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The Finance Division of the Office of the Chancellor initiated an awards program in 1997 as a part of a larger continuous improvement strategy. Nominations are made by presidents and peers.

The annual awards program publicly recognizes the significant contributions and outstanding efforts of both teams and individuals at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The program recognizes leadership and team effort for excellence in financial management and facilities management. It also recognizes the significant contributions and outstanding efforts of special employees at our colleges and universities. This is the eighth year of the program of the Finance Division in the Office of the Chancellor.

The following awards were presented January 26, 2005 at the Chief Financial and Facilities Officers meeting held at Anoka Technical College. The ceremony was attended by Chancellor McCormick, President Donovan Schwichtenberg, co-chair of the Finance and Administration Committee of the Leadership Council, and President Anne Weyandt, co-chair of the Leadership Council.

2004 EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS - 12 Awards

The Excellence in Financial Management award is presented to the entire college or university in recognition of the college or university's continued leadership and team effort in financial management. Nine colleges and three universities were selected to receive the 2004 Excellence in Financial Management Award:

- Hennepin Technical College (5th consecutive year)
- Inver Hills Community College
- Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Minnesota West Community & Technical College (6th consecutive year)
- North Hennepin Community College
- Riverland Community College (8th consecutive year)
- Rochester Community and Technical College (2nd year)
- South Central Technical College (8th consecutive year)
- Winona State University (8th consecutive year)

2004 EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AWARDS - 10 Awards

This Excellence in Facilities Management Award is presented in recognition of the college or university's continued leadership and team effort for facilities management. Seven colleges and three universities were selected to receive the 2004 Excellence in Facilities Management Award:

Dakota County Technical College
Hennepin Technical College
Inver Hills Community College (2nd consecutive year)
Mesabi Range Community and Technical College
Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical
Minnesota State University, Mankato (4th consecutive year)
Riverland Community College (4th consecutive year)
St. Cloud State University
South Central Technical College (3rd consecutive year)
Southwest Minnesota State University

2004 CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS - 1 Award

The Chancellor's Award is presented in recognition of demonstrated team spirit; demonstrated cooperation; demonstrated leadership; outstanding service to staff, students, the institution, and the system; completing achievements above and beyond the call of duty; providing innovative solutions; and championing change and non-traditional methods.

One individual was selected to receive the 2004 Chancellor's Award:

Kari Christiansen - Central Lakes College

2004 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS - 9 Awards

The Outstanding Service Award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions toward furthering professionalism in financial management, or other contributions in the field of financial reporting, data integrity, internal controls, budget development and monitoring or for outstanding contributions toward furthering professionalism in facilities management, or other contributions in the field of facilities/physical plant maintenance, operations, and management. Nine individuals were selected to receive the 2004 Outstanding Service Award:

Ron Blakesley - Hibbing Community College, Chief Financial Officer
Tony Bartovich - Mesabi Range Community & Technical College, Director
of Budget and Finance
Al Behr - Minnesota State Community & Technical College, Business
Manager for the Detroit Lakes and Moorhead campuses
Jean Hollaar - Minnesota State University Moorhead, University
Planning and Budget Officer

Karen Snorek – Riverland Community College, Vice President of Finance
and Administration

Jeff Wagner – St. Cloud State University, Business Services Director

Tom Doody – Saint Paul College, Physical Plant Director

Cyndi Holm – Southwest Minnesota State University, Director of
Facilities

Dick Lande – Winona State University, Facilities Manager

With their leadership and the assistance of every employee at every Minnesota State College and University, tremendous progress in finance, facilities, and administrative excellence continues. Please join me in extending appreciation to everyone for the outstanding accomplishments of 2004.

Sincerely,

Laura M. King
Vice Chancellor – Chief Financial Officer

c: Chancellor James H. McCormick