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A Message from President Barrett

Greetings,

While the global pandemic has not gone away, the atmosphere at Northeast is certainly more robust than a year ago. Students are living on campus again, taking face-to-face classes and participating in extra-curricular activities. We continue to be Northeast Strong, and we continue to move forward.

To help us chart that forward movement, Northeast adopted a new strategic plan this spring called **enVISION**. We collected suggestions and perspectives of our employees, members of the Board of Governors and Foundation Board of Directors, students, industry partners, elected officials, and other stakeholders to develop our strategic direction.

enVISION enforces the College mission, defines its vision, articulates its values, establishes priorities, and provides systems for each department to identify clear goals and objectives. It will become the daily work of all Northeast employees.

enVISION challenges the Northeast community to focus on empowering every person in our region to achieve their academic and workforce development goals, to see what we can accomplish when we are all inspired, challenged, and working together. The goal of **enVISION** is to improve the experience of all students – full-time, part-time, credit, non-credit, traditional age, and post-traditional learners. Student outcomes at Northeast are already incredible. With more intentionality, we can be even better in the future.

Through **enVISION**, we at Northeast will champion student success, practice continuous improvement, be mindful stewards of resources, build partnerships and collaborations, and aspire to create an inclusive, diverse culture. This plan establishes the foundation for creating a learning and student-ready culture. Through **enVISION**, Northeast will chart a course for all of us to better address the needs of the 20-county service area by empowering our citizens through the delivery of programs and services that will drive the success of our graduates, the workforce, and the economy of our region.

We invite you to be a part of this vision. If you are asked to partner with Northeast on a project, please consider accepting that invitation. If you have time, talent, or treasure, please consider sharing that with Northeast. Just **enVISION** the future when we empower every person.

Thank you for your continued support.

Leah A. Barrett
President





*We are in this
together!*

*Keep
Northeast
strong!*

There are many ways to make a scholarship gift—and every amount makes a difference. You can donate to an existing scholarship or create a new named scholarship. Scholarships provide important financial support for students in need. By donating to a scholarship, you can make attending college possible for many who may otherwise never attend.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Annual scholarships are awarded to students on a yearly basis. A minimum amount is required to establish a scholarship in your name. Contact the Northeast Community College Foundation to learn more.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed scholarships create a permanent fund in which contributions are invested to ensure the scholarship retains its value in perpetuity. Scholarships are awarded from the interest accrued while the principal is never touched.

A minimum of \$25,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship, which will generate one \$1,000 scholarship annually. Incorporating endowed scholarships into estate planning is a significant way leave a legacy and help students achieve their dreams.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing scholarship fund, please call 402-844-7240 or email foundation@northeast.edu. Foundation staff will work directly with you to structure your scholarship agreement to include eligibility criteria that you would like for your fund. ■

Academic Year
2020-2021

552
Total Scholarship Awards

\$852
Average Scholarship
Awards

\$470,605
in Scholarship
Awards

Newly Established Scholarships
(July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

Art Robertson First Generation Scholarship
Johnny Carson Foundation Scholarship
LauraNel Carlisle Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Milk Specialties Global Scholarship
N Solar Scholarship

Achievement Awards

Honoring Northeast alumni and friends who have made outstanding contributions to the College, who have been successful in their profession, and those who have chosen to give back and support their local communities.

ALUMNI HALL OF SUCCESS

Awarded to former students who have achieved significant success in their profession, exhibited exemplary citizenship qualities, or made significant contributions to their community.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Presented to individuals who have demonstrated active service to higher education and who have played a significant role in the development of Northeast Community College.

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Award is presented by the Nebraska Community College Association to one distinguished graduate of each of the community college areas. Recipients have previously been awarded the Northeast Alumni Hall of Success Award.

Alumni Hall of Success



Preston Love, Jr.

Preston Love, Jr. graduated from Norfolk Junior College, a predecessor institution of Northeast Community College, in 1963 with an Associate of Arts degree. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a master's in Professional Studies from Bellevue University.

Love played football at the University of Nebraska and was drafted by the NFL's Detroit Lions. He was inducted into the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

As a businessman, Love served in the corporate world with IBM for 15 years. He went from business to politics, helping Jesse Jackson run for the Democratic nomination for President in 1984. From politics, Love founded Black Votes Matter Institute of Community Engagement and, most recently, the Institute for Urban Development. In 2020, he was asked to be the Nebraska Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate.

Love's career accomplishments are many. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He is also a playwright, author, an award-winning newspaper columnist, a national lecturer, and a contributor to the Fine Lines Journal. In addition, Love serves as first vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Omaha and is a board member of Kids Can Center.

Preston Love, Jr. resides in Omaha with his wife, Martha ■



Stanley (Stan) Timm

Stanley Timm graduated from Norfolk Junior College in May 1968, with an Associate of Arts degree. Immediately after graduation, he worked at a manufacturing plant in Neligh and then moved to Omaha to further his education where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with an Accounting major from Creighton University in 1972.

