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Summary: The award is given to the most active chapter in the state.

(April 28, 2010)-The Morris Student DFL chapter received the Campus of the Year award at the 2010 Minnesota state convention. The award is given to the most active chapter in the state. For the Morris student chapter, this meant increasing membership, hosting many programs and trips to rallies, and lectures.

“To give an idea of some of the stuff we did, we went to President Obama’s rally at the Target Center in September 2009, brought out Campus Camp Wellstone in November 2009, attended numerous tea parties, and interacted heavily with the many gubernatorial campaigns vying for the DFL party’s endorsement,” says Joshua Preston ’13, Montevideo, political science and economics.

This activity shows the DFL party the Morris student chapter’s ability to excite students about the political process year-round, election year or not.

“The award was a very nice honor given the fact that it is hard to really organize students during an off-election year without an endorsed campaign or election to rally excitement for,” says Preston, “but we have been trying our best.”

“[We received the award] due to the passionate and enthusiastic organizing and event planning that the group has done throughout the past year,” says Kathy Julik-Heine ’10, Taylor Falls, economics. “I think we represented over 10 percent of the attendees at the convention!”

During the convention, Morris Student DFL chapter president Michael McBride ’11, Forest Lake, political science and English, was voted the National Committeeman to the Young Democrats of America, while Joshua Preston ’13, Montevideo, was voted College Caucus Chair for Minnesota.

“I would just like to say that above all else, we are a member-driven organization without all of the fine students who come to our meetings every Thursday night to discuss ways for getting our peers excited for the upcoming election and the many candidates vying for office, we would be nothing,” says Preston.

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