TEMPE (September 23, 2004) — Professor Frank Sackton of the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs has just earned the 2004 Chapter Adviser Award of Excellence from Pi Alpha Alpha, the Honor Society of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs (NASPAA), a professional education association dedicated to the advancement of education, training, and research in public policy and administration.

Professor Sackton is being recognized for his high standards, commitment to students and respect for scholarship, leadership and excellence in graduate education. He has guided scores of students, advised the local student chapter, and supported their programs with sound management, professional insights and sincere regard for student academic success. Students and faculty agreed in their nomination letters supporting Sackton’s candidacy for this award that he continually sets and example by promoting the values of equity, fairness, diversity, dignity and academic excellence. As chapter advisor, Sackton also has been responsible for being the liaison between the chapter and the national NASPAA staff.

Dr. Robert Denhardt, director of the ASU School of Public Affairs noted, “This is a tremendous honor for Frank and symbolizes not only his lifetime commitment to higher education but is also testimony to the caliber of our School’s faculty and the profound role it plays in training future generations of profession public leaders.”

This prestigious national award, representing more than 250 academic institution across the country that offer programs in public affairs and administration, will be presented during the 2004 NASPAA conference, “Engaging Students, Creating Solutions, Serving the Community,” which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 21-23.

The School of Public Affairs, in the ASU College of Public Programs, which will be among the first academic units to relocate to downtown Phoenix as part of the Capital Center campus. The College brings together academic disciplines that have a focus on the community and a concern for relevance in education. Civic responsibility, responsible democracy, and community identity are common themes of the College. The College includes: The School of Community Resources and Development, The School of Public Affairs, The School of Social Work, The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, The Advanced Public Executive Program, The Center for Urban Inquiry, The Morrison Institute for Public Policy, The Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management and the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Consortium.

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