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The College of Public Affairs and Community Service: Wear Black While Giving Back.

Our formula for success is not a secret: Hire great people and give them the tools they need to be successful. Below you will see several stories that illustrate this approach. Good faculty attract good students and external funding, which raises our profile and national reputation. More important, the work they do helps the state and the community. We seek to educate students to not just for careers in the world as it is, but for the world as it should be. By doing so, we do our part to make the future better.

November 8-9 is our giving day, “Wear Black, Give Black.” I hope you wear some black those days and consider the many important giving opportunities we offer here at CPACS. UNO is seeking 4000 donors to give at least $5. As I write this, CPACS has the most donors of any college! Help us stay in the lead.

On a personal note, I announced earlier this fall I will be stepping down as dean at the end of June and will transition back to the faculty in public administration. I have loved my time as dean and my colleagues. We have built new programs and made existing programs great. It has been the job of a lifetime, and I look forward to helping the new dean get started.

John R. Bartle, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Excitement Grows as UNO's "Wear Black, Give Back" Day of Giving Approaches

In anticipation of the upcoming "Wear Black, Give Back: Day of Giving," the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is buzzing with excitement. Set to commence at noon on Wednesday, November 8th, and continue through noon on Thursday, November 9th, this event promises to be nothing short of extraordinary. UNO Mavericks are preparing for a 24-hour fundraising journey with the goal of making a significant impact on scholarships, colleges, programs, student groups, inclusion, and wellness.
Dean Bartle Will Step Down in June

In the world of higher education, few leaders leave an indelible mark upon their institutions, reshaping academic landscapes and fostering real transformation. Among these visionaries, Dean John Bartle is poised to step down from his position as Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) in June of 2024. He will resume his position as Professor of Public Administration. This transition marks the culmination of a tenure characterized by unwavering dedication and pioneering accomplishments.

"Serving in the role of dean of CPACS has been the job of a lifetime for me. I love this college and am very proud of what we all have done together to serve our students and the people of the state. We have an outstanding group of leaders in the college, and I am confident this transition will be a smooth one."
UNO's Dr. Jessie Huff Awarded $800,000 Grant from the Office of Justice Programs in Collaboration with Tacoma Police Department

Dr. Jessie Huff, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), has been awarded an $800,000 grant from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in partnership with the Tacoma Police Department (TPD). This significant grant is part of the 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 23 Smart Policing Initiative Grant Program and is poised to have a transformative impact on TPD's ability to investigate gun crime.

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UNO Awarded $750,000 NSF Grant for Pioneering Collaborative AI Chatbot Governance and Design for Emergency Management

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is thrilled to announce the receipt of a substantial three-year grant worth $750,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The grant, covering the period from October 2023 to September 2026, is part of the esteemed NSF Division of Computing and Communication Foundation's Design Accountable Software System program.

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Introducing Dr. Angela M. Eikenberry, Ph.D., as the New Director of UNO's School of Public Administration

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Angela M. Eikenberry, Ph.D., as the new Director of the School of Public Administration (SPA). This appointment, effective July 1, marks a significant milestone in the school's history as Dr. Eikenberry brings with her a wealth of expertise and a distinguished career in the field of public administration.
A New Home: the TRAC Program Partners With the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

The TRAC (Transforming, Renewing, Achieving, and Connecting) Program has partnered with the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Omaha to provide post-secondary classes for incarcerated individuals. The program will continue to operate through funding from private donors and under the leadership of Dr. Sadaf Hashimi, an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.
"Psychiatric Space" isn't an ordinary photo exhibit; it's a transformative journey that prompts us to challenge our society's perception of mental health. Dr. Peter Szto leads us to contemplate profound questions: How does culture influence discussions and approaches to mental health? How does culture shape our comprehension of the intricate world of mental health concepts? Most intriguingly, how do these cultural influences diverge between the East and the West?
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
UNO on Offutt AFB Testing Center Receives Prestigious CLEP Honors Military Achievement Award

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) on Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) is proud to announce that its testing center has been honored with the CLEP® Honors Military Achievement award for the second consecutive year. This recognition comes as a testament to the dedication and commitment of military service members stationed on Offutt AFB and beyond, who have strived to advance their educational goals through the DANTES-funded CLEP testing program.

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