This list includes names of persons who were candidates as of May 1, 2008.  
Degress to be awarded are subject to completion of academic requirements

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Debra Ellen Allwardt, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Master of Social Work, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; PhD in Human Sciences from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Determinants of Job Separation and Future Employment Choices of Nursing Aides Employed in Nursing Homes;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. James Thorson

Larry Cameron Menyweather-Woods, BA, Saint Leo College, 1984; MA, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1985; PhD in Human Sciences from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Significance of the Influence of World View and Racial Socialization on Death Anxiety Beliefs of Black American Men;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. James Thorson

Jonathan Rathsam, BA, Grinnell College 2003; PhD in Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Geometric and Boundary Element Method Simulations of Acoustic Reflections from Rough, Finite, or Non-Planar Surfaces;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Lily Wang

Michael Andrew Seredycz, BA, University of Manitoba, 1998; BS, University of North Dakota, 1998; MS, University of North Dakota, 2000; PhD in Criminal Justice, "Effectiveness of an *Access to Recovery* (ATR) Lake City Offender Reentry Program;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. William Wakefield

Halbana Tarmizi, BA, RWTH Aachen University of Technology, 1996; MA, Michigan State University, 2002; PhD in Information Technology, "Managing Participation in Communities of Practice Through Facilitation;" Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Gert-Jan de Vreede and Dr. Ilze Zigurs

Katharine Mary Tellis, BA, University of California, 2003; Master of Social Work, University of California, 2005; PhD in Criminal Justice, "When the Bedroom is the Crime Scene: Contextualizing Intimate Partner Rape;" Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Peter Simi and Dr. Cassia Spohn

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Anthony Perez Dancer, BA, Morningside College, 1992; MA, University of Missouri, 1997; EdS, University of Missouri, 1998; EdD in Educational Administration, "The Effect of a Required Character Education and Class-Wide Peer Tutoring Program on 5th-Grade Students' Reading and Writing Performance;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. John Hill

Daniel Larkin Frazier, BA, Morningside College, 1980; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1983; EdS, Drake University, 1997; EdD in Educational Administration, "Evaluating the Achievement Outcomes of 5th-Grade Students Following their Enrollment In Federally-Funded Inquiry-Based Classrooms to Determine Program Sustainability;" Dissertation Advisor: Dr. John Hill

### SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Stanford Hendricks, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1980; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1991; Educational Administration and Supervision

### MASTER OF ARTS

Sarah Dale Alden, BS, Mansfield University, 2004; Theatre, "Communication without Borders: The Ostrich Project;" Project Advisor: Dr. Douglas Paterson

Alesha Marie Alvis, BA, Buena Vista University, 2005; English

Gregory Ashley, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1977; MBA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; MA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Psychology, "Self-Awareness: Scale Development and Validation;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Roni Reiter-Palmon

Ekue Atasse Ayika, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Language Teaching

Zolana Jean Baumel, BA, Bellevue University, 1989; BS, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1992; Economics, "Effects of Differences in Class Standing and Gender on the Demand for Higher Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Donald Baum

Kimberly Beth Cooper, BS, University of Georgia, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Michael Patrick Cornick, BA, Brigham Young University, 2005; History, "Modern Film Censorship: Television, Airlines, and Home Entertainment;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jerold Simmons

Jeff B. Crelling, BS, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Katie M. DeVries, BA, Northwestern College, 2002; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Amber Nicole Dodge, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Lori Graceann Durlinger, BA, Central College, 2004; Social Gerontology, "Intergenerational Relationships: A Correlational Study of Quality and Quantity of Grandparent/Grandchild Interactions to Grandparents' Perceived Happiness;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. James Thorson

Samuel Robert Evans, BA, Hastings College, 2004; English

Paul P. Falkowski, BA, Duquesne University, 1978; Social Gerontology, "Efficacy of Religious Rituals for Persons in Late Life Maintaining Spiritual Well-Being;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. James Thorson

Matthew Joseph Fiedler, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Fred Grande, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Communication, "The Intranet and Human Resources: Internal Employee Communication;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Randall Rose

Farrah L. Grant, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Geography, "The Journey to Campus: Commute Mode Choice for University of Nebraska at Omaha Students;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Peake

Kanae Inoue, BS, Tokai University, 2005; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Neil Edward Jones, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Lora L. Kaup, BA, Midland Lutheran College, 2005; Theatre, "Shifting Worlds and Battling Windmills: A Costumer's Design Journey through the Worlds of Dale Wasserman's Musical *Man of La Mancha*" Project Advisor: Dr. Douglas Paterson

Bethany Rose Kowal, BS, Briar Cliff University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Joni L. Lawver, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1978; History, "Settlement of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska: 1854 to 1904;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Sharon Wood

