Your best source of news, the latest happenings, and exciting collaborations happening in the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

Chancellor Li has articulated a goal of placing more students in paid internships, and more generally developing the Nebraska workforce. An excellent example of this is our new jet flight simulator which received coverage from five different TV stations. This flight simulator will accelerate the career development of our Aviation students and move them faster into careers in flight. Other stories are also about mobility: transitioning people out of correctional facilities, helping people in rural areas access transit, and getting our students all the way to the United Nations!

This is also the time of year on campus for awards. Several student awards will be presented next week. Our Alumni Awards event is profiled below, as well as another faculty award. And, just today I learned of our most recent rankings in US News & World Report which again place us high in the broad category of public affairs, as well as four areas of public administration.

John R. Bartle, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Latest U.S News & World Report Rankings Highlight CPACS Nationally Recognized Graduate Programs

CPACS graduate programs in public affairs continued their streak of high rankings, coming in at 28th nationally. The ranking marks the highest spot among any of the university’s peer institutions in the category, and among the top 10% of programs nationwide. Public affairs programs at UNO have been consistently ranked in the top 30.
The College of Public Affairs and Community Service came together, along with University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Chancellor, Joanne Li, to honor selected alumni for their contributions and commitment to public service in both daily deeds and greater achievements.
University of Nebraska at Omaha’s (UNO) Grace Abbott School of Social Work and Student Social Work Organization members attended the 39th Annual Social Workday at the United Nations in New York City, April 3, 2023.
NCJR Releases Evidence-Based Inventory of Criminal Justice Report

The criminal justice system has faced significant challenges in recent years, particularly in addressing issues related to recidivism and rehabilitation. As a result, policymakers have increasingly turned to evidence-based programs to guide decision-making in the criminal justice system.
Faces of Transit in Nebraska to Create Awareness of Available Services

A new video series called Faces of Transit in Nebraska celebrates the good work of transit agencies across the state. The University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, White Shutter Media, and numerous rural transit agencies as part of efforts to grow rural transit options in Nebraska.

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Gaylene Armstrong Awarded the 2023 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Mentor Award

Gaylene Armstrong, Ph.D. won the 2023 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Outstanding Mentor Award for her exceptional work willingness and commitment to foster the professional growth and achievement of students and faculty. Dr. Armstrong is currently Distinguished Professor and the Director of the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology (SCCJ) at University of Nebraska at Omaha and Lincoln campus.

Read about Dr. Armstrong
You need only look to see the progress we’ve made toward our goals of $3 billion and 150,000 unique donors. But in this monumental effort, there’s always more to do. **Step up and join us.**

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