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**UMM Staff Member is Recipient of U-Wide Outstanding Community Service Award**

*Summary:*

(May 25, 2003)- Carol McCannon, program adviser in the UMM Office of Student Activities and coordinator of community service and volunteerism at the University of Minnesota, Morris, is one of eight recipients university wide to receive the Outstanding Community Service Award given annually by the University Council on Public Engagement. McCannon is honored for her outstanding work in engaging the Morris campus in community service, service learning and volunteerism.

The awards recognize outstanding contributions and accomplishments of faculty, staff or university-affiliated community members who have worked to improve public life and the well being of society. Those contributions may result in long-term and lasting changes for the public good and demonstrate an unusual commitment to the university and greater community.

In effect, the award-winners take the work they do at the university and extend it to the next level, where its benefits reach beyond the campus and into the community.

"All the credit goes to the students," said McCannon. "They do all the work. Their idealism and willingness to be connected to their new community is what helps these projects survive and thrive."

McCannon said her role is two-fold. She works with west central Minnesota communities on needs that they have identified, and partners them with UMM faculty who are interested in teaching courses with a service-learning component. In addition, she coordinates community service and volunteerism with projects such as planting trees or landscaping with first-year students during New Student Orientation, window washing at Morris' Grandview Apartments with student athletes, and other service projects with members of UMM's student organizations. This is the fifth year for the awards, which will be presented at a recognition banquet May 20 in the Twin Cities.

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