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Learning by sharing best practices

Summary: The Center for Small Towns and the Global Student Teaching Program at UMM will exhibit during the first-ever Quality Fair set for Thursday, Jan. 25, in McNamara Alumni Center.

(January 18, 2007)-The Center for Small Towns and the Global Student Teaching Program at UMM will exhibit during the first-ever Quality Fair set for Thursday, Jan. 25, in McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota. Faculty and staff from around the system will share best practices that improve teaching, learning, research and work processes, from 8 a.m.-noon.

“...this first-time event will feature a variety of projects that help foster a culture of continuous improvement and that are consistent with the goals of strategic positioning: exceptional students, exceptional faculty and staff, exceptional organization and exceptional innovation,” said Kathryn Brown, University vice president and chief of staff.

"The Quality Fair will provide a great opportunity for U of MN members to learn from each other by sharing best practices," said James Morales, UMM associate vice chancellor for enrollment and the improvement liaison for UMM. "In addition, UMM's presenters will create exposure for the outstanding initiatives taking place in our region by showcasing the excellent efforts taking place on our campus."

President Bruininks will open the fair, according to Brown, which features more than 50 poster and breakout sessions on a diverse array of topics including pod casting, new-employee orientation, the video campus, customer relations technology, student evaluation of support services for online courses, engaged learning inside and outside the classroom, executing strategy through a balanced scorecard, and aligning personal values, aspirations and behaviors with organizational strategy and culture.

Billed as the "Great University of Minnesota Get Together," the fair will also feature a sideshow barker, mini-donuts, cotton candy, mini-corn dogs and prizes.

The event, sponsored by the Office of Service and Continuous Improvement and the Improvement Liaisons Group, is "designed to foster a culture of continuous improvement and to promote the goals of strategic positioning."

Cost to attend the fair is free. For more information, visit [Quality Fair](#).

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