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(April 25, 2008)-University of Minnesota, Morris senior Simon Franco, Maracay, Aragua, and Donna Chollett, professor of anthropology, are recipients of this year's César E. Chávez awards. The awards were presented during a campus ceremony April 23.

Franco and Chollett were nominated by Morris campus students for their outstanding leadership and contribution to the Latino Community, Communities of Color and for their support of Worker's Rights. They were also recognized for personifying the values of service to others, sacrifice, a preference to help the neediest, determination, non-violence, tolerance, respect for life, celebrating community, knowledge and innovation, embodied by the late legendary labor and civil rights leader, César Chávez, The César E. Chávez Award is presented to one UMM student and one faculty or staff member every year.

Student recipient Franco is a member of Campus Ambassadors, International Student Association and vice president of United Latinos. He has also worked in the Office of Admissions throughout his UMM experience.

"The César E. Chávez Award has been a tradition for the United Latinos group it is very symbolic," said Viridiana Zuniga-Tepango, president of United Latinos.

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