Hello! It is hard to believe how quickly the summer has flown by. Can you feel it? The excitement in the air with students and faculty back on campus in force, shorter days, cooler nights (?), and football season with a record eight home games?

As we move into the start of the semester, I want to remind you of the challenge I issued to you on May 14, 2013: Wake Up; Be Thankful; Be Approachable; Complain Less; Smile, Really; Start Early & Go Long; Go Beyond Expectations; Have a Sense of Urgency; Be Resourceful & Resilient with No Excuses…SMILE and MOVE.

How to smile....

Wake up. Show others you care by giving attention to their needs.

Be Thankful. The opportunity to serve is a gift.... not an entitlement.

Be approachable. We're at each other's service and contact is where it starts.

Complain less. Being positive is more fun.

Smile. Really. It is where pleasantness begins.

First UNOPA Meeting is September 10th

The first general meeting will be at the East Campus Union on September 10th at 11:45 a.m. Dennis LeBlanc, Senior Associate Athletic Director, will be the featured speaker.

Dennis Leblanc was named Nebraska’s Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academics in 2007, after being promoted from Associate Athletic Director for Academic Programs and Student Services. He was named an associate athletic director in 1998 and has directed the academic program since 1993. Leblanc, who has been with the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes since 1987, joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in 1983 as a member of the track and field staff.
Start Award Nomination Process Today

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

2013 Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year - This award honors excellence in personal management. It recognizes University of Nebraska employees who demonstrate outstanding skills in employee supervision and interpersonal relations.

2013 Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen - This award honors two office/service employees who have demonstrated superior performance while employed at UN-L and who have made significant contributions to the University community.

2013 Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff - This award was created to recognize an outstanding UN-L office/service employee who demonstrates distinguished service and contributions to the University community.

Nomination deadline is Friday, October 18. Information about the award criteria and the nomination forms are found on the UNOPA website at http://unopa.unl.edu/awards.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carson, Awards Committee, either by phone, 472-8209 or e-mail, dcarson2@unl.edu.

President’s Message on Positive Thinking

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How to move...

Start early & go long. Get lost in your service to others.

Exceed Expectations. Dismiss mediocrity. Expect more from yourself.

Have a sense of Urgency. Everyone’s time is valuable.

Be resourceful & resilient. Results are what we’re all after.

(from Smile and Move: a reminder to happily serve by Sam Parker)

In the coming year, my monthly messages to you will include more information on each of these points.

I have selected the Aiding Angels Foundation as my 50/50 charity for the year. This local non-profit offers free, professional house cleaning to improve the lives of women, men and children undergoing treatment for cancer – any type of cancer. The founder, Brenda Schwery, will be the speaker at our October general membership meeting.

Don’t forget to SMILE & MOVE! -Mary Klucas

Be real, try to do what you say, and be what you seem. -Marian Wright Edelman
Under Leblanc’s leadership, Nebraska has become the national leader in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for football and all sports, NCAA Today’s Top Eight Award honorees and recipients of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate scholarship.

Since he joined the academic staff in 1987, 234 of Nebraska’s 307 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans have been honored, while NU has claimed 13 of its 16 NCAA Top Eight Award recipients. More than 2,600 Husker student-athletes have earned their degrees.

Over the past decade, Nebraska’s academic support program for student-athletes has received outstanding reviews from the NCAA Certification Review Team and the Nebraska Faculty Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. In 2012, Nebraska’s program became one of only 21 programs nationally to be certified by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A) for meeting the established standards of service for student-athletes as outlined by the N4A.

Leblanc is a member of the N4A, and in 2002 he received its prestigious Lan Hewlett Award presented to an athletic administrator in recognition of distinguished performance in providing personal, academic and professional guidance to student-athletes.

Leblanc was presented the Chancellor’s Award for Exemplary Service to Students at the 2004 University of Nebraska Honors Convocation, which recognizes individuals who go above and beyond their assigned duties, devoting extra time and effort in serving the needs of students. In 2005, he was presented with Honorary Mortar Board membership honoring him for his leadership and service to students. In 2007, Leblanc received the Hero Mentor Award through the American Red Cross, which annually recognizes a person for outstanding leadership and mentoring.

