

**Annual Awards Luncheon** In keeping with the organization's emphasis on advancing the status of women and gender equity, three awards are presented annually at the CCSW Awards Luncheon. All UNO faculty, clerical/service and managerial/professional office personnel are invited to nominate individuals and organizations. Normally held during March in conjunction with Women's History Month, award recipients are honored at the luncheon in the following categories: Outstanding Achievement Award, Community Service Award, Undergraduate Scholarship Award and Legendary Women of UNO Award. To view a list of past winners or to nominate someone, visit the Web at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/awards.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/awards.php).



**Voter Registration and Education** In an effort to reach out to the college-age population, to register them to vote and to help engage them in the political process, a Susan B.'s Voter Registration and Education Initiative was created. Working with a community partner — the Douglas County Election Commission — CCSW has conducted three successful drives in 2004, 2006 and 2008. CCSW's collaboration with the American



Democracy Project (ADP) and other campus organizations — including student groups — helped contribute to the success of these drives.

**Susan B.'s Coffeehouse Series** In 1997, the Susan B.'s Coffeehouse series was established in honor of women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony. The UNO CCSW series sponsors campus and community guest speakers and initiatives. Programs are educational, informational and social.

**Development** To help CCSW offset the costs of ongoing administrative expenses and special projects, individuals or companies can make a donation to CCSW. All donations are tax deductible. A donation form is available online at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/donation.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/donation.php).

**Mentoring** If you are new to CCSW or new to the university, your CCSW colleagues are here for support. UNO offers mentoring opportunities at various times throughout the year. For questions, don't hesitate to call the current officers:

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## Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women

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Founded in 1972 by Interim Chancellor J. Victor Blackwell, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW) serves as an advisory council to the Chancellor and other university administrators on issues that relate to women faculty, staff and students. The commission's goal is to provide a forum for women at UNO in conjunction with the organization's core themes of A, B, C — Awareness of women's issues, Balance in women's lives, and the Community and women's roles.

**CCSW Legendary Women of UNO Award** CCSW, Alumni Association and Women's Centennial Archive Project teamed up to honor the first Legendary Women of UNO Award recipient. The inaugural award will be presented to Olga "Jorgy" Jorgensen Strimple (1896-1987) at the 2010 CCSW Awards Luncheon. Jorgensen Strimple was an Omaha University 1919 alumna and Alumni Association executive secretary, as well as director (1919-1949) and lifetime member. She credited her OU education with helping her develop her strengths and leadership talents. She returned the university's investment in her through a lifelong devotion to and advocacy for the institution for more than three decades. [www.unomaha.edu/legendarywomen](http://www.unomaha.edu/legendarywomen).

**Membership** Membership in CCSW is open to all faculty, staff and students who reflect diversity in culture, age, gender, academic units, university departments and support services. Members shall be appointed by the Chancellor upon recommendation from the Commission for equal distribution of one- or two- year terms.

**Meetings** Meetings are held monthly during the academic year; special meetings may be called as the need arises.

## Online Forms

**Reference Card** This resource card is available online at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/resources.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/resources.php). It offers assistance for faculty and staff dealing with students involved with domestic violence, date rape and suicidal tendencies.

**Application Form** Want to join? Fill out a membership form at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/forms.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/forms.php).

**Committee Work** CCSW engages in a variety of educational projects by building collaborative relationships with UNO campus and metro area community organizations. CCSW continues to support initiatives that help students, staff and faculty to balance their professional and personal commitments. This is a working organization, which means all members will have an opportunity to volunteer on committees throughout the academic year. In 2008, CCSW hosted a women's film series featuring films directed by and about women. Four films were screened throughout the month of March (in celebration of Women's History Month). The free film series was funded by a mini-grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council.



**Women's Centennial Archive Project** To celebrate UNO's Centennial anniversary in 2008-09, the UNO Women's Centennial Archive Project (WCAP), took on the efforts to highlight the lives of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Students conducted interviews and asked participants to tell their story or write down their narrative. Friends and family of the selected women also assisted. A CCSW-sanctioned event, check out the WCAP Web site at [www.unomaha.edu/wcap](http://www.unomaha.edu/wcap).

**Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk** CCSW sponsors a team of walkers annually for the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk. The walk is the nation's largest fund-raising walk of its kind. All money raised through this event directly benefits Maverick female student-athletes via the UNO Athletics Scholarship Program.



## Online Resources

**Guidelines** Bylaws of the organization are available at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/guidelines.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/guidelines.php).

**Events and Projects** Want to be kept informed on what CCSW is planning next? If so, visit the Events and Projects page at [www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/event.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/ccsw/event.php).