

# ADVANCE-Nebraska E-news

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Advancing Women, Advancing STEM

## Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics

Since 1999, the Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics has been providing undergraduate female mathematics majors the opportunity to share their research with their peers and speak with graduate students and professional women from across North America. The annual conference, which encourages the students to attend graduate school and provides resources to increase their success, is funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency. In 2011, more than 250 undergraduates attended and heard plenary talks by Dr. Fan Chung, University of California, San Diego, and Dr. Linda Petzold, University of California, Santa Barbara. Conference co-founders Judy Walker and Allan Donsig, both UNL math professors, are co-chairs of the organizing committee.

The three-day conference has become a national showcase for research, as many of the participants come from environments where they are the only women in their upper-level math classes or from colleges with limited research opportunities. Female graduate students representing math departments from universities across the country are invited to speak on panels, advising the undergraduates on life in graduate school and the variety of summer opportunities. Professional women and female faculty members also participate in panel discussions, mentoring the undergraduates on career avenues. Breakout sessions on topics ranging from Juggling Career and Life to Math Club Activities allow for small group settings for posing additional questions.

To read abstracts and see pictures from the conference, go to: <http://www.math.unl.edu/ncuwm>. Registration for the 2012 conference will open in October.

## Gender discrimination at UC Davis Veterinary School

Dr. Edward Feldman DVM, of the UC David School of Veterinary Medicine, has come under fire for his discriminatory treatment of a pregnant third year veterinary student. Dr. Feldman asked the third year class presidents to poll their fellow students via email on their opinion as to how grading should be handled for their classmate. Choices included arbitrarily assigned grades, and the email was sent without the consult or permission of the student in question. Many students and faculty have responded with anger, and many feel the administration's treatment of the matter is unsatisfactory. Read more [here](#).

## Office of Research Grantwriting Seminar, March 18, 2011

Registration for this annual seminar is now open. Faculty, postdocs, graduate students or other staff interested in more information or registration can find it [here](#).



## ADVANCE Conversation Series

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COACH Workshop-Art of Strategic Performance and Leading Change  
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