

### *The Wendy Rice Award*

The Wendy Rice Award seeks to recognize and reward “out of classroom” contributions that benefit the MPA program, faculty/staff, and student body. The award is named after Wendy Rice, former program manager, to honor her extracurricular contributions to the MPA program, faculty/staff, and the student body.

Wendy passed away during the prime of her career. After her death, Steve Ott wrote the following:

“It is impossible to imagine what the MPA program, or life at the U would have been like without [Wendy] here. Unfortunately, though, we are finding out now. She did some of just about everything, because she cared so much. Wendy truly was the glue of the MPA program. She would work tirelessly to make certain that no student fell through the cracks or became a victim of the system. She was always willing to help one more student or applicant deal with a problem or the system. She would fight for students with faculty, the graduate school, the registrar - it didn't matter who.

No task was beneath Wendy's dignity or above her willingness to attack it. She saw to it that students were admitted on time, advanced toward their degrees, and graduated when they should. Often, she would hand-deliver books to late-registering students on weekends and at night so that they would have time to prepare for upcoming classes. She would be at her desk first thing in the morning, at 6:30at night, and often on weekends.

We will always remember Wendy as a wonderful friend and colleague. The MPA program and the U will never be the same without her. She affected so many people, so many lives, in so many ways.”

The annual Wendy Rice Award will have two awardees; one from the faculty/staff and one from the MPA student body. Nominations will be accepted from MPA faculty, staff, and students.