

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

### CHANCELLOR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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*INFORMATION ONLY:*     **Rural Health Opportunities Program Update**

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The NSCS has created a report highlighting the successes of the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) and the Public Health Early Admissions Student Track (PHEAST) programs. The full report will be available at the Board meeting. However, a synopsis of the report is below.

Over the past thirty (30) years, the State Colleges have proven success in developing medical talent from rural Nebraska students, and the results of the RHOP/PHEAST scholarships are impressive. Since 1992, 675 State College students have completed and RHOP or PHEAST Program at the State Colleges, been admitted to UNMC, and successfully completed their chosen programs in a health-related field. Of that number, around two-thirds (2/3) of these students remain in Nebraska, and nearly one-half (1/2) have returned to rural Nebraska communities to serve as doctors, physician assistants, physical therapists, medical radiographers, medical lab scientists, dentists, dental assistancs, nurses, and pharmacists.