Maria I. Leon, BA, Autonomous University of Bucaramanga, 1990; MA, Autonomous University of Bucaramanga, 1995; Communication, "Families or Kingdoms of Power: A Look at How Latina Immigrants and Caucasian Women Deal with Conflict Communication with Their Male Partners;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Barbara Pickering

Jody A. Ludlow, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; English

Molly Ann McCahill, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; English

Lindsey Marie Miller, BS, Briar Cliff University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Bobbi Jo Olson, BA, University of South Dakota, 2006; English

Alisha Ann Palagi, BS, Northwest Missouri State University, 1994; Theatre

Tara Christine Peerenboom, BS, Eastern Oregon University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Justin Kevin Pence, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Geography, "Measuring Omaha, Nebraska's Urban Sprawl from 1990-2000;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Peterson

Dustin Shay Pendley, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; English

Rebecca Ann Pitz, BA, College of Saint Benedict, 2004; Mathematics, "Quantifying Degrees of Randomness in Word Rhythms of Literary Works;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Konvalina

Lisa Marie Pletan, BS, University of North Dakota, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Sharon Raelene Reddick, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1996; History

Scott Jackson Ricketts, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1998; JD, Creighton University, 2001; English

Jacquelyn Nichole Sartan, BA, Purdue University, 2003; BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Geography

Nicholas Jacob Schmitz, BS, North Dakota State University, 2006; Economics, "Open Space in Residential Subdivisions: Effects of Low Impact Development and Open Space on Single Family Housing Values;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Steven Shultz

Laurie Vernay Seaborne-Borda, BA, University of the Pacific, 2004; Psychology

Ashley Jo Smith, BS, University of Nevada Reno, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Daniel David Spegel, BA, North Central University, 2001; History, "Missouri National Recreational River: A New Approach to Federal River Management;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Tate

Joel Daniel Thomas, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; English

Harley Davidson Trimble, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; English

Whitney Paige Vessar, BS, Missouri Western State University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Rebecca Jean Weeder, BS, Northwest Missouri State University, 2003; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Andrew Scott Wehrli, BS, Grace University, 2006; Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Ryan Matthew Wilier, BS, Iowa State University, 2004; Psychology, "A New Direction for Gaming Research: Exploring the Use of Nonviolent, Prosocial Computer Games to Induce Prosocial Responses in Children;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Wayne Harrison

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Salomon Komla Mawuena Ahlijah, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Mathematics

Amye Lynn Ahmed, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Criminal Justice

Angela Marie Aliano, BS, Creighton University, 1997; Counseling

Suhrob Saynurdinovich Ashurov, Bachelor of Economics, Tashkent State University of Economics, 2005; Economics

Kyle Lee Baardson, BS, Iowa State University, 2003; Computer Science

Sarah Suzanne Barnes, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000; BS, Peru State College, 2004; Counseling

Lise Jensen Benne, BA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Secondary Education

Ezana Beyenne, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Computer Science, "Spreadsheet Computing with Finite Domain Constraint Enhancements;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Haifeng Guo

Jason Kenneth Boche, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Computer Science

Jason M. Bogner, BS, University of Kansas, 2002; Management Information Systems, "Maximizing Return on Investment of Technology Applications through Change Management;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Donna Dufner

Lisa S. Bough, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Biology

Jason James Brannen, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Special Education

Devin W. Brisco, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002; Management Information Systems

Jevin Mitchell Budde, BS, Minnesota State University, 2004; Educational Administration and Supervision

Stacy Anne Buresh, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2000; Speech-Language Pathology

Carole J. Carraher, BA, Kearney State College, 1982; Master of Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1996; Counseling

Eric Ronald Chambers, BS, Pensacola Christian College, 1996; Computer Science, Thesis Advisor: Dr. Zhengxin Chen

Sarfraz H. Chandio, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Computer Science, Thesis Advisor: Dr. Hesham Ali

Vasuki Chilukuri, BS, Acharya Nagarjuna University, 1998; Computer Science, Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ken Dick

Caprecia Sue Christianson, BS, Peru State College, 2003; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Educational Administration and Supervision

Timothy Michael Cramer, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2004; Economics

John Richard Croasdale II, BS, Bellevue University, 2004; Management Information Systems

Loren Jean-Andre Ditsch, BA, Chadron State College, 2006; Urban Studies

Daniel William Dobbs, BA, Northwestern College, 2002; MS, University of Wyoming, 2005; Computer Science

Vicki Marie Dorris, BA, Buena Vista University, 1990; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Counseling

Dana L. Dose, BS, Saint Ambrose University, 1999; Educational Administration and Supervision

Megan Parthenia Douglas, BA, Creighton University, 2003; Counseling

Jennifer Sue Duncan, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1992; Elementary Education

