Jack Vogt Receives Donald Hayman Distinguished Public Service Award

by Ashley Brown ’14

For 33 years, Jack Vogt established a strong rapport with MPA students and government officials throughout North Carolina, providing expertise in financial management. The respect Vogt gained during his career was evident when Jim Greene ’87 presented him with the Donald Hayman Distinguished Public Service Award at the Dean’s Dinner on behalf of the MPA Alumni Association.

During the ceremony, several former students shared stories of admiration for Vogt’s dedication to teaching, his professional integrity, and his now-legendary bad jokes.

“You could never question Jack’s love for teaching,” said Jim Greene ‘87, deputy city manager of Concord, North Carolina. “He has always been a kind and compassionate person.”

Ellen Liston ’78, deputy city manager of Coral Springs, Florida, said, “Jack embodies what makes Carolina unique and special. He didn’t just help students graduate, he helped them become leaders.”

The award was special to Vogt because Donald Hayman served as a mentor throughout his career.

“I can remember when Don picked me up from the airport and ushered me around during my interview at Carolina,” said Vogt. “He ended up being a mentor to me for 25 years. If there was ever a person dedicated to public service, it was Donald Hayman, especially in North Carolina.”

Both Donald Hayman and Jack Vogt built impressive résumés of public service in North Carolina during their tenure as faculty.

Vogt joined the Institute of Government in 1973, where he taught financial management courses to both public administration students and public officials. He served as editor of Popular Government, director of the summer internship program, director of the Municipal and County Administration course, and director of the NC Local Government Performance Measurement project. He is author of Capital Improvement Programming: A Handbook for Local Government Officials. He is editor and principal author of A Guide to Municipal Leasing, for which he received the Research and Publications Award of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. He also authored Capital Budgeting and Finance: A Guide for Local Governments. This book is widely regarded as the definitive work on capital budgeting.

Vogt’s breadth of work embodies the high standards of service that the Hayman Award seeks to recognize. However, Vogt noted that none of it would have been possible without the award’s namesake, Donald Hayman.

“He was one of the founders of the MPA program. This great gathering here would not have been possible without Donald Hayman,” said Vogt, recognizing not only Hayman’s contributions to his own career, but to the careers of many of the Carolina MPA alumni in the audience.

Donald Hayman was a founding faculty member of the MPA program at UNC-Chapel Hill. His career at the then-Institute of Government began in 1948 and spanned 37 years. Having worked with more than 150 cities and counties in North Carolina, Hayman embodied the term “pracademic” for being both an academic and an active practitioner in his field.

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