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## **JIM ANDERSON NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS**

Jim Anderson has been named MSUM's new assistant director of admissions.

An Admissions financial aid counselor here for the past decade, Anderson, 40, will coordinate all recruiting and registration programs for transfer students. MSUM's other Admissions assistant director, Tex Claymore, coordinates similar programs for all entering freshmen.

Anderson, originally from Worthington, Ohio, is a 1980 graduate of Moorhead High School and earned a degree in social studies secondary education from MSUM in 1985. He's now pursuing graduate studies at the university.



He and his wife Kathy, a 1991 MSUM graduate, live in Moorhead with their daughter Jessica.

## **MSUM SUMMER ENROLLMENT UP 8.1%**

Summer enrollment is up 8.1 percent, the highest it's been since the university converted to the semester system in 1996.

MSUM Registrar John Tandberg said 2,350 students were registered for summer classes, up from 2,174 last year. The preliminary count is based on data collected on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of classes.

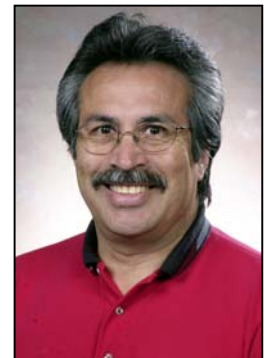
## **ABNER ARAUZA NAMED EDUCATOR OF YEAR BY LATINO NEWSPAPER**

Abner Arauza, associate director of Student Support Services and Multicultural Affairs here, has been named "Outstanding Educator of the Year" by La Prensa de Minnesota, the largest circulated English/Spanish newspaper that targets the Latino community in Minnesota.

The 16,000-circulation weekly newspaper, distributed in more than 300 Twin Cities locations, was founded in 1991

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual awards program, held Monday evening in St. Paul, honored the artist, educator, community organization and community leader of the year.

The son of Mexican parents who emigrated to this country, he spent much of his youth as a migrant farm laborer and most of his summers working fields in the Red River Valley. Originally from Crystal City, Tex., he was among the first group of students who enrolled at MSUM in 1968 under Project E-Quality, a program to help minorities earn a college degree.



After two years at MSUM, Arauza worked in the Twin Cities, which included starting the first Spanish-speaking radio program there, based at the University of Minnesota, and becoming the first chair of the Minnesota Migrant Council. He then moved back to Texas, opening five retail businesses that he owned and operated for 10 years.

He returned to MSUM in 1988 to complete his degree before being hired as the university's assistant director for minority student affairs. Since then, he's seen the number of Latino students grow from 11 to 89 and he's now head of the Multicultural Affairs office.

Today, Arauza also produces two weekly Hispanic radio programs broadcast throughout Minnesota and North Dakota, and he's in his eighth year of organizing an annual Unity Conference on campus focusing on Latino culture, history, education and legislation. Information about these programs can be found at [www.mnstate.edu/notas](http://www.mnstate.edu/notas).

## **THREE FROM MSUM GET MnSCU CENTER FOR TEACHING, LEARNING GRANTS**

Three MSUM faculty members have received grants from MnSCU's The Center for Teaching & Learning, three of 13 such awards selected for funding from the state system office.

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Awarded twice each year, these grants provide resources and structure for faculty to develop projects to improve teaching, curriculum and student support

Receiving awards:

\* **Joseph Provost**, chemistry, \$2,750 for a project called "Creating a Concerted Problem Based Learning Setting for a Biochemistry Lab"

\* **Kristine Montis**, mathematics, \$2,050 for "Interactive Instructional Design for MA125 Cofllege Algebra"

\* **Brittney Goodman**, library, \$2,300 for "Increasing the Accessibility & Usability of Library-Related Instruction"

### **MSUM TOP RECIPIENT OF MHC GRANTS**

MSUM is the largest recipient of grant dollars from the Minnesota Humanities Commission, according to recent research by the commission's staff.

Between 1999 and 2002, MSUM had 11 projects funded by MHC. The university served as project agent for seven of those grants, the other four were directed by faculty.

In terms of the grant program overall, scholars, educational and cultural organizations in the city of Moorhead have applied for and received more grants from MHC than any other city in Greater Minnesota.

### **MSUM GRADUATE ELECTED TREASURER FOR MNSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees last week elected officers for the coming year, including recent MSUM graduate Michael Redlinger, who assumes the position of treasurer. The others elected : Mary (Ditlevson) Choate, Bloomington, will serve as board chair; and Jim Luoma, Cohasset, will serve as vice chair. Their one-year terms begin Aug. 1.

Redlinger represents state university students on the board. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science here and now is pursuing a master's degree in the Public, Human Service and Health Administration program. Redlinger has been active in student government and is a past state chair and chief executive officer of the Minnesota State University Student Association. He was appointed to a two-year term on the board in 2001.



Choate, who also served as board chair during the past year, is a graduate of St. Cloud State University. She and her husband own and operate seven McDonald's restaurants in the Twin Cities area, and she serves as secretary/treasurer for the business. She was appointed in 1998 to a six-year term on the board.

