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**Ally Roberts '10 and Windy Roberts receive Chavez Award**

*Summary: Nominated by students, the recipients reflect the values of the late civil rights leader.*

(May 14, 2010)-University of Minnesota, Morris student Ally Roberts '10, theatre arts, Willmar, and Windy Roberts, Spanish teaching specialist in the Division of Humanities, are recipients of 2010 César E. Chávez Awards.

Morris campus students nominated Ally and Windy for outstanding leadership and contribution to the Latino community, communities of color, and for support of worker's rights. Recipients of the award personify service to others, sacrifice, desire to help the neediest in society, determination, nonviolence, tolerance, respect for life, celebrating community, knowledge and innovation—all characteristics embodied by the late labor and civil rights leader César Chávez.

Ally is an active supporter of immigrant rights and has fundraised with the El Salvadorian community in the Twin Cities. She advocates for better treatment of undocumented workers. She has studied Latin American cultures and United States Hispanic theatre, which has deep roots in support for farm workers. She is a voice for Latino culture as well as the issues facing Latinos. After graduation, Ally plans to move to El Salvador to live and work within poor communities in hopes of helping improve living conditions and to be immersed in the culture.

Windy facilitates a weekly Mesa de Conversación program. She invites Morris students and Latinos from the community to participate and practice Spanish conversation skills. She offers a welcoming place for people to talk about issues, speak Spanish, learn about other cultures, and promote tolerance.

Voces Unidas student organization sponsors and coordinates the annual César E. Chávez Award program.

Photo above: César E. Chávez courtesy Life photo archive

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