

# CONNECTIONS

## Minnesota State University Moorhead

### College of Education and Human Services

Two MSUM faculty of the CEHS are retiring this year, Mary Worner and Beth Anderson.

- **Mary Worner** joined the MSUM teacher education program in 1986, working as Director of Field Experiences and Director of Secondary Education and Foundations in the late 1990's. Worner was instrumental in establishing MSUM's Urban Teacher Education Project, which gives future teachers an opportunity to gain experience in a supportive urban development. She also helped initiate a partnership with MSCTC's Fergus Falls campus, where MSUM offers education core classes for education majors to take as sophomores. Worner recently opened an antique shop in Underwood, MN, and plans to do more volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity.
- **Beth Anderson** retires after a 37-year teaching career at MSUM. During her tenure, Anderson was a part-time instructor in both the English and education department, directed the early childhood education program and was Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. She also volunteered at the university's Campus School, teaching high school English, worked on a project that culminated in a summer of bringing teachers from Head Start programs across the country to the MSUM campus to help set up Head Start programs in Minnesota, and was instrumental in developing the major in early and exceptional education and most recently served as coordinator of the graduate reading program. Furthermore, Anderson served on the board of directors for the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children and co-chaired the group's regional conference. Anderson will retire in Moorhead and plans to edit doctoral dissertations and theses and would like to tutor New Americans in English.
- **Doris Walker-Dalhouse**, EECE, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation to fund a project to develop a community based reading clinic for Sudanese elementary-age refugee children. The clinic will be conducted at St. John's Episcopal Church in Moorhead.
- **Katherine Anderson**, Special Education, presented at the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders in Dallas, Texas. She also presented at the International Council for Exception Children's Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her presentations identified the research-based benefits of incorporating canine companions in the school setting for children with emotional and/or behavioral disorders. Katherine also co-authored an article in the international journal *Anthrozoos: A Multidisciplinary Journal of the Interactions of People and Animals* entitled *The Value of a Dog in a Classroom of Children with Severe Emotional Disorders*.
- **Angela Harvala**, Sarah Thome, Hilary Thomas, Erin Olson, Kathryn Howard, & Rae Peterson have been selected by the Mathematics Education Faculty and the Mathematics Department of MSUM as outstanding seniors and awarded one year student memberships in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. These students are elementary education majors with a specialty in mathematics.
- **Jeremiah Hinkemeyer** was awarded the National Sport Physical Education Major of the Year. This award was established to honor an outstanding physical education major who also contributes to the community through sports and is an exemplary role model as a physical educator. Jeremiah and Katie Tolifson were awarded the American Association of Health Education Student Majors of the Year Award. This award is presented to outstanding undergraduate students majoring in health education from each degree track of the colleges or universities with professional preparation degree programs in this area.
- Two MSUM graduates were recently appointed finalists for the 2006 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. We would like to congratulate **Terry Teiken**, a business education teacher from Lake Park-Audubon High School and **Patricia Hall** a Special Education/Autism teacher from Highview Middle School in New Brighton.
- **The MSUM Nursing undergraduate program** has received full accreditation for an additional five years from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. This includes both the RN-to-BSN track, which has been continuously accredited since 1981, and the new basic BSN track which began in August 2005.
- The College of Education and Human Services would like to thank **Karli, Jake, and Tate Kerzman, Ron and Em Messelt, Mary Worner,** and the **Walseth Family** for their recent contributions to the CEHS Giving Tree.

#### 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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## Upcoming Events

- The CEHS, Health and Physical Education, Nursing, Social Work, and Teacher Education programs are planning a series of department reunions starting in Fall 2006.
- In the summer of 2007, the CEHS is planning a study tour in South Korea. Professor Ok-Hee Lee will lead CEHS alumni and friends to South Korea for an in-depth analysis of and first-hand experience with its educational system.
- The CEHS is planning an alumni and friends vacation on the Adriatic coast of Italy in June of 2007. Billed as an “active as you want to be” vacation, the trip will feature bicycling, golf, and relaxing on the beach.

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