Choate earlier was a stockbroker with Piper Jaffray, E. F. Hutton and Norwest Investment Services. She has been active with the St. Cloud State University Foundation Board, serving as its chair in 1995-1997, and with the university's Alumni Board, for which she was president in 1984-85.

Luoma was vice chair during the past year as well. His professional career has been in education, starting as a teacher for the South Washington County School District and later as a principal in the district. He then was superintendent of the Grand Rapids public schools before retiring in 1999, the year he was appointed to the Board of Trustees for a six-year term.

The Board of Trustees governs the largest system of higher education in the state. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is made up of 34 state universities, community colleges, technical colleges and comprehensive community and technical colleges in 46 Minnesota communities. The system serves about 225,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 95,000 students in non-credit courses.

### **ENGEN NAMED HEAD BASKETBALL COACH**

Maybe the second time around proved to be the charm.

A finalist for the vacant men's basketball post here in 1999, Stu Engen, head basketball coach at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse the past two seasons, was named head coach at MSUM in June.

Engen replaced Mike Olson, who resigned in June after three seasons here to accept an assistant post at Dartmouth College.

Engen, 39, posted a 17-9 record at UW-L last winter, including a 10-6 mark in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He was 28-24 in two seasons with the Eagles, and 204-108 overall in 12 years as a head coach.



Engen faces a unique challenge in his first season on watch at MSUM with nine of last year's 10 most productive players returning.

"If you look at most of the experience I've had in the past, it was to turn teams around," Engen said. "Now this is a different challenge, hitting a program in midstream. . . I have to be careful inheriting a program of upperclassmen."

A native of Minneapolis, Engen earned a bachelor's degree from Augsburg College in 1986 and a master's degree from the University of South Dakota in 1990. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Augsburg from 1986-88, and spent two seasons at USD from 1988-90.

Engen served a two-year stint as head coach at Western Wisconsin Technical College in LaCrosse and logged a record of 41-16 with an appearance in the NJCAA Division III National Championships. He was named District XIII Coach of the Year and Conference Coach of the Year in 1991-92 as well.

Engen accepted the head coaching post at Upper Iowa University in 1992, and guided the Peacocks to three Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles and seven top five finishes in eight years. He compiled a 135-70 record at UIU and was saluted as the IIAC Coach of the Year three times. He also led the Peacocks to a single season record 22 victories in 1995-96. During Engen's tenure, UIU twice received bids to NCAA Division III National Championships.

Engen, the 12<sup>th</sup> head coach in Dragon history, will fill the assistant coaching vacancies on his staff this summer.

### **MSUM SCIENCE CENTER HOSTS A RIVER WALK**

MSUM's Regional Science Center is hosting a "River Walk" on Sunday, July 28 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Buffalo River Site.

Enjoy the many fascinating creatures and flowers that call the river home. The program is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring insect repellent and sunscreen.

In addition, the hiking trails are open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily for birding and hiking.

The Buffalo River Site is located 15 miles east of Moorhead, off Highway 10, adjacent to Buffalo River State Park.

### **MISCELLANEA**

\* **Les Bakke**, Information Technology, served on a Department of Veterans Affairs committee, Education Business Process Reengineering. The committee included three entities—VA, schools and State approving agencies. The committee developed recommendations to accomplish one common goal: to deliver VA education benefits to those who have earned them, and to their dependents, in a timely, accurate and compassionate manner. The project was recently published in the Knowledge Management Review. Knowledge Management Review is the bimonthly guide to what's working in corporate knowledge and learning initiatives. They publish corporate case studies, special reports, reviews and practitioners' insights that may be used in business, industry and education. MSU Moorhead was one of five higher education institutions represented on the committee. The others were Penn State University, Washington State University, Florida Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The final report was delivered to the Education Services director in April 2002. The committee's final report is on-line at <http://www.mnstate.edu/vacmte/>.



\* **Chang-Seong Hong**, philosophy, published a book review on Jean-Pierre Changeux and Paul Ricoeur, What Makes Us Think?: A Neuroscientist and a Philosopher Argue about Ethics, Human Nature, and the Brain in Philosophy in Review, Volume XXII, No. 2, April 2002. Also, he had an article, "Jaegwon Kim: Conscience of Physicalism" published in The American Philosophical Association Newsletters Spring 2002 Volume 01, Number 2.

\* **Helen Sheumaker**, Humanities and Multicultural Studies, delivered a paper June 9 at the Berkshires Conference of Women Historians in Storrs Connecticut. Her paper was titled "'Think of Me': The Hidden Narrative of Self and Community in Nineteenth-Century Hair Work."

\* **Jim Kaplan**, Languages, attended the steering committee meeting of MnSCU's Center for Teaching and Learning in St. Paul this summer.

\* MSUM students **Annette Benson, Jennifer Olson and Patrick James Tweeter** were among 150 Minnesota representatives who helped shape the national debate over student testing and accountability during the annual summer meeting of the National Education Association in Dallas.