College of Public Affairs and Community Service Alumni Award for Excellence in Public Service 2005 Recipients



Monica Blizek earned a bachelor of social work degree in 1992 and a master of social work degree in 1995. She is a certified master social worker and a licensed mental health practitioner, and has been a social services supervisor at Uta Halee Cooper Village since 2001. In this role she is responsible for 14 therapists and provides clinical supervision to provisionally licensed therapists. Her area of specialty is working with adolescent sex offenders.

Larry Bradley graduated from the Goodrich Scholarship Program with a bachelor of science in business administration degree in 1983. He is now a partner with KPMG, an international audit, risk advisory, and tax services firm, and is based in New York. Bradley is currently the lead partner on two KPMG global accounts: Hershey Foods and Omnicom.

Anne Hindery Camp earned a master of public administration degree in 1987. Since 2001, she has served as the program director at the Omaha Community Foundation. Collectively, she has over 18 years of grants experience and is responsible for managing the foundation's program areas. She also is vice chair of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and secretary for the Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha.

Glenda Hallberg earned a bachelor of science degree in urban studies with a specialization in gerontology in 1976. She was one of the first gerontology students to complete the department's specialized undergraduate courses. After completing her practicum at New Cassel Retirement Center, Halberg was hired as the center's resident family services director. She has served as New Cassel's associate administrator since 1984. She also supervises UNO gerontology students who are completing their training and practicum experience.

Mike Lempke is a key account manager for United Airlines. He received his bachelor of science in public administration degree with a specialization in aviation administration in 1999. His job responsibilities include managing a sales territory worth more than \$100 million in revenue, and his customers include several Fortune 500 companies. Lempke also serves as an adjunct instructor for UNO's Aviation Institute, and is currently instructing the spring 2005 section of Airline Operations.

Michael J. McLarney is president of the United Way of the Midlands. He earned a bachelor of general studies degree with a specialization in general administration in 1989. During his 32 years with the United Way of the Midlands, he has served in a number of administrative positions, overseeing the campaign, finance and administration and marketing and communications. Among his many activities, McLarney is a member of the steering committee for OMAHA 2000, and serves on the boards of the National Conference for Community and Justice, the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, American Humanics and the Dean's Advisory Committee for CPACS.

Steve Novotny earned a bachelor of general studies with a specialization in criminal justice in 1991. He has been an officer with the Omaha Police Department for 12 years and is certified in several speciality areas of law enforcement. Novotny also serves as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and has more than 25 years of active and reserve military service. In addition to taking part in Desert Storm and Operation Irqai Freedom, he has also testified at the U.S. House of Representatives' committee hearings on Combating Terrorism and Training and Equipping Reserve Component Forces.

Jason "Tye" Pratt attended UNO after graduating from Burke High School in 1992. He was enrolled in UNO's criminal justice program from the fall of 1992 to the summer of 1996. He maintained a grade point average of 3.71 and was on the dean's list for the spring semester in 1995 as well as the spring semester in 1996. In September of 1996, Jason was hired by the Omaha Police Department. He graduated first in his class and received many awards, including "Top All Around Recruit" and "Top in Academics." On September 11, 2003, he was fatally shot by a repeat offender.

Mary Zeleny graduated from the Goodrich Scholarship Program with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1994. She earned a master of social work degree in 2000. Zeleny uniquely integrates her academic experiences in her work in the community as a professional mental health practitioner at Heartland Family Service and in her private practice. She is an active member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, and uses artistic expression as part of her activist role in researching and eliminating cancer, and uses the arts to voice personal stories of journeys of life processes.

2005 Hubert Locke Distinguished Service Award

J. Terrence Haney, also a CPACS alumnus, received the college's highest honor, the Hubert Locke Award for Distinguished Service, for his commitment to lifelong learning and his significant support for the college and UNO. Haney began his career in the insurance industry. In 1964 he was named president and chief executive officer of Insurance Consultants, Inc., an employee benefits firm. At the age of 49, he entered the UNO College of Continuing Studies as an undergraduate and received his bachelor of general studies degree nine years later. He then began work on his master of arts degree in social gerontology and graduated in 1998 at the age of 65.

In 2001, the UNO Department of Gerontology was the beneficiary of a generous gift from Haney and his wife, Judy, which established an endowed faculty position and three funds supporting faculty members and eventually student scholarships. The Terry Haney Chair of Gerontology was created to help the department attract or retain leading experts in gerontology.

In addition to his work with the department of gerontology, Haney has served as an active member of UNO Library Friends, and is also the recipient of the UNO Alumni Association's Outstanding Service Award. He also had leadership positions with several schools and foundations throughout the city of Omaha.