

THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



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40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ALUMNI AWARDS



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A Message from Dean John Bartle...



The individuals we honor today have distinguished themselves through their professional service and community stewardship. In their daily deeds and lifelong accomplishments, each of these individuals define the very best of public service: integrity, volunteerism, and leadership. They are a credit to their fields of study, profession, and communities. Our world is a better place because of these individuals. Please join me in congratulating them.



40th CPACS Anniversary Celebration & Alumni Awards Program

OPENING REMARKS John Bartle, Dean
College of Public Affairs and Community Service

WELCOME Lee Denker, President and CEO
UNO Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FOUNDATION Tessa Barney

DINNER & KEYNOTE ADDRESS Dr. Del Weber, Chancellor Emeritus
University of Nebraska Omaha

PRESENTATION OF 2013 ALUMNI AWARDS


- ◆ Scott Vlasek, Director, Aviation Institute
- ◆ Gina Toman, Assistant Dean, Division of Continuing Studies
- ◆ Candice Batton, Director, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- ◆ Julie Masters, Chair, Department of Gerontology
- ◆ Imafedia Okhamafe, Chair, Goodrich Scholarship Program
- ◆ Ethel Williams, Director, School of Public Administration
- ◆ Theresa Barron-McKeagney, Director, Grace Abbott School of Social Work

PRESENTATION OF 2013 HUBERT LOCKE AWARD John Bartle

CLOSING REMARKS John Bartle



Highlights in CPACS History

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- ◆ **1971**— Formation of the School of Public Affairs and Community Service (SPACS)
 - ◆ **1972**—Hubert Locke becomes the first SPACS Dean with undergraduate degrees in Public Administration and Criminal Justice; Gerontology Program established through the Nebraska Unicameral; the Goodrich Scholarship Program began through Senator Glenn Goodrich’s budget amendment
 - ◆ **1973**— The University of Nebraska Board of Regents grants SPACS college status and name changes to the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS)
 - ◆ **1977**— Certificate of Specialization in Gerontology; accreditation awarded to the School of Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education
 - ◆ **1978**— Merger of the Training and Community Service division of CPACS into the Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR)
 - ◆ **1982**— The Department of Urban Studies is consolidated into the Department of Public Administration
 - ◆ **1990**— The Aviation Institute is founded
 - ◆ **2002**— Juvenile Justice Institute created by the Nebraska Legislature; Department of Public Administration name change to the School of Public Administration
 - ◆ **2003**— Division of Continuing Studies and William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies joins the College of Public Affairs and Community Service

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

2013 Alumni Award Recipients *for Excellence in Public Service*



Patrick O'Neil is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Administration, Aviation Institute, at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

O'Neil, who is a graduate of **UNO's Master of Public Administration** program, is a retired Naval Aviator with over 26 years of operational military service.

He has taught at the UNO Aviation Institute for the past six years after graduating from UNO with a **Doctorate in Public Administration**.

He was recently designated the Director for UNO's new Emergency Management Services program.

Patrick O'Neil is married to Marilyn 'Joyce' O'Neil, a UNO MPA graduate. Their daughter Amy is a graduate of UNO's International Studies program and their son Patrick is currently enrolled in UNO's College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media.





Jen Carroll arrived at UNO in 2007 after serving eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Carroll graduated from UNO with a **Bachelor of General Studies** in 2008.

After graduation, she served as the Veterans Coordinator for UNO, where her primary focus was to ensure student's GI Bill benefits were processed correctly. She quickly realized that students needed more from her than assistance with their GI Bill

benefits. Jen became the Director of Mav USO in April 2012.

As the Director of the MaV USO office, Jen has created partnerships with organizations whose primary focus is active-duty military personnel and veterans. These partnerships allow better access for students to engage and to receive the support and assistance they need.

Since 2004, after ending her active duty military career, Jen Carroll has continued to dedicate herself to supporting veterans and military members.



Stephen W. Rowoldt graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha with a **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree** in 1974.

He also received certification in Management from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 2002.

Currently, Steve is the Deputy Probation Administrator for the Nebraska Supreme Court Office of Probation Ad-

ministration where he has served since 2007. He has a long distinguished career in Probation that spans from 1974 to the present.

