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Summary: University of Minnesota, Morris student Sarah Winikoff '10, Edina, is one of 13 recipients of the 2009 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Award.

(November 25, 2009)-University of Minnesota, Morris student Sarah Winikoff '10, Edina, has received a 2009 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Award.

The Office for Equity and Diversity at the University of Minnesota has announced the recipients of the 2009 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity ([SEED](#)) Awards to twelve undergraduate students and one graduate student. The thirteen students received their awards at the annual University of Minnesota Equity and Diversity Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

This is the first year coordinate campus students have been invited to apply for the SEED Award. Biology major Sarah Winikoff '10, the Morris campus's first SEED Award recipient, says of receiving the award, "It's great when you can volunteer and give back the community, but ultimately we learn and gain more from the folks we aim to help. That is what this award represents to me, having an open mind and taking the time to listen."

The SEED Award program honors high-achieving students at the University of Minnesota with diverse identities, including students of color, women, GLBT students and students with disabilities. SEED Award recipients must demonstrate impressive academic achievement and leadership in community outreach and activism, in addition to a deep understanding of and commitment to issues of equity, diversity and social justice.

SEED Award recipients receive an honorarium for their achievement ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

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