



# University of Nebraska Medical Center

Graduate Studies Matriculation Ceremony

August 20, 2024

## **Agenda**

### **Welcoming Remarks**

**Kendra K. Schmid, PhD, MA**

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs  
Interim Dean, Graduate Studies  
Professor, Department of Biostatistics

### **Awards**

**Karen A. Gould, PhD, MEd**

Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs  
Interim Executive Associate Dean, Graduate Studies  
Professor, Department of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Anatomy

### **Invited Speaker**

**Ann Anderson Berry, MD, PhD**

Professor and Chief, Division of Neonatology  
Executive Director, Child Health Research Institute

### **Student Matriculation**

**Kendra K. Schmid, PhD, MA**

### **Students' Welcome**

**Evie Ehrhorn**

President, Graduate Student Association

### **Alumni Council Welcome**

**Alice Schumaker, PhD**

### **Closing Remarks**

**Kendra K. Schmid, PhD, MA**

## Matriculating Students (by program)

### Certificate in Applied Health Informatics

Kelsie Hicks  
Mamello Makhele

### Certificate in Health Professions Teaching & Technology

Nosakhare Edogun  
Evangeline Green  
Shawna Ziegler

### Certificate in Healthcare Quality Improvement

Trent Bourland

### Master of Healthcare Delivery Science

Ashlyn Doiel  
Jaiden Einspahr  
Ramia Hout  
Mackenzie Keintz  
Britni Kirkland  
Sarah Lindner  
Alexander Mantone  
Destiny Navarro  
Wenyan Wang  
Anna Zygmunt-Zak

### Master of Health Professions Teaching & Technology

Tara Cielma  
Zuzana Greiner  
Gina Kissel  
Zachary Larson  
Hilary Vasquez  
Debra Wekesa  
Paul Witt  
Kerith Wolf

### Master of Science - Applied Behavior Analysis

Bailey Gittler  
Grace Spath

**Master of Science – Biomedical Informatics**

Julie Mammen

**Master of Science – Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

Ayomide Akomolafe  
Daniela Castillo Daura  
Cassidy Cielocha  
Faith Gomez  
Zainab Lawal  
Elizabeth Meister  
Katelyn Thompson

**Master of Science – Biostatistics**

Camryn Berry  
Alina Cartron  
Katheryn Evans  
Nicolas Ferrara  
Katherine Giest  
Sheng He  
Trenton Sedlacek  
Xuxiang Wang  
Xiongyuxuan Wang

**Master of Science – Cancer Research**

Hamed Abbasi  
Sharon Krithi Jegadish  
Santosh Shrestha  
Rishav Srivastava  
Elina Lynge Wagner

**Master of Science – Immunology, Pathology & Infectious Disease**

Kamryn Reynolds  
Rachel Soukup  
Matthew White  
Natalia Zepeda Espinoza

**Master of Science – Medical Anatomy**

Kayla Adams  
Amber Baldwin  
Abby Barnes  
Daniel Davies  
Harrison Grasso  
Catherine Heller  
Subhan Iqbal  
Eleanor Klepser  
Rebecca Liebsack

Alaina Mann  
Kaitlyn Nesbitt  
Jacob Newburn  
Nicholas Reinert  
Peyton Venneman  
Kaitryn Williams

**Master of Science – Medical Physiology**

Hanna Bassett  
David Bridges  
Sage Dorenkemper  
Alayna Emsick  
Victoria Jobczyk  
Jordan Knapp  
Nikole Kuenzi  
Taylor Marshall  
Angela Mathew  
Emily Miller  
Michael Prucha  
Devin Safford  
Madeline Soyer  
David Watson  
Trista Ybarra

**Master of Science – Molecular Genetics & Cell Biology**

Tania Aguilera-Pineda  
Azize Cerci  
Samantha Gomez  
Siyin Guo  
Vaishnavi Sunil Joshi  
Elizabeth Oladipo  
Nicholas Peterson  
Yaeun Yun

