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UNO Recognized Among America's Best Graduate Schools

Omaha - Several graduate programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) have again received national recognition in the 2009 edition of **America's Best Graduate Schools**.

In the Public Affairs rankings, UNO ranked 27th nationally and tied for 15th place among public institutions. Two specialty programs ranked in the top 10.

"It's gratifying to see the high esteem the School of Public Administration at UNO is held by its peers around the country," said B.J. Reed, dean of the **College of Public Affairs and Community Service**. "Our ranking, particularly the very high ranking of our specialty programs reflects the high quality of faculty in the School of Public Administration and the tremendous respect other schools around the country have for excellence of our programs."

Specialty areas within the overall public affairs category were ranked individually. Specialty areas at UNO were ranked as follows:

- Information science and technology ranked sixth nationally among 15 similar programs and third nationally among public universities;
- Public management administration ranked 15th nationally and 10th among public universities;
- City management and urban policy ranked 13th nationally and 10th among public universities;
- Public finance and budgeting ranked 9th nationally and 7th among public universities;
- Nonprofit management ranked 18th nationally and 16th among public universities; and
- The criminal justice and doctoral program ranked 9th nationally.

The College of Education's speech-language pathology program placed 87th nationally among 163 similar programs and 69th nationally among public universities.

"UNO is one of the few metropolitan universities to be ranked in the top 30 nationally, and we consider it a great honor to be recognized for the quality of our program and the faculty, students and staff that make it such a great center of excellence," Reed said.

"Our ranking reflects the quality of our faculty and our programs," said John Bartle, School of Public Administration director. "Faculty are very active as leaders in national professional associations, and as eminent scholars in the field. Our programs include a variety of concentrations at the master's level as well our well-respected doctoral program. Sustained commitment from the University of Nebraska system and UNO has made this possible."

The top ranked schools in the various public affairs categories included Harvard University, Syracuse University, Indiana University-Bloomington and the University of Georgia.

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UNO will celebrate its 100th anniversary beginning October 8, 2008. This celebration will recognize the partnership among the City of Omaha, its citizens and UNO to build a vibrant and dynamic community. The centennial theme is "UNO: Central To Our City Since 1908." This theme acknowledges the past contributions of UNO to the community and sets the stage for great things to come.

UNO, inaugurated in 1968, emerged from the Municipal University of Omaha, established in 1931, which grew out of the University of Omaha founded in 1908. For Centennial information, log on to www.uno100.org.