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## Upcoming Events

**\*\*All events are PSP eligible.\*\***

**Installation of Board Officers**  
May 29, 2025 | 12:00-1:30pm  
Arbor Suites, East Union

**End of Year Celebration & Secret Colleague Reveal**  
June 6, 2025 | 5:30-7:30pm  
The Post~2001 N Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

**NAEOP Annual Conference**  
July 13-16, 2025  
Charleston, South Carolina

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## Letter from the President

Jennifer Greenlee, CEOE

### It's here!!!

The end of the 2024-25 academic year is coming to a close. It's been a great year and I'm not sure who's more excited the students or us!

As I come to the close of my term as your 2024-25 UNOPA President, I want to take a moment to reflect, express gratitude, and share my sincere thanks to all of you who made this journey so meaningful.

Serving as your president over the past year has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. Together, we've navigated challenges, celebrated achievements, and built a stronger, more connected community.

I am especially grateful to our board—your dedication and talent have been the foundation of everything we've achieved. I also want to thank each of you who shared ideas, voiced concerns, showed up, and stayed engaged. Leadership is never a solo endeavor, and I have been fortunate to walk this path with so many capable and inspiring individuals.

While my role as president ends, my commitment to this organization remains. I look forward to supporting the next chapter and cheering on the incoming leadership as they continue to move us forward.

Thank you for the trust, the partnership, and the memories.

With gratitude,  
Jennifer Greenlee, CEOE  
2024-25 President  
"Lead by Learning"



## President's Charity People's City Mission

The People's City Mission in Lincoln, Nebraska, was chosen as the President's Charity for 2024-25. Sarah Giles delivered numerous items generously donated or purchased with monetary donations to the People's City Mission on March 5, a very cold day!



Please join us to celebrate the End of the Year & Secret Colleague Reveal!

Friday, June 6

~ 5:30-7:30 pm at The Post

• 2001 N Street • Lincoln, NE 68510

A Time  
to  
Celebrate

The following people will celebrate birthdays in the next few months!

Rachelle Jensen—May 2  
Lynette Sallinger—May 4  
Mari Greer—May 11  
Mary Klucas—May 17  
Mirhuanda Meeks—May 31  
Mel Sedlacek—May 31  
Jeanne Bonnett—June 4  
Cindy Hornung—June 7  
Elenita Donley—June 10  
Michelle Jacobs—June 10  
Emily Riggle—June 12  
Jeanine Anderson—June 17  
Debbie Hendricks—June 20  
Beth Zager—June 22  
Tricia Liedle—July 9  
Melisia Bieber—July 16  
Marsha Yelden—July 16  
Marcy Tintera—July 18  
Sibyl Wood—July 20  
Sarah Smith—July 31  
Jillian Hoistad—August 10  
Mardi Bonner—August 17  
Tonda Humphress—August 22  
Lola Young—August 28

happy  
birthday

## DONATE TO THE BRADLEY MUNN FUND

If you are interested in donating to the Bradley Munn Fund, which supports UNOPA member professional development through payroll deduction, please do the following:

1. Email [giftprocessing@nufoundation.org](mailto:giftprocessing@nufoundation.org) directly
2. Tell them you want "X" amount taken out of your paycheck to go to Fund #01024840
3. Tell them if you are paid bi-weekly or monthly

They will take care of the paperwork to get it all established.

Your generous donations, of any size, are what make this fund and the support of professional development possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Breana Garretson with UNOPA at [bgarretson2@unl.edu](mailto:bgarretson2@unl.edu)

## 2025 UNOPA FLOYD S. OLDT AWARD WINNERS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who were recognized at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 29, 2025:

- Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff– Melisia Bieber-Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design
- Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Managerial Professional- Jodie Barnes-Agricultural Economics
- Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year– Robert Russell-Center for Academic Success and Transition
- Floyd S. Oldt Rose Frolik– Christina Franklin-Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication



Melisia Bieber  
Staff Award



Jodie Barnes  
Managerial  
Professional Award



Robert Russell  
Boss of the Year  
Award



Christina Franklin  
Rose Folik Award



2025 winners and  
committee co-chairs



### NAEOP Annual Conference Charleston, South Carolina July 13-16, 2025

REGISTRATION deadline is Sunday, June 15, 2025.

[Click Here for Registration Brochure](#)

Hotel reservations need to be made separately from registration. Please note that the conference site hotel is booked as well as several other locations. Please click [here](#) for hotel information.

### Know Before You Go *(Borrowed but edited from Sheila Stanley, NAEOP Higher Ed Council Chairman)*

**Registration:** Opens Sunday at 9:00am, Monday at 7:30am—pick up your lanyard, meal tickets, & conf. schedule.

**Marketplace**—Sunday, July 13 through Tuesday, July 15—opens at 3pm - vendors, raffles, & hospitality table

**Conference Kick Off/First Timers' Reception**—Sunday, July 13-6:30-8:00pm

**NAREOP Bingo Night**—Sunday, July 13-8:30-10:00pm

**Opening General Session**—Monday, July 14-8:00am—wear state colors (blue, white, or yellow )

**Second General Session**—Tuesday, July 15-1:00-2:30pm

**Spirit Day**—Tuesday, July 15—wear NAEOP colors—green, gold, & white

**PSP Rehearsal/Photos**—Tuesday, July 15-5:30-6:30pm—be dressed for the banquet

**PSP Banquet & NAEOP Board Installation**—Tuesday, July 15-7:00-9:00pm (social hour 6-7pm) (formal/semi-formal)

**Member Awards Luncheon**—Wednesday, July 16-12:30-2:00pm

**Breakouts**—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (see the [NAEOP website/conference brochure](#))

**For more info**—[NAEOP Annual Conference—2025](#)



# Get to Know UNOPA

## Jillian Hoistad

**How long have you been with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln? What have your roles been?**  
9 ½ years at UNL as a whole, close to 2 years in Extension Deans office, Almost 8 years in UNL Athletics - WBB

**How long have you been a member of UNOPA?**  
Believe this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year

**What about UNOPA appeals to you?**  
One of my co-workers in Athletics encouraged me to join. Also, another community to join and have others to bounce ideas off of.

**Are you a member of NEOPA or NAEOP?** No.



**Do you have any career goals?**  
Constant learner, be the best resource for my staff that I can be.

**What does your life outside of work look like?**  
Quilter, travel, gardener, art/music, ...



### UNOPA Board

**ELECTED POSITIONS**  
President . . . . . Jennifer Greenlee  
President Elect . . . . . Vacant  
Treasurer . . . . . Breana Garretson  
Recording Secretary . . . . . Jess Weaver  
Past President . . . . . Christina Franklin  
Corresponding Secretary. . Sarah Giles  
Website Manager . . . . . Mirhuanda Meeks  
Membership Coordinator. . Jodie Barnes

**APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS**  
Awards . . . . . Beth Zager/Jeanine Anderson  
Elections . . . . . Christina Franklin  
Professional Standards  
    Program - PSP . . . . . Mirhuanda Meeks  
UNOPA Newsletter . . . . Jeanine Anderson  
Ways & Means . . . . . Tricia Liedle  
Planning . . . . . Melisia Bieber

**Mission**  
Education is the birthright of every person.  
  
We as members of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association pledge ourselves to safeguard that right. We acknowledge the unique role of educational office professionals and the importance of their contributions to the university and the community.  
  
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.  
  
We invite all office support staff at UNL to attend one of our meetings and get enthused about this special organization. We hope you find exciting opportunities and events within UNOPA.