**Master of Science – MSIA Biological Defense & Health Security**

Kimberly Pantzlaff

**Master of Science – MSIA Health Practice & Medical Education Research**

Nathan Weidner

**Master of Science – MSIA Clinical & Translational Research Mentored Scholars Program**

Michael Haddadin  
Shawnalyn Sunagawa

**Master of Science – MSIA Patient-Oriented Research**

Elizabeth Maginot

**Master of Science – MSIA Oral Biology**

Colton Allen

Varun Hansraj

Brittan Hoppens

Yao-ching Hsieh

Kylie Sestak

**Master of Science – Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Noran Ahmed Amir Radwan

**Doctor of Philosophy – Biomedical Informatics**

Anas Awan

Ruobing Liu

Ayomide Oludipe

Kaeli Samson

Swathi Yakasiri

**Doctor of Philosophy – Biostatistics**

Dominic Apio

Md Saif Uddin Rashed

Kah Meng Soh

Zihan Tang

Jiani Zhang

**Doctor of Philosophy – Environmental Health, Occupational Health & Toxicology**

Lukman Adepoju

Desmond Amponsah

Mackenzie Conrin

Ruth Mencia

Jocelyn Rodriguez-Paar

**Doctor of Philosophy – Epidemiology**

Amelia Nichols

**Doctor of Philosophy – Health Services Research, Administration & Policy**

Jie Diao

Mamello Makhele

**Doctor of Philosophy – Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Research**

Naveta Bhatti

Sandra Bonnah

Carlos Martinez Rangel

That Wai Nwe

Kayode Olabanji  
Priscila Soto Prado

**Doctor of Philosophy – Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences  
(IGPBS)**

Michelle Aguilar-Gaspar  
Joseph Bernal  
Ilesha Bryant  
Daniel Carlson  
Ravneet Singh Chawla  
Richard Dang  
Camryn Davis  
Kaia Douglas  
Claire Garman  
Alexandra Gebbia  
Mason Mandolfo  
Arnob Mitro  
Bunmi Owolabi  
Kayode Raheem  
Sommer Ramos  
DJ Rogers  
Blake Rose  
Ella Rowe  
Alaa Shaheen  
Ajay Sharma  
Anna Sommers  
Jessica Ware  
Riley Watkins  
Rebecca Wright

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**

Shwetapadma Dash  
Tania Kamal  
Hassan Mahmud

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Bioinformatics & Systems Biology**

Egle Sidlauskaitė  
Esther Ugwueke  
Xinchao Wu

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Cancer Research**

Milton Busquets  
Carley Conover  
Brylie Hartwig  
Aiah Nour  
Malini Sajeev

Lincoln Strickland  
Grace Waldron

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Immunology, Pathology & Infectious Disease**

Jason Franklin  
Clinton Osei

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Integrative Physiology & Molecular Medicine**

Abigail Agbolade  
Christianah Aloba  
George Njoku

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Molecular Genetics & Cell Biology**

Somdutta Paul  
Mackenzie Todd  
Wenyang Wang

**Doctor of Philosophy – IGPBS Neuroscience**

Priscilla Lebesse  
Ho Hin Ma  
Wyatt Morse  
Ke Pang  
Niveditha Sankar  
Micah Summerlin

**MD/PhD Scholars**

Natalia Batchenkova  
Amanda Christensen  
Colman Freel  
Cole Holderjano  
Wenxian Zhou

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Applied Behavior Analysis**

Soqeed Adesanya  
Angelina Frohberg  
Ilissa Frye  
Timothy Huck  
Timothy Morris  
Carson Whitford

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Biological Defense & Health Security**

Casey Allen  
Melissa Harvey

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Clinically Relevant Basic Research**

Ryan Antony



Zhi He  
Sunyoung Kim  
Ronald Matovu

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Clinical & Translational Research Mentored Scholars  
Program**

Sara Bills  
Joshua Havens

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Health Practice & Medical Education Research**

Mark Hamill  
Paul Nguyen-Lee  
Scott Sanderson  
Kathrine Stern

**Doctor of Philosophy – MSIA Patient-Oriented Research**

Soumya Dey  
Elizabeth Fortin  
Garrett Nathan

**Doctor of Philosophy – Nursing**

Sage Bailey  
Sierra Beckner  
Kristen Critchfield  
Kortney Curtman  
Joseph DeBoe  
Angela Felton-Coleman  
Serena Gaines  
Peace Johnson  
Anna Kellogg  
Leah Logan  
Mary Nametka  
Melinda Pariser-Schmidt  
Troy Scheer

**Doctor of Philosophy – Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Alaa Aboushanab  
Prayas Acharya  
Omar Al Kilani  
Abdullah Alwagdani  
Bhoomika Suresh Gowda  
Jacob Guerrero  
Akash Haria  
Ashkan Hassankhani  
Julian Klein  
Pratiksha Kshirsagar

Ying Li  
Junyi Lin  
Shanshan Liu  
Keyi Lyu  
Sohan Mahto  
Siddhesh Pansare  
Braeden Pinkerton  
Ahmed Yesvi Raza  
Minmin Wang