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## **Starner joins Distinguished Alumni**

*Summary: The UMM Alumni Association Board has named Stuart Starner '65 as one of two 2006 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. The award honors UMM alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service or in service to the University of Minnesota.*

(August 9, 2006)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Board has named Stuart Starner '65 as one of two 2006 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. The awards will be presented during the Alumni Association Annual dinner meeting on Friday, Sept. 22, as part of UMM's Homecoming celebration.

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors UMM alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service or in service to the University of Minnesota.

"UMM is pleased to welcome back to campus Stuart Starner as he returns to UMM for Homecoming 2006 where he, along with Dr. Jon Mukand '80 will be honored as the 2006 recipients of the Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award," said Carla Riley, UMM director of alumni relations and annual giving. "I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to them both as they join the illustrious group of talented and dedicated UMM alumni who have previously been honored with this prestigious award."

Starner majored in history and physical education while at UMM and earned certification in secondary education as well. He has enjoyed an illustrious career coaching basketball and recruiting for basketball programs at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere. He was head men's basketball coach at Montana State University and later at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Starner currently serves as director of major gifts at Texas A&M University.

Read about the other 2006 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Jon Mukand '80, at [Jon Mukand](#).

To learn more about the UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award nomination process, or to nominate someone for a future Distinguished Alumni Award, please visit [www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/](http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/) and click on Distinguished Alumni Award.

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