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## **ACM Student Affiliates receive Honorable Mention**

*Summary:*

(October 22, 2004)-By Jackie Thrasher '05, UMM News Service student assistant -- The University of Minnesota, Morris chapter of the American Chemical Society's Student Affiliates (SA) program has again been selected to receive an Honorable Mention award for its chapter activities during the 2003-04 academic year.

The Morris SAs are ongoing participants in a wide variety of activities including a Halloween fundraiser. If the students raise enough money for the club, the chemistry faculty at UMM dress in Halloween costumes.

In addition to fun projects, the students and advisers Nancy Carpenter and Jennifer Ropp, both of the UMM chemistry faculty, participate in outreach programs. One of these, Science Sensations, is comprised of a group of student volunteers who visit third grade classes in west central Minnesota to teach how science can be both entertaining and educational.

Super Science Saturday gives girls in grades five and six a chance to explore science with professional scientists. This year's event, which was held October 23 in the new science building at UMM, included an all new "CSI: Morris," making a paper clip motors, and exploring Bernoulli's effect, among other science experiences.

SAs work not only with people, but with the prairie as well. In partnership with the Tri-beta biology club, they participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program, a program for keeping the state's highways free of litter. They also lobby for more scientific funding, statistical work, and the publication of scientific news magazines.

The national SA program has an enrollment of more than 10,000 students and offers them the support, privileges, and benefits of the largest scientific professional society in the world.

"Our main purpose in life is to promote the value of chemistry. Chemistry is fun you can have a blast!" said Carpenter.

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