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Summary: Nineteen theatre students from the University of Minnesota, Morris attended productions and workshops and auditioned and competed for a variety of awards during the American College Theatre Festival.

(February 13, 2007)-Nineteen theatre students from the University of Minnesota, Morris along with theatre faculty Siobhan Bremer, assistant professor of theater and Kimberly Glover, visiting professor, attended productions and workshops and auditioned and competed for a variety of awards during the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF), held in Ames, Iowa January 21-27.

UMM had a lot of success at the conference. Amanda Holter applied for the weeklong Critiques Institute where she evaluated all the participating productions. She was selected as the top critic in the region and will critique shows at the national level in April at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. Sara Herman, Vadnais Heights, submitted her designs for "A Servant of Two Masters," and was selected for the best costume designs in the region. Nick James Parker directed the 10-minute play, "Yellow," which was selected as the alternate to advance to the national level. Many other students were called back to summer stock theatre companies.

The theater department has a long history of attendance at the ACTF, but only recently, the attendance has grown to a big group of student actors who have been more involved in the festival activities.

"This is the biggest group we have ever had attend the festival. I really pushed each student to be an active participant in the festival and it was a lot of work to prepare and organize the students for the conference. But it's nice to see the successes and benefits and it's also nice to get UMM on the map," said Bremer.

Photo:

Front row from left to right, is Alyssa Herzog, Selma Petterson, Victoria Pyan, Siobhan Bremer, Kimberly Glover
Back row from left to right: Alex Carlson, Sara Herman, Katie Sundquist, Amanda Holter, Alex Clark, Philip Burgraff, Peter Ray

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