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**Distinguished Alumni awardees announced**

*Summary:*

(May 11, 2005)-Minnesota State Representative Cy Thao is one of two recipients of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award for 2005. Thao, along with retired educator and accomplished author, Dr. Paulette Fairbanks Molin, will receive the award during the UMM Alumni Association's annual banquet October 21 during Homecoming.

Rep. Thao graduated from the Morris campus in 1995. His collection of paintings, "The Hmong Migration: Fifty Paintings," was displayed during the 2004 UMM Gallery exhibition season. Dr. Fairbanks, class of 1966, was the first Ojibwe/Chippewa student to graduate from UMM.

The award is presented annually to UMM alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, to public service, or in service to the University, thus reflecting favorably upon UMM. Read more at [www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/](http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/).

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