Since the graduation of the first class from the Nebraska State Normal School at Kearney in 1906, the UNK Alumni Association (https://unkalumni.org) has been working to maintain the link between more than 50,000 graduates and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The association produces UNK Today (http://unkalumni.org/unktoday) the alumni magazine published twice yearly, maintains an alumni database, hosts reunions, coordinates alumni homecoming activities, sponsors the Student Alumni Council (https://unkalumni.org/students/student-alumni-council), and the Gold Torch Mentoring Society (https://unkalumni.org/students/gold-torch-society) (a women's mentoring organization). The alumni also facilitate the Distinguished Alumni, Alumni Service, Young Alumni, and Athletic Hall of Fame awards that are given each year during homecoming.

The Alumni House is located at 2222 9th Avenue in Kearney. The facility built in 1907 is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built to be the residence of Dr. A.O. Thomas, the first president of the Nebraska State Normal School.

In 2012, the UNK Alumni Association partnered with the Nebraska University Foundation to better utilize resources and serve the alumni as well as the university. The alumni staff offices at 214 West 39th Street in Kearney.