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*Summary: Alyssa Herzog, a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris, had a rare and exciting opportunity this summer as an intern with the O'Neill Playwrighting Center in Connecticut.*

(September 14, 2006)-Alyssa Herzog, a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris, had a rare and exciting opportunity this summer as an intern with the O'Neill Playwrighting Center in Connecticut. Only six people are selected each year. Herzog is the first UMM student to receive this honor.

Herzog was previously chosen in April as the Midwest's top dramaturg and attended the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival National Conference in Washington, D.C. This opportunity was the result of her work on the UMM production of *The Merchant of Venice* in Fall 2005.

The O'Neill experience gave Herzog an all-expense paid internship as well as an invaluable addition to her career resume. She observed professionals who worked in the literacy office as well as completed smaller tasks for the office. She received positive feedback from The O'Neill Center and was told if she applied for an actual staff position, they would strongly consider hiring her.

"I'm so lucky this got handed to me. It was a little bit of luck and a little bit of hard work all put together... I just am so thankful to the Theater Department for the opportunity in D.C. at the American College Theater Festival last spring," said Herzog.

Herzog, a double major in English and theater, is president of UMM's Sigma Tau Delta Society as well as co-chair of the Meiningens at UMM.

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