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*The recent events of the Virginia Tech tragedy have affected so many. The International Festival Committee has provided a memorial with white ribbons displayed for all the victims (in the cafeteria stage area). Let us also realize that the hurt and pain caused by an individual should not lead to a generalized fear and mistrust of others. This International Festival allows us all to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the people of "One World, Our World."*

*As we remember the victims of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, who came from around the United States and the world, representing 10 countries, and dozens of states and cultures. They ranged from teenagers just embarking on their careers to professors with decades of teaching experience. As a Committee we hope these ribbons can serve to remind us that we are all of one world and violence inflicted on any person in any part of the world impacts us all. Let these ribbons remind us that collectively we should remember all victims of violence while we simultaneously hope and work for peace and understanding among all people in our world.*

### Additional thanks:

- ⇒ Coordinator and Assistant of the Style Show/ Cultural and Vendor Booths: Ashika Shrestha and Allison Cameron
- ⇒ Dignitaries invited within the Flag Parade and to Welcome: Dr. Ed Waltman, Superintendent of the Mankato Area Public Schools; John Brady, Mankato Mayor; Thomas Gjersvig, MSU International Student Office Director.
- ⇒ MSU Facilities and Delivery Services; CSU Scheduling; and Sodexo (MSU's Food Service) for Logistical support in moving MSU equipment and Food to the East High School location
- ⇒ East High School Principal Don Poplau
- ⇒ Correction: Shelly Schulz is the Public Information Director for the City of Mankato

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Please be considerate of our world in another way—instead of throwing your program away, please leave your program at the Information Booth before you leave (if you do not wish to keep it) in order to re-use and/or recycle. The Information Booth also has comment/evaluations for you to complete. *Volunteers please remember to return name badges to the Central Network Center.*

The International Festival Volunteers assisting throughout the day have name badges worn around their neck or name tags. Some individuals may be assigned to a special aspect of the Festival. Visit our Information Booth near the Entrance for general questions.

To publicize our event for future International Festivals, photos may be taken during the event. If you prefer not to be in a picture, please inform the photographer of your preference. Pictures of children will not intentionally be taken/used in promotional materials without parental consent.

Now in its 20th year, the **International Student Endowment** represents the zealous and determined work of persons who value highly the place of international students on the MSU campus and in the Mankato community. Since 1991, the first year awards were made, the Endowment has dispensed nearly \$135,000 in scholarships to 152 students from around the globe. We on the Endowment and Festival Committee are happy to congratulate these Scholars on their awards, for they represent academic achievement, service to the MSU and Mankato communities, and career goals and aspirations of global significance. We would very much appreciate your tax deductible contribution/financial aid in whatever amount. If you would like to contribute to the Endowment, visit the Silent Auction Room and someone will assist you.

### The MSU '07-'08 International Scholars

- ◆ *Sunil Bhandari, Nepal, (Computer Science): International Endowment Scholar*
- ◆ *Chad Clower, Canada, (Communication Disorders): Jane Roberts Scholar*
- ◆ *Mildred Lau, Malaysia, (Finance and Mathematics double major): Kuhn H. Lee Scholar*
- ◆ *Fri Ngu, Cameroon (Nursing): Mary Taggart Scholar*
- ◆ *Liditha Poddalgoda, Sri Lanka, (Mechanical Engineering): Viola Holbrook Scholar*
- ◆ *Susan Rajbhandari, Nepal, (Accounting): Olson/Olszewski Scholar*
- ◆ *Sulena Shrestha, Nepal (Nursing): Florence Sponberg Scholar*
- ◆ *Rasmita Shrestha, Nepal (Nursing): International Endowment Scholar*
- ◆ *Indumini Weeramantri, Sri Lanka (Biotechnology, Human Biology, Pre-medicine triple major): Elizabeth and R. Wynn Kearney, Sr. Scholar*