He has likewise served on numerous community boards and committees including Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Team, Family Violence Council, and, most recently, the Justice Behavioral Health Committee where he has served as co- chair since 2006.

Rowoldt graduated from Central High School in Omaha and he and his wife of 31 years, Deb, have one son, Andrew.





Todd R. Schmaderer was appointed as Omaha's 32nd Police Chief on August 15, 2012.

Todd is a 17 year veteran of the Omaha Police Department, and previously had held the positions of Deputy Chief, Captain, Training Academy Commander, and Uniform Patrol Supervisor as a Lieutenant and Sergeant.

Chief Schmaderer received a **Bachelor of Science in**

Criminal Justice from UNO and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. He is an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at Bellevue University.

Chief Schmaderer is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Metropolitan Chiefs Association. He is also an elected Board of Director's Member for the Police Federal Credit Union.

Todd has lived in Omaha his entire life and is a 1990 graduate of Omaha Roncalli High School.





Betty G. Foster earned her **Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies** and a **Master of Arts in Counseling** from UNO, with a **certificate in Gerontology**. Her Ph.D. is from Kansas State University with majors in research and adult/continuing education.

She joined the faculty in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of NE Medical Center (UNMC) where she spent two years in the Continuing Education Division followed by sixteen years

in the Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology. She co-authored an advanced training manual on Alzheimer's disease and published numerous articles that included performance of older drivers, depression in elders, and caregiving.

UNO's Program for Women and Successful Aging honored her with their Women of Wisdom award. She has served as President of Midwest Geriatrics, Inc. and the Florence Home and remains on their boards.

Dr. Foster raised five children before completing her degrees. One daughter has her Ph.D.; the other two daughters and two sons earned masters degrees.



Cynthia L. Robinson is a native Omahan, a loving mother and “Nana,” and a proud University of Nebraska alum. A **Goodrich Scholarship** recipient, she earned a **Bachelor of Science degree** as a double major in Black Studies and Communication and a **Master of Science in Urban Studies** from the University of Nebraska Omaha. She earned her Ph.D. in Communication Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Dr. Robinson began her teaching career at UNO as a graduate teaching assistant with the Goodrich Scholarship Program in 1996. In 1997, she was an adjunct instructor in the Department of Black Studies, and in 2000, she began teaching in the Communication Department. Since 2001, Dr. Robinson has held a full time teaching position in Communication, and last year was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor.

However, she continues to be involved with the Department of Black Studies through a courtesy appointment, and in 2011 was the Interim Chair of the department. She continues to be involved with the Goodrich Scholarship Program and teaches a “Goodrich only” section of Public Speaking Fundamentals course.





Chris Anderson is an Omaha native and proud graduate of the University of Nebraska Omaha. Chris earned a Bachelors degree from UNL and a **Master of Public Administration** from UNO.

He has been the City Administrator in Central City for ten years and previously worked for the cities of Aurora, Stanton and Ashland. Chris is active in the International City/County Management Association where he has served on

several committees and has attained the Credentialed Manager designation.

Chris has also served as President of the Nebraska City/County Management Association and the Board of Directors of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Currently, Chris serves on the Board of Directors for NMPP Energy and the Merrick Fitness Center. He's currently Board Chairman of the National Public Gas Agency and serves on the NPPD Power Resources Advisory Board.

Chris and his wife Machelles stay busy with their 3 children, Caitlyn, Noah and Bennett.



Julie Harris earned a Bachelor of Science from Kearney State College and a **Master of Public Administration** from the University of Nebraska Omaha.

She served as Activate Omaha's Outreach/Safe Routes to School Coordinator for five years, and is currently the Project Manager.

Julie is a member of the City of Omaha's Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Mayor's

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She serves on the board of Omaha Bikes, DEVO (kids mountain bike club), and the Green Omaha Coalition. Julie Harris is a League Certified Instructor with the League of American Bicyclists.

However, her favorite role continues to be mother, and serves as the "Bike and Hike Wednesday" Coordinator at her daughter's elementary school.





Heather Bird, received her **Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration** from UNO in 2001. She is a licensed independent mental health practitioner and licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

She currently directs the Nebraska Family Works Program at Heartland Family Service. She developed and leads the comprehensive residential substance abuse treatment program for women who complete treatment living with their children. The program's successful outcomes led to its replication in Iowa in 2009.

