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Your best source of news, the latest happenings, and exciting collaborations happening in the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service.
The College of Public Affairs and Community Service: It's About the People.

It is all about people. Anyone in an organization knows that. This is a time when we honor students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This week for example, we hosted our Alumni Awards for Excellence in Public Service, which honored distinguished alumni in each unit, and the presentation of the Distinguished Statesman/Stateswoman of Aviation to Bill Shea, the first Director of the Aviation Institute. The Deichert Staff Awards were announced in December, faculty promotions were just announced, and soon we will honor our top students at the Student Honors Convocation. See below for more detail.

The goal of education is to help people realize their full potential. We do this in many ways, some traditional and some innovative ways, such as service learning, online degrees, professional micro-credentials, and our brand-new flight simulator. Teaching and learning are our main jobs, and we work hard to keep ahead of the competition. Our students deserve it, and their future employers expect it. By doing so, we are a critical link to economic growth and social equity.

John R. Bartle, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Dean Bartle Elected as President-Elect of the American Society for Public Administration

Congratulations to Dean John Bartle, Ph.D., on his election to president-elect of the 8,000 member American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

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Josie Gatti Schafer Named CUMU – Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Research Fellow

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) is proud to announce that Josie Gatti Schafer, Ph.D., has been named the 2023 CUMU-Philadelphia Fed Research Fellow. During the fellowship, Dr. Schafer, director of the Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska at Omaha, will leverage the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia’s Anchor Economy Dashboard, along with a range of demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau, to explore and explain variations in the economic impact of anchor institutions, primarily higher education institutions, in their region.

Read about Josie Schafer
UNO’s Aviation Institute Adds Boeing 737 Flight Simulator

Now through the generosity of the Foundation students from the Aviation Institute will have the opportunity to train in a Boeing 737 NG Flight Training Device before leaving the program setting a course for success upon reaching their professional career.

Read about the simulator
Mark Martinez Understands the Significance of Alumni Volunteering at UNO

Alumni giving back is an incredibly meaningful and important way for alumni to stay connected and engaged with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), by playing an active role in the development and future of their former university. It is also a great way to show appreciation for all the opportunities that were provided, such as education, networking, and career development. Alumni giving back also helps provide resources for current students, faculty, and staff to help ensure future success. It is also a great way to strengthen relationships between alumni, current students and faculty.

Read about Mark Martinez
Congratulations to the 2022 Jerry and Patricia Deichert CPACS Staff Award Winners

Mindy Hunke and James Harrold, Ph.D. were honored with the 2022 Jerry and Patricia Deichert CPACS Staff Award on Friday, December 9, 2022. Dr. Harrold and Hunke demonstrate, through both their daily work and outstanding performance, the finest attributes of exceptional customer service, problem solving, leadership, mentoring, and self-improvement. They are a credit to their professions, their families, and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS).

Read about the winners
Online Programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Receive National Recognition

Online programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) continue to receive national recognition in newly updated rankings from U.S. News & World Report. The publication's latest rankings of online programs, released today, reflect UNO's unceasing efforts to build on a strong foundation of online academic program offerings to help students who are juggling school, work, family, and various other commitments. UNO realizes online learning greatly supports contemporary learners by empowering them to complete coursework virtually, manage their time and schedule around other life commitments.

Learn about rankings

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