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The CPACS Collective

Your best source of news, the latest happenings, and exciting collaborations happening in the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service.



The College of Public Affairs and Community

Service: 50 Years Strong

CPACS was created to be “an action-oriented research agency, it should mount the university’s attack upon community problems by organizing around interdisciplinary projects ... to bring the full range of current knowledge and techniques of the social, behavioral, and management sciences to bear upon the problems encountered” (Regents’ Commission on the Urban University of the ‘70’s, September 30, 1970).

We have stayed true to that goal. It is just as important now as it was fifty years ago. We provide education, but also direct action, outreach, and applied research to address community problems. We partner with organizations in mutually beneficial ways with the shared goal of making the community better, one step at a time.

With generations of our graduates leading organizations, we are the source and pipeline of talent for public and nonprofit organizations for Nebraska, as well as certain parts of the private sector. The vision of the Regents’ Commission has been realized. The Omaha community is stronger and more humane because of CPACS.

John R. Bartle, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service

CPACS News



CPACS Graduate Programs Climb 2023 U.S. News Rankings

UNO’s College of Public Affairs and Community Service houses highly ranked graduate programs; programs among the best in the nation.



CPACS 2021-2022 Annual Report Now Live

This year’s College of Public Affairs and Community Service report focuses on “Reflecting Forward,” in honor of our 50th Anniversary.



CPACS Dean's Office Welcomes New Appointments

UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service welcomes two appointments starting August 1, 2022.



UNO's New Labor Institute Leader Focuses on Nebraska's Future

In his first year of leading the William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies, Jim Begley, director, is facing Nebraska's workforce challenges with a new slant and head-on.



Awards Abound Among CPACS Faculty and Doctoral Students

Excellence abounds within our college. This spring several of our faculty members, instructors, and doctoral candidates and students have been nationally recognized for their accomplishments and expertise. We offer a hearty congratulations to our outstanding leaders.



Not a Coincidence. A Top CPACS School Director Chosen for NU Leadership Program.

Gaylene Armstrong, Ph.D., director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, is one of four UNO faculty chosen for a NU system-wide leadership program. It's not surprising; the college is thriving.



Madeline Adams' national graduation story starts and finishes at UNO

80-year-old Madeline Adams found herself the focus of more than 150 national media stories with her UNO graduation in 2022, 60 years after she first started. Congratulations, Madeline!

Upcoming Programming

Upcoming School of Public Administration Professional Program Offerings

Register for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Jailhouse Scramble

Save the Date for Upcoming CPACS 50th Anniversary Events

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