



# CONNECTIONS

February/March  
2007

## College of Education and Human Services

### • Awards/Recognition

Dr. Wendy Frappier was named as the recipient of the **Central District Honor Award**. The honor is the highest award offered by the Central District Association for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Wendy will be recognized at the CDAAHPERD meeting in Overland Park, KS, in April.

Kayla Malecek, a senior athletic training education student, was selected by the Minnesota Athletic Trainers' Association to attend the National Athletic Trainers' Association "Hit the Hill" day in Washington D.C. The day consists of certified athletic trainers and select athletic training students going to Capitol Hill and meeting with their respective U.S. Senators and Representatives to discuss legislative issues relating to the practice of athletic training.

Congratulations to the Nursing Department! The TCU consortium was recognized at the Dakota Medical Foundation's annual meeting with a 'Star Award,' which was presented to Jane Giedt, who accepted on behalf of three nursing departments.

A new Doctor of Nursing Practice degree will be offered, pending final approval, as a collaborative program through a consortium of four universities: Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Winona State University; and Metropolitan State University. This new degree program is for nurses with a master's degree in nursing who wish to gain the advanced clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership competencies necessary in an increasingly complex healthcare environment. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program has been fully approved by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and by all of the participating universities in the Consortium. One additional level of approval external to the universities is required to endorse the Consortium universities as doctoral degree granting institutions, and is required before the Consortium can begin and classes can be offered. The participating universities are in the process of pursuing this approval from the Higher Learning Commission and are optimistic that approval will be obtained by the summer of 2007.

The Counseling and Student Affairs students and faculty were actively involved in the North Dakota Counseling Association conference held February 11-13, 2007, in Bismarck, ND. Wes Erwin presented the session, "Maintain Professional Boundaries: Dual and Multiple Relationships and the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics." Duane Halbur presented the session entitled "The Golden Mean: Using Aristotle to Find Balance," and co-presented the session "Using Theoretical Orientation to Inspire Excellence in Counseling." Students Jenessa Fillipi and Melissa Anderson presented the session entitled "Cultural Identity Small Groups in School Counseling Programs."

Two Counseling and Student Affairs students received 2006-2007 Guidance and Counseling Graduate Scholarships from the North Dakota Counseling Association. Melissa Anderson received a \$1000.00 scholarship and Amy Halvorson received a \$500.00 scholarship. These scholarships were awarded at an awards ceremony on February 13 at the NDCA conference.

Dorothy Suomala has received a Gerald Howard Reed International Travel Scholarship to travel with Phi Delta Kappa members to Finland in April. The group will meet with a representative of the Finnish National Board of Education, and will visit public schools in Kerava just outside of Helsinki, the education department at the University of Helsinki, a polytechnical school, and an early childhood center.

### • Events

MSUM's North Central Accreditation visit took place March 5-7. MSUM's accreditation report is available online at [www.mnstate.edu/NCAvisit](http://www.mnstate.edu/NCAvisit). The visiting team commended MSUM for being a "dynamic place" and added that they were very impressed with what they saw here.

The annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education was held in New York City in February. Attendees included: Peggy Rittenhouse, Heather Sand, and Linda Houts Smith.

Presenters included:

- Charles Howell, Boyd Bradbury, and Steve Street presented "The Micropolitics of University-School District Partnerships: Case Study of an Onsite Graduate Program in a Rural Community of Color."

### Learn Online!

#### Educational Leadership

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#### Special Education

Individuals wishing to add an additional area of special education licensure to a current licensure.  
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#### Foundations/Math

Individuals who have a Math degree & want to become Math teachers  
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#### New Program Approved!

K-12 Teachers of Reading,  
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- Teri Walseth, Renee Kerzman, and Lynn Mahlum presented “Focus on the Future,” an outreach project with Moorhead High School, funded through a Dille grant.
- Lynn Mahlum presented “It’s Just Who I Am: Teacher Candidates Speak Out about Disposition Assessment.”
- Brian Smith, Steve Street, and Lynn Malhum presented “Assessment of Dispositions in Higher Education: Process, Measurement, Outcomes.”

**•For Our Students**

STA currently has 6 students teaching abroad this semester. Brittany Lubitz, Maria Kickof, Stacey McCormick, and Kristin Solie are placed in London at Prior Primary School. The students have had positive reports each week. Some activities/teaching that the students have experienced thus far are: 1) Educational field trips to famous sites 2) teaching “maths” and Language About Facts and 3) lessons in language arts and geography. Elizabeth Allen and Mitch Brinkman are student teaching at the International School of Berne, in Switzerland. Elizabeth reports that she enjoys her diverse group of students and says that they are intelligent and a lot of fun. Mitch is receiving the opportunity to teach at both the elementary and high school settings. He even reports spending Fridays learning how to ski as part of school tradition. STA has been very successful and a great experience for these student teachers. Four students are scheduled to go to Switzerland next semester.

The School of Teaching and Learning recently held their first semi-annual Professional Conference Day for education students. Volunteer faculty members from MSUM and three area school administrators conducted station activities through which students rotated. Such stations as data analysis, classroom management, interviewing skills, parent-teacher conferences, IEP staffings and work prioritization were found extremely valuable by the students. Faculty learned a great deal about the strengths and weaknesses of teacher education students and will use this information for program improvement.

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