

# Take the Lead

## Leadership UNK Newsletter



### October Class

This month, the LUNK class met with UNK's Chief Compliance Officer, **Alex Straatmann**, to explore the workings of the Board of Regents meeting. The group then traveled to Omaha to attend the **Board of Regents meeting at UNMC**, where they had the opportunity to meet **NU President Dr. Gold** and **UNK Chancellor Neal Schnoor**.

### Teamwork Excellence

Congratulations to the Online Academic Program Advisors for earning Staff Senate's October 2025 **Teamwork Excellence Award**. Recognized LUNK alumni and current class members include **Sarah Bartling, Suzette Eppler, Megan Goeke, Ashley Zikmund, Steph Hoffman, Laura Jensen, Amanda Keating, and Brian Peterson** (current class).



### Celebrating LUNK Alumni

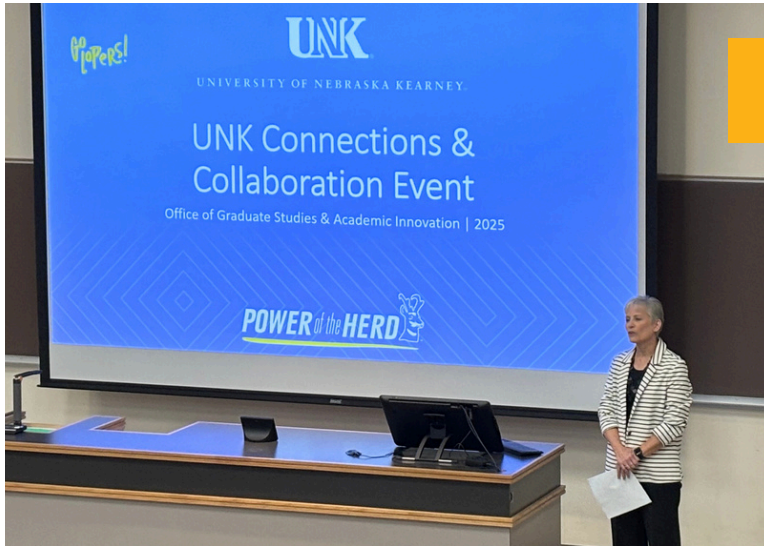
**Brad Green** (class #5, 2011 - 12) was appointed Chief Enrollment Management Officer by Chancellor Schnoor.

**Amber Gapp** (class #18, 2024 - 25), current class co-chair, received the Golden Loper Award from Student Affairs.



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### UNK Connections Event

Thank you to everyone who attended our second annual **UNK Connections event**, co-hosted by LUNK and Staff Senate. This event helps staff learn more about resources and services other departments provide to students, faculty, and staff.

### LUNK Spotlight

**Dustin Favinger**, College of Business and Technology Assistant Dean, Outreach & Strategic Initiatives

**LUNK Class #9 2015 - 2016**

**Top 5 CliftonStrengths:** Harmony, Achiever, Adaptability, Learner, Maximizer

**Fun Fact:** "My wife and I are co-owners of a brewery in Kearney, NE, and we're excited to be opening a new taproom in my hometown - Minden, NE."



## Learn more about LUNK



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