

Four honored as CBA Distinguished Alumni

UNO's College of Business Administration honored four alumni at its 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award luncheon in May. Of 18,000 CBA alumni, only 69 have received this award. Profiles of this year's honorees follow.

Donald E. Deter**President and Owner, Deter Motor Company**

Don Deter received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Omaha in 1952. After working for Buick Motor Division in Omaha and as sales manager for Salsness Buick in Sioux City, Iowa, Deter acquired the Chevrolet and Buick franchises in Atlantic, Iowa, in 1964. He obtained the Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Cadillac franchises in 1983 and added the Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep franchises in 1992.



Deter was a director for the Iowa Auto Dealers Association and was on the board of Midwest Warehouse in Des Moines. He served on the General Motors Dealer Council and has been a member of dealer advertising boards for Chevrolet, Buick and Oldsmobile. He is a member of the Cass County Memorial Hospital Foundation board and has served on many local community boards.

Deter and his wife, Jane, have three children and three grandchildren. Born in Omaha, he was raised in Sarpy County, Neb., and graduated from Papillion High School. He also served with the United States Marine Corps.

David Emry**Managing Shareholder, Darst & Associates**

David Emry earned his BSBA from UNO in 1970. He began his accounting career in 1968, became partner with Ken Johnson & Co. in 1976 and merged that firm with Darst & Associates in 1981. He has served as managing shareholder for a number of years and has overseen the tremendous growth of the firm.

Emry provides accounting, auditing, tax compliance and planning services for clients in a variety of areas. A growing percentage of his work focuses on technology consulting and includes systems analysis to assure that clients receive the information they need.

Emry is actively involved in both professional and community activities, including service as president of the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants, which honored him with its Distinguished Service to the Profession Award in 1996. Emry also is a past council member, AICPA. He received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 1997 from the Lions Club International. He also has volunteered with the Shriners and with the youth group at his church.



Emry is married and has two grown children and two grandchildren. He grew up in Fremont, Neb., and is a graduate of Fremont High School.

Clifford S. Hayes**Private Investor**

Clifford Hayes transferred to the University of Omaha from Cornell College and earned his degree with a major in finance in 1965.

Hayes was a principal in Chiles, Heider & Co. Inc. where he was a vice president of securities trading and a member of the board of directors. He was a registered investment adviser, registered option principal and a member of the Chicago Board of Options before becoming a private investor. A thorough researcher and highly sought-after investment analyst, he was a personal broker for Warren Buffett for several years.

Hayes served on the boards of Travel and Transport Co. and Happy Hollow Club in Omaha, and of Esplanade condominium in Naples, Fla., where he and his wife, Meredith, spend a portion of their time.

Hayes was born and raised in Atlantic, Iowa, and graduated from Atlantic Public Schools.

**Ross Ridenoure****Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, OPPD**

Ross Ridenoure earned undergraduate degrees in sociology and nuclear engineering technology from Excelsior College, and an MBA (Executive program) from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2002.

Ridenoure was named vice president and chief nuclear officer for the Omaha Public Power District's (OPPD) Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station in 2003. He holds an senior reactor operator (SRO) license or certification on three of the four types of nuclear power plants operating in the United States. Ridenoure joined OPPD operations in 1989 after serving as a nuclear training instructor at the Clinton Nuclear Station and, previously, as nuclear training engineer at the Zion and Braidwood Nuclear Stations for Westinghouse.

Ridenoure recently retired from the U.S. Navy after nearly 29 years of service. His eight years of active duty were spent as a submarine nuclear reactor prototype instructor and on a nuclear power fleet ballistic missile submarine. He was active in the Naval Reserves at the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base until retirement in 2005.

Active in the community, Mr. Ridenoure serves on CBA's national advisory board.