Lisa Rachele Erickson, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1986; Reading

Megan Jill Fiedler, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995; Reading

Adam Thomas Fjell, BA, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2003; Secondary Education

Jessica Jean Frank, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005; Educational Administration and Supervision

Julie Gail Froemming, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Speech-Language Pathology

Natalie Marie Gill, BA, Creighton University, 1992; Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997; Speech-Language Pathology

Ryan Elmer Groene, BS, Wayne State College, 2001; Educational Administration and Supervision

Liuda Gudonyte, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Economics

Erika Rose Guetersloh, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Biology, "Historic Savanna and Extant East-Central Nebraska Loess Bluff Bur Oak Communities;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Thomas Bragg

Rajesh Gullapalli, Bachelor of Engineering, Andhra University, 1995; Computer Science

Kara Renee Guzzo, BS, Concordia University, 2002; Educational Administration and Supervision

Brett Wayne Hanson, BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1993; Secondary Education

Robert Zachary Harms, BA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Biology, Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Egan

Jason Todd Harris, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Educational Administration and Supervision

Tracy N. Hayden, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Elementary Education

Camille R. Heckert, BA, University of San Diego, 2001; Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Anne F. Helzer, BS, DeVry University, 1996; Management Information Systems

Julie Michele Herrmann, BS, Minnesota State University, 2005; Speech-Language Pathology

Tabitha Camille Hightower, BS, Western Carolina University, 2005; Speech-Language Pathology

Kathleen Marie Hinman, BA, Midland Lutheran College, 1973; MA, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Reading

Daniel Louis Hoeck, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2003; Educational Administration and Supervision

Ronald Peter Horner, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Computer Science, "Group Process Model: An Alternative to the Super User Model in Multi-User Systems;" Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Dick

Donna Jean Houston, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1986; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1989; Counseling

Hyoseok Hwang, Bachelor of Economics, University of Seoul, 2006; Economics

James A. Jaksha, Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Counseling

Nicole Ann Janssen, BS, Concordia University, 2004; Secondary Education

Patti W. Jareo, BS, California State University, 1988; PhD, Creighton University, 1995; Counseling

Lisa Ann Jensen, BS, Northwest Missouri State University, 1997; Elementary Education

Deondre' M. Jones Sr., Bachelor of Science in Education, University of South Dakota, 2000; Educational Administration and Supervision

Sara Ann Jorgensen, BS, Creighton University, 2001; Elementary Education

Julie Beth Kemp, BA, Gustavus Adolphus College, 1981; Educational Administration and Supervision

Rahi Khandelwal, Bachelor of Engineering, Vikram University, 1995; Management Information Systems

Leesu Khang, BA, Duksung Women's College, 1985; BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Management Information Systems

Laura J. Kidd, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2004; Counseling

Emily Kathleen Kiger, Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2004; Elementary Education

Archana Reddy Kothapally, Bachelor of Technology, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2006; Telecommunications Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Jennifer Linn Kruml, BA, Drake University, 2001; Counseling

Greg Allen Kubert, BA, Cornell College, 1996; Economics

Heidi E. Lapp, BS, Doane College, 2003; Management Information Systems

David Clayton Lauer, BS, Wayne State College, 2000; Management Information Systems

Laura Ann LeBlanc, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Criminal Justice

Hanil Lee, Bachelor of Economics, University of Seoul, 2000; MA, University of Seoul, 2002; Economics

Beth Chapman Lichtenberg, BS, Creighton University, 2000; Computer Science, Thesis Advisor: Dr. Harvey Siy

Shannon M. Lierman, BA, Dana College, 2002; Counseling

Curtis Michael Mace, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 1995; Counseling

Nicholas Christian Mackey, BS, Iowa State University, 2004; Mathematics

Sanjarbek Ruzmatovich Mahmudov, Bachelor of Economics, University of World Economics and Diplomacy, 2005; Economics

Philip Richard Manley, BS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2001; Secondary Education

Julie Lynne McGargill, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2006; Criminal Justice

Danielle Therese McGlynn, BS, Creighton University, 1990; MS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Educational Administration and Supervision

David Michael McKenney, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001; Computer Science

Frank Eugene Mitchell, BS, US Air Force Academy, 1970; MS, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 1986; MS, Creighton University, 1991; Mathematics

Jorge M. Montoya, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2003; Economics

Rachael Waitt Moreano, BS, Creighton University, 1995; Educational Administration and Supervision

Adam Jay Moss, BA, University of Northern Iowa, 2003; Educational Administration and Supervision

Baye Niang, BS, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005; Management Information Systems

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## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTING**

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Janel Erin Lawonn  
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Zachary David Michalick  
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Rukhshona Younousovna Tuydieva  
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#### **Bachelor of Science**

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**COLLEGE OF  
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