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Heather serves as an adjunct faculty in the Grace Abbott School of Social Work at UNO and a practicum instructor for numerous social work students.

She was recently awarded the Midlands Business Journal 2012 "40 Under 40 Award."



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2013 Hubert Locke Distinguished Service Award



Steven S. Martin is President and CEO, a member of the executive management team and a Board Director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska.

He currently serves as a Board Director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and BCS Financial Corporation in Chicago, Prime Therapeutics LLC, Travel and Transport and Wellness Councils of America.

Martin is also active in community service and is a Board Director for AMA Foundation, Children's Scholarship Fund, Knights of Aksarben, Lauritzen Gardens, Nebraskaland Foundation, Strategic Command Consultation Committee, the Durham Museum and United Way of the Midlands.

Steven Martin earned a Bachelor's degree from Washburn University and a **Master of Arts degree in Gerontology** from the University of Nebraska Omaha.



Previous CPACS Alumni Award Recipients

Reema Abou-Nasr	Scot L. Adams	Karen Authier	Steve Novotny
Ricardo Ariza	Abdul Ghafar Azimi	Carlos Barrientos	Ann O'Connor
Ron Bartee	Connie Benjamin	Monica Blizek	Robert Olson
James R. Blue	Carole Boye	Andy Bradley	Penny Parker
Edna Brooks Pittman	Scott Carlson	Thomas Cassady	Frank Peak
Deborah Circo	Toba Cohen- Dunning	John Colburn	Jason Pratt
Teresa Coleman Hunter	Allen Curtis	Robert Dahlquist	Janice Price
Aldona Doyle	Roger Donlon	Timothy Dunning	Josephine Ramos
Joe Edmonson	Blake Edwards	Janine Emmons	Shayna Ray
Viv Ewing	John W. Ewing Jr.	John Fiene	Crystal Rhoades
Ellen Freeman- Wakefield	Mark Foxall	Christine Gillette	Jolene Roberts
Phil Green	Cindy Gonzalez	Amy Haddad	Chris Rodgers
Chuck Hagel	Susan Hale	Glenda Hallberg	Gabe Romero
Jason Hansen	Terri S. Harder	Mel Harrington	Douglas Russell
Morgan Hecht	Zenola Hilliard	Anne Hindery	Scott Sasse
Robert Houston	Gwen Howard	Ginny Hronek	Paul Sather
Julie Kalkowski	Maggie Kalkowski	Kim Kern	Michelle Schindler
Pat Kern	Gene Klein	Michael Kohler	Colleen Schinker

Previous CPACS Alumni Award Recipients Continued..

Connie Kudlacek	Rod Kush	Patricia Lamberty	Arlis Smidt
David Landis	Paul Landow	Mike Lempke	Tijuana Smith-Secret
Mary Lopez	Rebecca Lutte	Jun Ma	Paul Strawhecker
Marcos Mora	Mark Martinez	Steven Martin	Carolyn Stitt
Tim Mathern	Jennifer McIntyre	Michael McLarney	Erin Sullivan
Stephen McCoy	Jamesena Moore	Michael Nolan	Susan Tast
Michael Turner	Donna Tubach Davis	Maria Vazquez	Scott E. Vlasek
William Wakefield	Donna Washburn	Harriette Washington	Thomas H. Warren Sr.
Barbara Weitz	General Johnnie Wilson	Sara Woods	Peter Young
Mary Zeleny	Joy LaChelle Bailie	Mike Butera	Judy Dierkhising
Kailey Dwyer	Pete Festersen	Joe Jeanette	Shane Zeffren Kotok
Betsy Wright Kreisel	Eva Payne	Bart Vargas	

Previous Hubert Locke Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Elaine Spire	Al Goodwin	Nancy Thompson
John Scott	Mary Heng-Braun	Rhonda A. Hawks
Terry Haney	Mike Fahey	Don Waggoner
Robert Houston	David Hinton	

For 40 years, the College of Public Affairs and Community Service has become a national leader among similar colleges. Its faculty rank among the finest in their disciplines. CPACS' degree programs are nationally ranked. Faculty, staff, and students are integral to the community and the state because of their applied research, service learning and outreach activities. CPACS takes its duty to address social needs and craft solutions to local and national problems very seriously.

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