Leblanc earned his undergraduate degree from Bethany College, and a master’s degree from Wichita State. He is and his wife, Coreen, have four children, including daughters Olivia and twins Madeleine and Mackenzie, and a son, Christian.


UNOPA Membership

As your 2013-14 President, I have chosen the theme, “Stepping Up and Stepping Out...making UNL a friendlier place” and with that I’ve started my Smile and Move™ campaign.

Our membership renewal period is here, I not only want you to consider renewing your membership but I also want to challenge you to recruit new members for UNOPA as well. I don’t know about you but I love a little friendly competition. To the person who recruits the most new members to UNOPA between July 1, 2013 and September 15, 2013, I will personally refund their 2013-14 membership dues.

Note: A new member would be someone who has not been a member before or has not held a UNOPA membership since AY2011-2012.

Please fill out the attached 2013-2014 Membership Form and return it to Barbara Homer by September 30, 2013 at the address listed on the form. Don’t forget to select a committee or two you would be interested in serving on.

Note: Per UNOPA Bylaws, the annual membership dues are $15 per year with a renewal deadline of September 30 or be removed from the active member list and lose full member privileges. The dues will be $15 regardless of when paid.

Remember, membership runs July 1 to June 30 and is a steal at only $15 for the year, so RENEW today!!

Football Sign-up is BACK!

The first home football is fast approaching. UNOPA once again will be “manning” the parking lot in front of the Whittier Building at 2200 Vine St. (22
\(^{nd}\) & Vine) as part of our fund raising for the year. Volunteers are need to work the lot for each home game.

Please contact Barb Homer at bhom2@unl.edu / 2-3677 or me at mary.klucas@unl.edu / 2-7325 to volunteer for the first game on August 31, 2013. Because of the 7:00 p.m. kickoff we will need about 15 volunteers throughout the day.

Please look at the chart below for other game dates and coordinators so you can plan ahead for volunteering for other games as well. For each game two hour shifts start at 6:30 a.m. and run until 15 minutes after kick-off. It is a fun couple of hours and a great way to catch up with friends or meet someone new.

### UNOPA Parking Lot - Football Game-Day Coordinators

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UNOPA’S Summer Social was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in Hardin Hall’s second floor lobby area on East Campus. Our activity this year was once again playing “Bunco” due to rave reviews received last year. Many of our attendees would like to see this become an annual event for UNOPA, but not necessarily for the summer social activity. Having this annually is possible due to registration fees covering all expenses incurred along with committee members making donations where they can for the event (decorations, leftover items from past events, etc.) to help cut cost back. We had 28 participants that enjoyed playing Bunco and getting to know other members and guests as they rotated around tables depending on if they won or lost their Bunco round. Many enjoyed fresh fruit, popcorn, snack crackers, lemonade and iced tea for refreshments. Prizes were awarded for the most Bunco’s, most wins, and most losses. We also gave away several door prizes to our attendees. All items given away were somehow tied to the “Island Style” theme if possible.

Committee: Tricia Liedle, Mary Klucas, Linda Luedtke, Pat DeStefano, Susan Thomas and artistic talents by Kristi Hurley. “Thank You Ladies”
Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund Available to UNOPA Members

Did you know? Any UNOPA member who is a full or part-time UNL employee is eligible to apply for up to $100 reimbursement of expenses for professional growth activities. Eligible expenses include workshop registration fees, college tuition, textbooks, travel expenses for a conference, etc. You may combine more than one expense on one application.

The Bradley Munn Professional Growth Fund is just waiting to hear from our members so we can reimburse the expenses you have for continuing you professional growth. The next deadline to submit your receipts for reimbursement is October 15. The form for submission is on the UNOPA website. Any questions? Contact Linda Luedtke, Immediate Past President, 472-9354 or lluedtke1@unl.edu

…The purpose of UNOPA is to provide professional growth and promote high professional standards for educational office professionals with the University of Nebraska, as partners upholding the quality of service to the university educational system and the community.