Timm then began a 50+-year career in the City of Omaha Finance Department including serving as executive director of the Omaha Housing Authority and as the city's chief financial officer under two mayoral administrations. He worked, in part, with a total of 12 administrations during his career. In those roles he instituted best practices and led teams in municipal bond financing on major projects such as the CHI Health Center Arena and Convention Center.

Timm has also contributed his time and talents to several organizations such as the North Omaha Development Project, Douglas County Re-entry Task Force, South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention Partnership, Building Bright Futures Truancy Prevention Program, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He has also been a fundraiser for United Way of the Midlands and has volunteered as a youth basketball and soccer coach.

Stanley and his wife, Terri, have four children. ■

If you are interested in nominating an individual for the Northeast Alumni Hall of Success, please contact the Northeast Community College Foundation Office.

402-844-7240 | foundation@northeast.edu
Online application: northeast.edu/achievement-awards



Distinguished Service



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Leah Barrett, Jeanne Reigle, Russ Vering and Dr. Tracy Kruse

Jeanne Reigle and Russ Vering served as co-chairs of the \$23 million Nexus capital campaign to raise funds for a new veterinary technology building and a combination farm operations building and large animal handling facility at the new Acklie Family College Farm near the Chuck M. Pohlman Agriculture Complex, 2301 E. Benjamin Ave.

Jeanne Reigle

Jeanne Reigle, of Madison, is an agriculture producer. She and her husband, John, own and operate the family farm and feeding operation, Reigle Cattle Company. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years in pursuit of a business degree. She routinely takes online classes in several academic fields through Northeast Community College.

In addition to her cattle operation, Reigle worked in the Madison County Treasurer's Office from 1980-82.

Reigle has past experience in fundraising, having chaired several local efforts as well as being a co-chair of the 2008 Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball. She has served on numerous boards over the years including the Elkhorn Valley Cattlemen, Preservation Madison Inc., Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Community College Foundation.

Jeanne and John have four children and nine grandchildren. ■

Russ Vering

Russ Vering, of Scribner, is owner of Central Plains Milling in Howells and Columbus and vice president of nutrition for Frontier Cooperative.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Animal Science. Russ has always been involved in agriculture and enjoys caring for animals and the producers who own them.

Vering's job description encompasses everything from animal nutrition to husbandry, building design to engineering, business management to team management, including internal employee experience, and the customer experience.

He has also hosted Northeast student interns at Central Plains Milling, and has several Northeast graduates as employees.

Vering is a past president of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association and a current member of the National Pork Producers Association Board of Directors.

Russ and his wife, Tammi, have two children. ■



James A. McKenzie

James A. McKenzie earned an Associate of Applied Technology degree in data processing from Northeast Technical Community College in 1980. Following graduation, he took a position with the Norfolk Livestock Market as controller and information technology manager. It was there he met his lifelong mentor, Randy Emrich, whose family owned the market.

Emrich provided the business knowledge and capital to help McKenzie begin the company, Business Management Software (BMS), at age 24. BMS became an IBM business partner and sold midrange computer systems and developed software for businesses located across the central United States. McKenzie eventually sold BMS to focus on family and then took the position of information systems manager for the City of Norfolk, where he has served for the past 25 years.

The City of Norfolk's technology infrastructure would not be where it is today without McKenzie's expertise. The projects he has worked on range from evolving the city's computer and phone systems to designing and overseeing the development of Norfolk's fiber optic network to major projects in several new facilities including the renovated and expanded public library, second fire station and Aquaventure waterpark.

McKenzie is a member of Northeast's Information Technology Advisory Committee and serves on the board of the Great American Comedy Festival. His hobbies include finance, investing, studying global economics, and land and property investment and renovation.

"The property investment, which took almost five years, that has brought me the most joy has been the boyhood home of the late Johnny Carson (former Tonight Show host). I greatly enjoy giving tours to groups as large as busloads to as small as individuals. Seeing the smiles on their faces is the best reward."

James McKenzie has two children and four grandchildren. ■

Planned Giving

End of Year Means Changes to SS, Retirement Accounts, Taxes

The beginning of the new year will mean changes in both federal and state policy concerning Social Security, retirement accounts and taxes.

For those enjoying their retirement and already drawing Social Security, two key changes are coming. Retirees will receive larger checks, and those Social Security recipients still working can earn more without losing benefits.

More than 64-million Americans will see a 5.9% increase in their gross Social Security amount. The nearly 6% increase means the average Social Security benefit for a retired worker will rise by \$92 a month, to \$1,657, and the average benefit for a retired couple will grow \$154 a month to \$2,753. Some other retirement plans apply the same COLA to their benefits, meaning some seniors could receive similar increases from those income sources.

Recipients are cautioned, however, that they will not see all of that reflected on their monthly checks. Medicare's Part B monthly premium for 2022 will increase by \$21.60. Standard monthly premiums for Part

B will cost \$170.10 in 2022, up from \$148.50 in 2021. Premiums for about 7% of Medicare enrollees with annual incomes greater than \$91,000 will be higher than the standard because these monthly payments are based on income.

