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- *Amanda Hansmann '20, Kari Adams '03, and Willie's Supervalu earned Community Engagement Awards for their work in the local community.*
- *They also earn Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents Awards.*
- *Winners make a big difference on campus and in the City of Morris.*

The University of Minnesota Morris announces the 2020 winners of its Community Engagement Awards: Amanda Hansmann '20, Kari Adams '03, and Willie's Supervalu. Winners make a big difference on campus and in the Morris community.

"Each year the awards committee has a difficult time determining winners, as so many of our students, faculty, and community members are deeply committed to campus-community partnerships," says Administrative Director of Civic Learning and Engagement Argie Manolis. "This year's winners have worked to deepen and expand volunteer opportunities for pre-health students, welcome the Latino community, and provide sustenance and supplies that are needed for our community engagement projects. I feel very lucky to have worked with each of them."

Student: Amanda Hansmann '20

Nominated by Assistant Professor of Biology Rachel Johnson

Amanda Hansmann '20 created her own minor in community engagement to learn more about theories and promising practices in the field. She also engaged in multiple community-engaged learning and volunteer opportunities, nearly all of which she designed in partnership with faculty, staff, and community members. These include interviewing regional healthcare providers and documenting volunteer opportunities for her peers in [pre-health majors](#), volunteering with the local medical center, creating a volunteer program for families impacted by Alzheimer's disease, and organizing a dialogue series about adverse childhood experiences.

Faculty/Staff: Graphic Designer Kari Adams '03

Nominated by the ESL TREC team

Graphic Designer Kari Adams has volunteered in the [ESL Tutoring, Reading, and Empowering Children program](#) as the only non-student volunteer for nearly 10 years. Parents and children have come to trust her, and she's played an integral role in the social, emotional, and academic growth of dozens of children. Adams has supported student leaders by providing input and encouragement while empowering them to plan lessons and take the lead. She has done this work without drawing attention to herself, putting in more than 800 hours of volunteer time.

Community Partner: Willie's Supervalu

Nominated by the Morris Community Meal team

The Willie's Supervalu team has supported community engagement in meaningful ways for years. Willie's has hosted multiple community engagement projects with UMN Morris, from food drives to informational campaigns about community issues to an art show benefiting the local Backpack project. The store also has provided special orders and discounted food for [Morris Community Meal](#) to ensure the program's success. Willies' friendly and generous managers and staff make community engagement efforts in the Morris area possible.

About the Awards

Honoring UMN Morris's mission to promote civic engagement, Community Engagement Awards recognize students, faculty, staff, and community members who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to community engagement. Honorees are recognized with Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards. Learn more at students.morris.umn.edu/community-engagement