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For Immediate Release:

Four UNL employees received awards for outstanding service to the University at the UNOPA Annual Awards Luncheon on February 13. UNOPA members and guest came through the snow packed streets to the Champions Club to honor and cheer the award nominees and award winners.

The Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen Award was established to honor annually two office support staff that have demonstrated superior performance and have made significant contributions to the University community.

Each receiving an engraved silver pen, a \$600 stipend, a framed certificate and a one-year free UNOPA membership were: Deanna Lubken, Staff Assistant, College of Law; and Bethanie Namechek, Project Assistant, Distance Education Services. Ms. Lubken was nominated by Kevin Ruser, College of Law. Ms. Namechek was nominated by Greta Glenn of Distance Education Services.

The Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff Award recognizes an office/service UNL employee who demonstrates distinguished service and contributions to the University community. Because of a tie in the points received by the judges, two Outstanding Staff awards were given this year.

Carol Wusk, Secretary Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources was a winner of this award. Carol was nominated by Dr. Steven Waller, CASNR Dean's Office.

Another winner was Mary Klucas, Administrative Technician, College of Arts and Sciences. Mary was nominated by Becky Carter, CAS Dean's Office.

Each of the Outstanding Staff award winners received \$1,000 stipend, a wooden recognition plaque, and a one-year free UNOPA membership.

Other excellent candidates for the Outstanding Staff Award were:

Barbara Homer, Secretary Specialist, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Barbara was nominated by Dr. Miriam DeLone and Karen Fulton.


And, Roberta Sandhorst, Administrative Assistant, Extended Education and Outreach. Roberta was nominated by Greta Glenn.

The Silver Pen Award and the Outstanding Staff Award is made possible by an endowment to the University Foundation by Floyd S. Oldt.

For more information about the awards or UNOPA, go online to www.unl.edu/unopa or contact Nelvie Lienemann, 2006-07 UNOPA Awards Director, 472-7080.

MEMORANDUM

TO: 2007 Screening Committee
Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students

FROM: Harvey Perlman, Chancellor 

DATE: February 23, 2007

RE: Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students

Thank you for your service on the committee to select the winner of the Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students. I am pleased that there were numerous nominations of persons who have made noteworthy contributions in their service to students.

Susan Kay Voss is an excellent choice, and I will be pleased to bestow the award upon her at the Honors Convocation in April. I would appreciate if this could remain confidential until the press release has been prepared prior to Convocation

Thanks again for your good work! I appreciate your taking time from your busy schedules to determine a winner.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2006

TO: Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Department Chairpersons,
Academic Advising Center Staff, Time and Attendance Clerks,
ASUN President, Student Organization Presidents, Student Organization Advisors,
Residence Hall Student Assistants

FROM: Chancellor Harvey Perlman

SUBJECTS: 1. James V. Griesen Exemplary Service to Students Award
2. Student Foundation/Builders Award for Outstanding Academic Advising

Throughout the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, many of our colleagues regularly devote extraordinary personal time and energy in their efforts to serve our students. To give proper recognition for those outstanding and exemplary contributions, I request your nominations for the following awards.

The **James V. Griesen Exemplary Service to Students Award**, established in 1986 as the Chancellor's Exemplary Service to Students Award and renamed in 2006 to the James V. Griesen Exemplary Service to Students Award, acknowledges extraordinary and sustained performance by individuals serving UNL's students. All UNL employees are eligible for nomination, and nominations may be made by a UNL student, faculty member, staff member or administrator. The deadline for nominations is **January 19, 2007**.

The **Student Foundation/Builders Award for Outstanding Academic Advising**, established in 1987, acknowledges faculty or advising staff who have demonstrated outstanding advising ability and who, by their service to UNL, have made a considerable contribution to the educational enrichment of the students of UNL. This award is funded by the UNL Student Foundation and the All University Fund. All UNL faculty or staff members are eligible for this award, and nominations may be made by any UNL student, faculty member, staff member or administrator. The deadline for nominations is **January 19, 2007**.

Attached are guidelines describing the nomination and selection processes for these awards. Many persons within the UNL community are deserving of this recognition, but they will only be considered if members of the academic community nominate them. Please make a special effort to share this information with others and encourage your colleagues to submit nominations.

2007 Builders Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advising

The Builders Award recognizes sustained and extraordinary service to UNL students in the areas of academic advising and counseling. This award is open to all UNL faculty and advising staff members. Nominations may be made by any student, faculty or staff member, or administrator.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Honors Convocation on April 22, 2007. The award is accompanied by a \$1,500 cash stipend to be provided from funds made available by the UNL Student Foundation and the All University Fund.

Application Deadline: January 19, 2007

Nomination forms may be picked up at the following locations:

Student Involvement, 200 Nebraska Union
Student Involvement, 300 East Campus Union
ASUN Office, 136 Nebraska Union
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 106 Canfield Admin. Bldg.

