

## UNO School of Social Work Receives University of Nebraska Departmental Teaching Award

The UNO School of Social Work has earned one of the University of Nebraska's most prestigious honors—the 2005 University-wide Departmental Teaching Award (UDTA). University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken announced the award and several others on February 25, 2005.

The UDTA recognizes a department within the university that has made a unique and significant contribution to teaching. It carries with it a \$25,000 award to the department.

Directed by Theresa Barron-McKeagney, the UNO School of Social Work is well known for its teaching, outreach and service, and is also highly student-focused. With its student volunteer, service learning and practicum training programs, the school contributes more than 5,000 hours of service to the community each year.

UNO has produced a promotional video about the School of Social Work and its unique program in honor of its receiving the 2005 Departmental Teaching Award.

"The School of Social Work is very honored to receive such a prestigious honor by our university," Dr. Barron-McKeagney said. "We are indebted to all of our constituents present and past, who have added to the School's outstanding presence, without their support, achieving such prominence would not exist. I would like to acknowledge all the faculty and students over the past 30 years who have contributed so much to our success, thank you."

Projects under way in the school include the Family Mentoring Program of outreach to south Omaha's Latino community and the Aguante Project, a family-based, community-centered mentoring program for at-risk Latino youth. The school provides the only MSW program within a 250-mile radius of Omaha and now offers an off-campus MSW program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The school's graduates have an 83% first-time pass rate on the Association of Social Work Boards vs. the 63% national average.

In October 2004, the School of Social Work also received the first inaugural Strategic Planning Award for its commitment to students

### CONGRATULATIONS!

*Dear Theresa and the faculty  
of the School of Social Work:*

*My sincere congratulations to  
all of you for this outstanding,  
exceptional, well deserved and  
long overdue award. I know  
that this would not have been  
possible without your  
collective and individual  
efforts. Finally, it has paid off.  
Enjoy it.*

*Sunny Sunny Andrews, ACSW,  
Dr.P.H. Professor Emeritus*

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*This is a wonderful honor, and  
follows the Goodrich Program  
as the only two UNO programs  
to be so honored!*

*B.J. Reed,  
Dean College of Public Affairs  
and Community Service*

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*Congrats to Social Work! Way  
to go!! You all deserve it. You  
have kept me sane through the  
last 4 years and that alone  
makes you all deserve an  
award!!!*

*Brenda Halstead,  
MSW Student*

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*My congratulations to the  
faculty of the School of Social  
Work for the University-wide  
Departmental Teaching  
Award. It is a well-deserved  
and prestigious honor!*

*Dr. Alice M. Schumaker,  
UNO School of Public  
Administration*

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