2012-13 UAAD Kick-Off!

Dr. Ronnie Green
Reflections on Being a BIG 10 University

Wednesday, September 19
11:45 am - 1:00 pm
UNL East Campus Union - Prairie Suite

UAAD will kick off 2012-2013 on East Campus. UNOPA members will join us for our first meeting featuring Dr. Ronnie Green, Vice Chancellor for The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Green will share his reflections on becoming a BIG 10 university.

UAAD Professional Development Workshops
Scheduled for November and April

November 8, 2012
Paul Wesselmann
Best Work/Best Self: Time and Stress Management for Busy People

April 18, 2013
JoAnne Owens-Nausler
Secure Your Own Mask First: Managing Your Own Health
Campus is full of excitement this fall with new students, new staff, lots of construction both in the air and on the streets. We have a little more experience at being a Big Ten school and many of us have already collaborated often with our Big Ten colleagues.

UAAD brings a new mentoring program, which will launch later this fall. It is our goal to support our new staff through networking with those who have more and different experiences at UNL. We hope our new staff will transition, both in their jobs and in their journey to get to know the University, much smoother with the help of a mentor/mentee relationship. This is a great time to step up and volunteer to be a mentee! More information about the Mentor Program will be coming to you soon.

The fall UAAD program schedule is set. As our work lives continue to grow and change we can benefit by taking advantage of the many opportunities we have at UNL to personally and professionally grow right along with it. In September Dr. Ronnie Green will be sharing UNL’s progress and partnerships as they relate to “Water, Food and Fuel.” He will help us reflect the ambitions of a Big Ten University. In October Kate Engel will be updating us on the progress of Innovation Campus and the potential for partnership availability for the staff, faculty and students at UNL. The look and feel of this exciting addition to UNL shows our cutting edge thinking, bringing attention to the impact Nebraska has on our world.

Paul Wesselmann is our November meeting speaker and our professional development workshop facilitator. Paul has been to our campus before and we are fortunate to have him back to motivate us to meet the challenges of our jobs head on. His meeting session is titled, “Get Better, Not Bitter: Conquering Challenges in Work and Life.” The professional development workshop is “Best Work/Best Self: Time and Stress Management for Busy People.” In this day of tight budgets, more work and less people, these two sessions will be perfect for regeneration at mid semester.

The impact we make on the lives of our students, fellow staff members and the faculty cannot be measured in one large event, but we can see the difference we are making when we connect one person at a time. At the end of each day, consider the lives you’ve touched . . . making a difference is one of the greatest satisfactions we gain from our jobs at UNL. Who have you made the difference for today?

Be an active member of your association through meeting attendance, nominating fellow staff for awards, taking advantage of the professional development workshops, and volunteering to be a mentor for another staff member.

Welcome to a new year of personal and professional development through your association with UAAD. Encourage your colleagues to join you in making a difference.

Vicki D Highstreet
2012-13 UAAD President
Support the Lincoln Literacy Council!

UAAD joins the UNOPA 50-50 drawing this month to support the Lincoln Literacy Council

Buy a ticket and support language and literacy education in Lincoln
AND if your ticket is drawn you’ll get half the proceeds!

“The mission of Lincoln Literacy is to assist people of all cultures and strengthen our community by teaching English language and literacy skills.”

UAAD 2013 Carl A. Donaldson & Floyd S. Oldt Awards

It’s not too early to consider your nominees for these awards! Current forms and information will be available on the UAAD website soon - watch future newsletters for more information. The Founder’s Day Celebration is February 20, where your colleagues will be recognized. Nominations will be due in early February.

Carl A. Donaldson Award for Excellence in Management – This award, given annually since 1972, is in honor of Carl A. Donaldson. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Mr. Donaldson devoted his entire 43-year professional career to University service. In 1961, he founded the University Association for Administrative Development. The Carl A. Donaldson Award was created to recognize UNL’s excellent managers in non-faculty positions.

Floyd S. Oldt Award for Exceptional Service to the University – This award was created in 1992 from a bequest by University of Nebraska alumnus Floyd S. Oldt who graduated in 1920. Mr. Oldt was a superintendent of Abel Construction Company in Lincoln before moving to Dallas, Texas where he became a prominent general contractor. Mr. Oldt was a generous contributor to many humanitarian and civic organizations. This Floyd S. Oldt Award was designed specifically to honor a UNL employee in a managerial/professional position.

UNOPA Seeking Nominations for 2012 Floyd S. Oldt Awards

It is that time of year once again and UNOPA is seeking nominations for the following awards:

2012 Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year – This awards honors excellence in personnel management. It recognizes University of Nebraska employees who demonstrate outstanding skills in employee supervision and interpersonal relations.

2012 Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen – This award honors two office/service employees who have demonstrated superior performance while employed at UNL and who have made significant contributions to the University community.

2012 Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff – This award was created to recognize an outstanding UNL office/service employee who demonstrates distinguished service and contributions to the University community.

Nomination deadline is Tuesday, October 16. Information about the award criteria and the nomination forms are found on the UNOPA web site at: http://unopa.unl.edu/about/annualawards
If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carson, Awards Committee Director, either by phone, 472-8209 or e-mail, dcarson2@unl.edu.

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