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Department of Counseling Receives Excellence in Service Award

The Department of Counseling within the College of Education and Human Development at the University of North Dakota received the Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Service, on Thursday at the University's annual Founders Day celebration.

The range and depth of service the Department of Counseling has provided to the University, the community, and their profession this year is impressive. Graduate students alone provide 15,000 hours of free mental health services through partnerships with providers like Northeast Human Services Center, UND's University Counseling Center, NDSU's University Counseling Center, Stadter Psychiatric Hospital, Douglas Place, the Community Violence Intervention Center, Village Family Services, and many others. Faculty serve as officers and board members of more than a dozen local nonprofits and service organizations.

"Our entire department is truly honored and humbled by this award," said Michael Loewy, associate professor and incoming chair of the department. "Our mission to serve our communities and advance a healthier and more just society is a central tenet of our profession. We have such wonderful faculty and students whose commitment knows no bounds."

On a national level faculty serve as officers and members of numerous sections of the American Psychological Association, as well as reviewers for various journals and publishers in the field.

On campus, the faculty have established a long and impressive history of service, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to self-governance. During just the last two years, the faculty have served on well over a dozen UND committees and boards, including the University Research Council, the VPAA Search Committee, the Diversity Committee, and the Multicultural Awareness Committee. In addition, faculty have also participated in activities such as the Alice T. Clark Program, served as Alice T. Clark and Bush Teaching Scholars Mentors, and served as advisors to several student groups.

The College of Education and Human Development has nearly 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students in six departments including Counseling, Educational Foundations and Research, Educational Leadership, Physical Education and Exercise Science, Social Work, and Teaching and Learning. The mission is fostering healthy human development and learning across the lifespan, beginning in early childhood. The departments employ multi-faceted approaches to education, relying on teaching, research and service in the education of students.