The earnings limit for those less than full retirement age who are drawing Social Security will increase in 2022. Recipients under full retirement age will be docked \$1 in benefits for every \$2 in monthly earnings above \$1,630 after January 1, an increase from the current limit of \$1,580.

Some younger workers will be paying more Social Security taxes in 2022. According to Forbes.com, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax will rise 2.9% to \$147,000, from \$142,800 in 2021. That means a bigger tax bill for about 12-million high-earning workers.

For those contributing to, or withdrawing from, qualified retirement accounts, the IRS has made several updates in the ceilings and thresholds. For instance, the limitation on deferrals for most

retirement plans increases to \$20,500 for 2022. The annual compensation limit also increases from \$290,000 to \$305,000. For details on some of these changes, check the website: journalofaccountancy.com.

For Nebraska residents, state taxes on Social Security earnings will be phased out over a 10-year period. The first year's phase out is 5%, then 20% the second year, and an additional 10% each year after that with the goal of total elimination of the tax by 2030.

The plan will be reviewed after five years, however, to make sure the state has the revenue to support the total phase out. Another change in Nebraska tax law exempts military retirement income from state taxes beginning in 2022.

It is always a good idea to check with your financial advisor at the end of the year to see how changes in federal and state policy will affect your individual financial situation. ■

READ MORE
on changes to Social Security,
retirement accounts and taxes



Founders Society

The Founders Society is comprised of those individuals who have chosen to include Northeast in their estate plan with a deferred gift for the ultimate benefit of the College and its students.

Anonymous (2)
Kendra Barnes
John & Diana Blaylock
The late LauraNel Carlisle
Dr. Michael & Susan Chipps
Vern Fairchild & the late Lucille Fairchild
Scott & Angela Gray
Dr. Wade & Kristine Herley
The late Robert & Joan Hodgson
Daniel & Dr. Tracy Kruse
Dave & Ann Lund

Ed & Corinne Morris
The late Norman Ochsner
Dirk & Jan Petersen
Mark & Beth Pfeil
Brian & Rose Ann Rogers
Jeff & Lori Scherer
Brian & Nicole Sedlacek
John & Vickie Sehi
Dr. G. Tom & Susan Surber
Frank & Chris Tudor
Glenice & the late John C. Watson

Spotlight: Grace Jansen

Grace Jansen has always wanted to follow the same route as her grandmother, who has demonstrated a lifelong compassion of caring to those around her. That yearning has translated into a desire for Grace to enter the medical field, which began as a young girl growing up in Hartington where she witnessed her grandmother, Mary Ann Bonertz, exhibit her empathy and passion for others over the years.

“My grandmother is very passionate about helping others, and I enjoy following in her footsteps in this career,” Jansen said. “She shows me the path, always reminds me to chase my dreams, and is my greatest cheerleader.”

Such support has allowed Jansen to establish goals that will eventually lead her back to her hometown to display that same type of benevolence to a new generation of residents.

Jansen is presently seeking an Associate Degree in Nursing at Northeast Community College. Following graduation in May 2022, she plans to enter the RN (Registered Nurse) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. From there, she would like to move on to Nebraska Methodist College to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Jansen would like to remain in Omaha when her schooling is finished to begin her professional career, but she would like to soon return to rural northeast Nebraska to provide healthcare to underserved populations in the region.

Although she understands the long journey ahead of her, Jansen is excited for the journey she has chosen for herself as she “wants to help others to stay healthy and allow them to live their lives optimally.”

While in college, Jansen has invested her time and efforts to ensure she is receiving the best educational experience possible. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.96 and has been named to either the President’s List or the Dean’s List each semester she has attended Northeast. She is a Nebraska AHEC (Area Health Education Center) scholar, serves as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and as treasurer of the Student Nurse Association, is a member of the TRIO Club, and assists students as a tutor in Pharmacology I and II courses.

Jansen is modest in her determination to become a doctor and in making her family and her “future family” proud.

“I have always wanted to be a doctor and have always had the drive to make that dream come true, no matter what it took,” she said. “As a first-generation college student, I also wanted to show others that I can succeed and that they, too, can get whatever they want with hard work.” ■



2021-2022 Recipient

Dr. Jagmohan & Shobhana Desai Family Scholarship
Donna & John Goosen Nursing Memorial Scholarship

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all scholarship donors, especially those involved with the Dr. Jagmohana & Shobhana Desai Family Scholarship and Donna and John Goossen Memorial Scholarship.

I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient and these funds will be very beneficial in aiding with books and testing fees. With these scholarships I can continue to focus on school without taking time away from my studies to work extra hours.

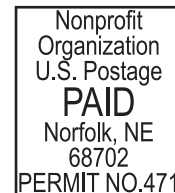
One day I plan on helping students with their financial burdens as well. Once again, thank you so much for this wonderful gift, it will help me immensely to achieve my ultimate goal of obtaining a Doctorate in Nursing Practice.



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Opening Soon

New facilities at
Northeast Community College
scheduled to open spring 2022.

*Veterinary Technology Building
Large Animal Handling Facility
Commodities Storage*

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