Founders’ Day Award Winners

The University Association for Administrative Development conferred awards to two of its members at its Annual Founders’ Day Awards Luncheon, February 23. Vicki Highstreet, assistant director for instruction and staff development in the Recreation Center, received the Carl A. Donaldson Award for Excellence in Management and Linda Major, director of student involvement, received the Floyd S. Oldt Award for Exceptional Service to the university.

The Donaldson Award recognizes excellence in management. Selection criteria include communication and conflict resolution skills, promotion of teamwork, and skills in planning, delegating and decision-making as well as commitment to professional development. Vicki began her career at UNL in the University Health Center in 1981 and has been a part of the Campus Recreation staff since 1988. She is responsible for coordinating the planning, development, implementation and facilitation of campuswide academic recreational activity classes, as well as leisure (noncredit) activity classes. She has served on several university committees, has been an active member of UAAD and is involved with Sertoma.

Other finalists for the Donaldson Awards can be found on page 2.

Crime in Your Building!

Security and Safety at UNL

Do you know how to spot a crime in action? How do you report a crime you’ve witnessed? How secure is your building? Do you know what safety measures are in place at UNL? What are your responsibilities as a UNL employee?

Frederick L. Gardy, Assistant Chief of UNL Police, will answer these questions and more.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and join us on March 8, from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Nebraska Union, City Campus, to learn behavioral knowledge vital to our university community.
Dear UAAD friends and colleagues,

With mixed emotions, both excitement and melancholy, I have formally announced I am leaving the University of Nebraska–Lincoln for opportunities elsewhere. With this in mind, I have confidently handed the torch of leadership to Marilyn Fenton. She will step in as President of UAAD in March 2006. My last day with UNL will be March 15.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as UAAD President. Working with the Board and UAAD membership has been a “point of pure pride!” In 2004, we brought several different people together to take UAAD in a new and exciting direction. Now, in 2006, our diverse karmas and backgrounds, work ethics and ideas have created success.

The results of such success are very measurable. In 2004, we redesigned UAAD’s logo and brand. 2004-2005 we invested in and updated our website. In 2005, we planned an unparalleled number of programs and professional development seminars and events (see our Calendar of Events). Most notable is that we also increased membership and revenues. Such success could NOT have been accomplished without the UAAD Board setting the tone for the future!

You have each played an integral role in the positive growth of my life and soul. I hope that I have been able to do the same for you.

While opportunities take me elsewhere, I will continue to live and thrive in Lincoln. Please never hesitate to contact me for any reason, especially UAAD duties.

Sincerely,

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Other finalists for the Oldt Award were Ricardo S. Barrera, business manager for the University of Nebraska Beadle Business Center; Dan Floyd, director of Shared Computing Services and the NCard Office; and Mary Werner, research analyst/assistant director for Institutional Research and Planning.

The Oldt award is given to a person who devotes significant time and energy in service to the university, shows creativity and innovation and unselfishly serves UAAD, his or her department and the community at large. Linda has an undergraduate degree in human relations and a master’s degree in management and has more than 30 years of professional and volunteer experience in the substance abuse field. Prior to coming to UNL, she served in a variety of professional positions for the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs (LCAD) including prevention director. Linda recently was recognized for her work in college-based programs by the American Public Health Association. She serves as co-chair of the Cather Circle Program Committee and as a United Way board member.

Other finalists for the Oldt Award were Amy Lanham, assistant director for sport clubs and youth activities for Campus Recreation; and Jan Hime, user support manager for the College of Business Administration.