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The award recognizes contributions made towards advancing sustainability in the upper Midwest.

University of Minnesota, Morris Chancellor Emeritus Jacqueline Johnson received the James Farrell Re(Cognition) Award at the 2017 [Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability](#) (UMACS) biennial conference at Central College. The award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward advancing sustainability efforts in the upper Midwest.

“I am deeply honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Jim Farrell Re(Cognition) Award for administrators,” Johnson writes. “I was extremely lucky to have come to UMM at a time when a critical mass of people—staff, faculty, and students—envisioned a future that could be different and refused to take no for an answer in making it so. I learned a great deal from that vision and those efforts.”

The Morris campus has biomass, solar, and wind energy-production facilities as well as conservation and waste reduction initiatives—all part of its overall strategy to reduce its carbon footprint. Campus progress in renewable energy is nationally recognized, in large part as a result of Johnson’s efforts. Her decade of sustainability leadership at Morris was the subject of the awards presentation.

“During her tenure as Chancellor, Morris expanded its sustainability commitments and physical transformation,” presenters write. “Chancellor Emeritus Johnson provided critical and early leadership in Minnesota and across the country to advance the sustainability movement.”

The James Farrell Re(Cognition) Award was named in recognition of James Farrell, a Saint Olaf professor of history, American studies, and environmental studies. Farrell was a mentor to many sustainability-minded professionals, students, and faculty members in the region. He inspired others to think more deeply about their connections to the environment and each other.