NOMINATION

2007 STUDENT FOUNDATION/BUILDERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Builders Award recognizes sustained and extraordinary service to students in the areas of academic advising and counseling. This award is open to all UNL faculty or staff members. Nominees should demonstrate their knowledge of university rules and procedures, significant experience in advising, excellence in formal and informal advising (including career counseling), creativity in advising efforts (including, if appropriate, presentations on advising topics and published materials), and a consistent record of rapport with students. Nominations for this award may be made by any UNL student, faculty member, staff member or administrator.

Name of Nominee	Department
Present Academic Rank	Campus Address (include zip code) and Phone
Nominator(s)	Nominator's Campus Address (include zip code) and Phone

Approximate number of undergraduate advisees: _____

PROCEDURES FOR GATHERING AND SUBMITTING NOMINATION INFORMATION

1. Contact the nominee's department chair or director, and ask for cooperation in submitting this nomination. If granted, ask the chair or director for names of individuals who might be able to comment on your nominee's outstanding qualities. Ask the chair or director to provide a letter of support for your nominee.
2. Ask the nominee's permission to submit his or her name in nomination for this award. Ask for names and addresses of previous students who would be likely to provide letters of support. Note: the letters of support you receive are private documents; they should be kept confidential, to be seen only by you and the Student Foundation Award Subcommittee. They will become the property of the nominee after the selection process is completed.

Ask your nominee to provide you with:
 - (1) an abbreviated curriculum vitae with emphasis on advising activities (limit of 5 pages),
 - (2) exhibits of supporting information or a statement expressing his/her philosophy of advising, innovative approaches, self-development and creative efforts in advising (limit of 10 pages),
 - (3) peer recommendations (limit of 3), and
 - (4) any other pertinent information.
3. Compose a letter outlining the outstanding qualities of the nominee and citing personal characteristics, special advising and/or counseling efforts, involvement in student activities or organizations, and/or self-development efforts in advising (limit of 2 pages).
4. Obtain letters from undergraduate students or former students, based on the information received in #2 above, exhibiting supporting information and indicating whether the advising emphasis is on university procedures, career guidance, or both (limit of 2 currently enrolled students and 1 alumni).

This form and all supporting documents should be submitted together in a notebook or folder and must be received in the University of Nebraska Foundation Office, 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508 (or the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, 106 Canfield Administration Building), by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2007. The recipient will be honored at the UNL Honors Convocation on April 22, 2007. This award will be accompanied by a \$1500 cash stipend provided by funds made available by the UNL Student Foundation and the All University Fund. For further information, please contact Alicia Haugen (458-1210 or ahaugen@nufoundation.org) or Megan Fuehrer (417-9371 or mfuehre1@bigred.unl.edu).

2007 James V. Griesen Exemplary Service to Students Award

This award acknowledges extraordinary and sustained performance by individuals serving UNL students.

All UNL employees are eligible for nomination.

Nominations may be made by any student, faculty or staff member, or administrator.

The recipient of the award will be honored at the Honors Convocation on April 22, 2007. The award is accompanied by a \$1,000 cash stipend to be provided from private funds made available by the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Application Deadline: January 19, 2007

Nomination forms may be picked up at the following locations:

Student Involvement, 200 Nebraska Union
Student Involvement, 300 East Campus Union
ASUN Office, 136 Nebraska Union
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 106 Canfield Admin. Bldg.

NOMINATION

2007 JAMES V. GRIESEN EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO STUDENTS AWARD

This form and all supporting documents (see below) must be received in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 106 Canfield Administration Building (0423) **by January 19, 2007**. All UNL staff members are eligible for nomination, and nominations may be made by a UNL student, faculty, staff member or administrator. Nominees should have a record of sustained and exemplary service to students.

Name of Nominee	Department
Working Title	Campus Address (include zip code) and Phone
Nominator(s)	Campus Address (include zip code) and Phone
Indicate years of service at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: _____	

SUPPORTING INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. A letter from the nominator(s) indicating the quality of the service performed or the extraordinary effort contributed to students by the nominee, and an assessment of the perceived value of that service to the university.
2. Exhibits of supportive information:
 - a. resume or vita (not to exceed two pages);
 - b. position description of current job responsibilities;
 - c. letters from peers, students and former students (a balance is desirable, with no more than three from each category);
 - d. evidence of self-development efforts; and
 - e. evidence of creative activities in serving students and other pertinent information.
3. Criteria used in the selection of the award recipient include evidence of the following characteristics:
 - a. indications that the nominee devotes time and energy toward service to students outside the normal job expectations;
 - b. indications that the individual has gone beyond the performance of their assigned responsibilities over an extended period of time;
 - c. indications that the nominee demonstrates a sensitivity to and understanding of a diverse student body; and
 - d. indications of the direct impact the nominee's service has had on the lives of students.

Note: Please provide unbound materials held together with a binder clip as we must copy these materials.

Selection will be made by a committee composed of students, faculty and staff. The recipient of the award will be honored at the UNL Honors Convocation on April 22, 2007. The award will be accompanied by a \$1,000 cash stipend to be provided from private funds made available by the University of Nebraska Foundation.