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Message from Juan N. Franco

The excitement in the students as they begin another school year is evident in the many events they attend. Whether it is the new student convocation, the Tunnel Walk with 4,000 or so students running out onto the football field, the more than 1,000 freshmen women going through sorority rush, the 2,000 or so freshmen attending the Party at the Union where staff served pancakes at midnight or the 10,000 or so students who attended the Big Red Welcome event Sunday evening, the excitement of meeting new friends or reconnecting with old ones is apparent every where.

This is the year of change. The University has a new president. President Hank Bounds joined us this summer and quickly made an impact. It is clear from his actions that he is very student centered. He met with UNL students even before joining UNL and spoke at a candlelight vigil for

the students from Nepal after the disaster in their country.

Chancellor Perlman has announced that this will be his final year as Chancellor at UNL. He has done an admirable job as Chancellor and will be difficult to replace.

Dr. Ronnie Green is serving as the Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs while maintaining his current role as Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

While change is constant on university campuses, at UNL some things remain the same: a quality education at a reasonable price in a safe environment.

Help me welcome the students to campus, and may you all have a productive new academic year.

*-Juan **N.** Franco*



**Student Affairs
 Fall Celebration
 Breakfast**

Save The Date
September 25, 2015

Location: Cather-Pound-Neihardt, 540 N 16th Street

- 7:45 am New Employee Check-in
- 8:00 am New Employee Meeting
- 8:30-10:00 am Buffet breakfast available
- 9:00 am New Employee Introductions
- 9:45 am Vice Chancellor Juan N. Franco presentation

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Featured Student Jerica Burgess

Hello! My name is Jerica Burgess. I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska and I am a sophomore at UNL with a double major in English and Communication Studies. I am involved in Campus Impact, Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, and I am the Character Council Coordinator for Dr. Franco's Character Council.

The Character Council is something that I am very passionate about and I would love to share with you what we are all about: The Character Council strives to advance, promote, and recognize character and integrity on UNL's campus. The Character Council was created by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Juan Franco, and works in the Center for Civic Engagement. Every semester the Character Council holds a Franco's List Ceremony. Franco's List is an award that is given out by Dr. Franco, recognizing students for demonstrating integrity. Students can be nominated by students, faculty, or staff for this very prestigious award. The students that are recognized portray one or more of the six building blocks of integrity: citizenship, dependability, respect, open-mindedness, caring, and commitment. Award winners are selected by Dr. Franco's Character Council and are recognized at a ceremony in the fall and spring. Every Friday, you can find Character Council spreading positivity around campus by high fiving students in front of the Union. Another way that Character Council recognizes students is through UNL Shout Outs on Facebook and Twitter. UNL Shout Outs recognizes individual students and organizations for making a difference around UNL's campus. Students can send in personal shout outs for us to post on social media.

The quality that best represents me out of all of the building blocks of integrity is caring. My caring personality is something that affects every area of my life: academics, activities, relationships, etc. I work hard for the grades I receive since academics are so important to me. I show my professors that I care by meeting with them if I have any questions and always doing my best. I am also very caring towards the activities I am involved in. I genuinely care about the people I work with and always try to put in my best effort towards the group. Caring is such an important block of integrity to the Character Council. Some words that I associate with caring are kind, compassionate, and understanding. Caring is such an important quality to me because it shows that I will always be there for my peers and follow through with my commitments.

Being able to serve as Character Council Coordinator is a position that I am very honored and grateful to have. I am so happy that I have found something that I am passionate about at UNL and to be able to make a difference. There is no group on campus quite like the Character Council, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us.



Featured Department Student Engagement

Student Engagement has been charged to provide extra touches for identified populations and to assist all students in finding opportunities to become engaged in the campus community.

The 2014-2015 school year was a remarkably busy one, and 2015-2016 looks to be even more so. Working with incoming out-of-state students, freshly arrived commuter students, and the Cultural Ambassadors, a wealth of programs were aimed at encouraging a successful transition to the diverse collegiate environment of UNL.

Commuter students are freshmen who have opted to live off-campus during their first year. Due to financial exigencies, familial obligations, or the rigors of part-time employment, some local students choose to live at home. To aid their acclimation to college life, and facilitate their active on-campus involvement, New Student Enrollment annually organizes a “Commuter Welcome” at the inception of the school year. Commuter students attend the Convocation Ceremony, are provided with a complimentary dinner, participate in a round of icebreakers and games with several Orientation Leaders, and are educated on some of the pertinent resources available to them at UNL. The evening culminates in the Tunnel Walk, where the entering freshmen class forms an outsized “N” at the center of Memorial Stadium.



Commuter students participate in the Tunnel Walk with the entire class of 2018.

Out-of-state students are freshmen whose origins lie in another state. Apart from an informal Welcome Reception at the beginning of the Fall semester, 6 out-of-state upperclassmen students organize a Fall program of social events for their peers. These include movie nights in Lincoln, scavenger hunts through

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the Haymarket, the occasional Salt Dogs game, and even barbeques on the Selleck greenspace. Ideally, such programming will yield fruitful relationships and connections among our out-of-state population, thus ensuring an easy transition to the UNL and Lincoln community.

The Cultural Ambassadors are a UNL club formed to foster cross-cultural contact between international and domestic students. By attending events like the Global Leadership Retreat, the International Food Bazaar, or even volunteering at International Welcome Week, our Ambassadors eagerly embrace the cultural richness of UNL. This Fall, the Cultural Ambassadors plan on embellishing their on-campus presence even further. Later in the semester, they'll organize a "Cultural Talent



Cultural Ambassadors at Holi, an Indian Cultural

Show," where international students from across campus can perform a dance, song, or other cultural heirloom, from their native country. It promises to be an exceptional event.

Across all of these endeavors, the singular intention of the Student Engagement program is to promote student welfare outside the classroom. For it is our belief, that through developing relationships among like-minded students, and even among students separated by culture, we are contributing to the personal well-being so essential to success inside the classroom.



Out-of-state bowling at the East Campus

Student Affairs in Pictures



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