

Global Connections

Quarterly Newsletter from the Office of Global Engagement
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A message from the Office of Global Engagement



The last several months have been very busy for the Office of Global Engagement staff.

UNMC co-sponsored an international conference Feb. 5-8, 2024, in Casablanca, Morocco. Several UNMC representatives gave presentations at the conference.

The Office of Global Engagement hosted its annual Celebrate Culture event for the Lunar New Year in February. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the Asian

culture and Lunar New Year.

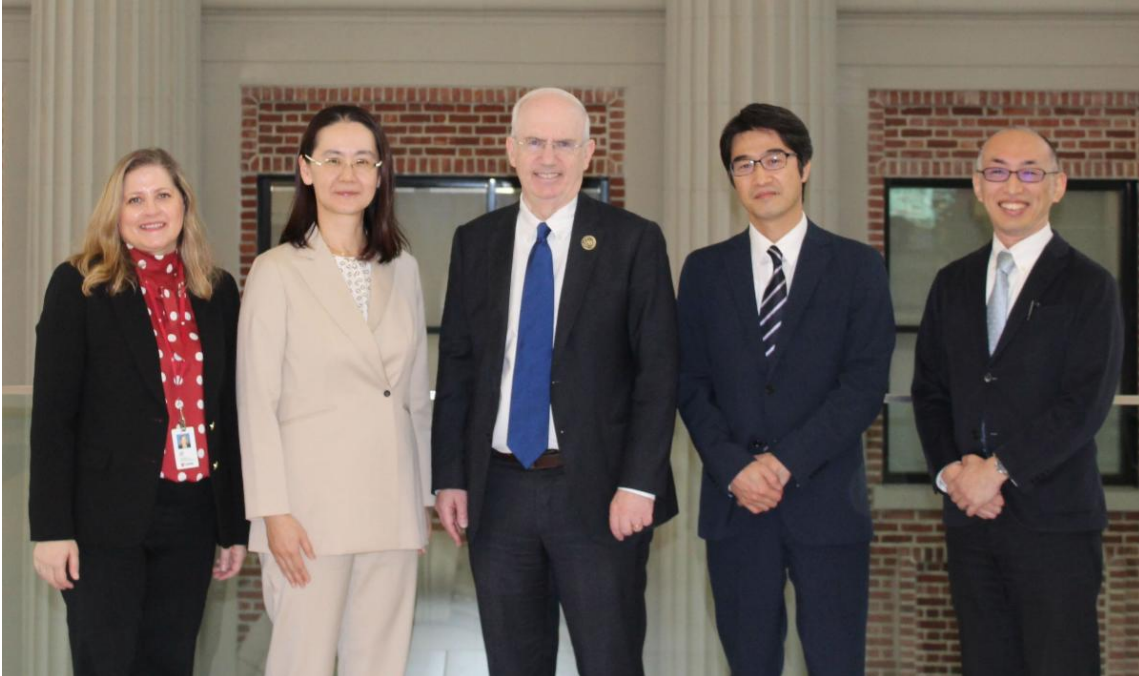
Two delegations have visited campus since our January newsletter - a delegation from Tashkent Medical Academy in Uzbekistan in February and the Consul-General of Japan in March.

This issue of Global Connections includes features about the topics mentioned above.

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Partnership Spotlight - Hamamatsu University School of Medicine



In the ever-expanding landscape of global collaboration in academia, partnerships between institutions are vital for fostering knowledge exchange, cultural understanding and innovative research. One such partnership that has been gaining momentum is the collaboration between Hamamatsu University School of Medicine (HUSM) in Japan and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).

[Read more about this partnership](#)

Lunar New Year Celebration attracts more than 250 people



More than 250 UNMC students, faculty and staff attended Celebrate Culture: A Lunar New Year Event Feb. 29. Attendees enjoyed participating in interactive tables such as

calligraphy, lantern making, origami, tea tasting, toys/games, trivia and Yunnori, a South Korean game. Asian dishes from the China Buffet were provided.

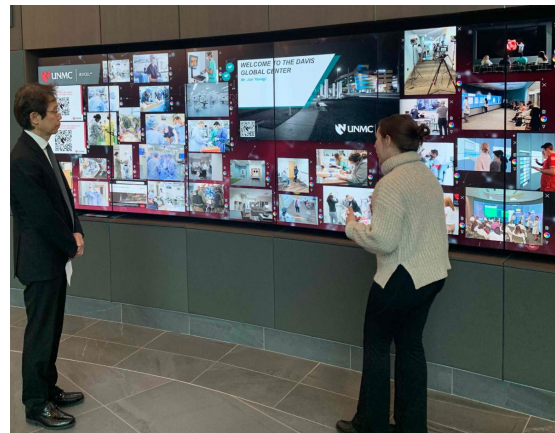
The event was coordinated by the Office of Global Engagement, Asian American Pacific Island Student Association and China Student Scholars Association.

Uzbekistan, Japan delegations visit UNMC

A delegation from Tashkent Medical University in Uzbekistan came to UNMC in February. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the possibilities of the cooperation between Tashkent Medical Academy and University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska Omaha. The delegation met with researchers in the areas of genomic instability in cancer, molecular genetics of viral diseases, intracellular signaling mechanisms with potential collaborators, and leukemia and lymphoma.



Mr. Jun Yanagi, the new Consul-General of Japan, visited UNMC in March. This was Yanagi's first trip to UNMC in his new position as Consul-General. Mr. Yanagi toured iEXCEL and the Global Center for Health Security.



UNMC co-sponsors World Health Congress



UNMC co-sponsored the World Health Congress on Post-Pandemic Readiness: Transformation - Innovation - Education, February 4-8, 2024 in Casablanca, Morocco. Nearly 200 attendees from 16 countries attended.

Several UNMC representatives give presentations on their area of expertise.

UNMC students participate in education abroad experiences



The eight UNMC students with the eight UAV student partners. UNMC students: Front row: Emma Plucknett, PT, 1st from left; Haley Bassett, CON, 2nd from left; Neleigh Perkins, CON, 4th from left; Sofia Kuenzi, CON, 5th from left; Jocelyn Cheek, CON, 6th from left; Mitsy Dasa, CON, 7th from left. Back row: Abigail (Abby) Johnson, PT, 4th from left; Isa Almanza, CON, 5th from left.

During the spring semester, nine fourth-year medical students are experiencing rotations in the following countries: India (five students), Japan (two students), Thailand and Peru (one student in each country). Two pharmacy students studied in Costa Rica during the month of March. During their one-week March spring break, six nursing students and two physical therapy students participated in a Student Alliance for Global Health (SAGH)-organized medical service trip, hosted by colleagues at the Universidad Anáhuac Veracruz (UAV), a partner institution of UNMC.

In the upcoming summer months, College of Public Health students will be involved in study and research programs in various countries. Physician assistant students are mapping out their global health experiences for the fall semester.

Students from any UNMC program who are interested in a global health experience may contact [Sara Pirtle, Program Manager, Office of Global Engagement](#), for more information.

Recent achievements by UNMC faculty & staff

Public health workshop trains lab professionals in Egypt

The UNMC College of Public Health's Center for Global Health and Development recently concluded a three day, in-person training workshop for more than 50 lab professionals in Hurghada, Egypt.

[Read UNMC Today article here](#)

Joseph Houry, MD, named to global WHO leadership role

Joseph Khoury, MD, chair of the UNMC Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, has been named the inaugural chair member of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Classification of Tumors standing editorial board. The WCT is the definitive global standard for the classification of all human cancers to enable diagnosis and research worldwide.

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