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Now accepting nominations for Alumni Society Awards

The College of Education and Human Development Alumni Society seeks nominations for its annual alumni awards to recognize excellence in education and human development. Awards will be presented at the Society's annual recognition and awards celebration on April 17, 2009. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in nominating your colleagues for these awards. Nomination forms and award criteria can be found on the [Alumni Society Web site](#). **The deadline for nominations is January 30, 2009.** For additional information, please contact Heather Peña at 612-626-8782 or hpena@umn.edu.

Florida and Arizona residents and snowbirds - UMAA's Minne-College is coming your way!

UMAA is bringing its popular Minne-College to Florida and Arizona this winter. Join U of M alumni and friends for the [Florida Minne-College](#) in Naples, FL on Saturday, January 24, at the Naples Hilton, for an afternoon of learning and exploration on a variety of hot and timely topics featuring U of M distinguished faculty. This year a Minne-College will also be presented in Arizona. Join us for the [Arizona Minne-College](#) on Saturday, March 7, at the Xona Resort Suites in Scottsdale. You will enjoy an educational afternoon of learning with great speakers, including CEHD's Professor Gillian Roehrig who will talk on using real-world contexts to promote learning in K-12 science and mathematics. President Bruininks will be at the Arizona event to meet and greet alumni. CEHD will be hosting luncheons before each Minne-College with Interim Dean Jean Quam. If you would like to attend the Naples or Scottsdale luncheons, please contact Sara Beyer at sbeyer@umn.edu or call 612-625-1310. We look forward to seeing you in sunny Florida and Arizona!

Interested in Alumni trip to Vietnam?

The School of Social Work is considering organizing a trip to Vietnam for CEHD Alumni in 2010. The trip would include visits to schools, social service agencies, and



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other related venues to learn about the delivery of education, social development and humanitarian services in the host country. Travelers can earn continuing education credits. There would also be ample time to visit and experience many other unique aspects of the country. Please complete a brief five minute [survey](#) so we can assess alumni interest. Taking the survey is not a commitment to travel.

Change to Credential Files

For many years, CEHD has managed a credential file service for alumni and students. A credential file, or placement file, is a collection of documents showing a job candidate's academic and professional credentials. As of December 1, 2008, CEHD will begin to discontinue this service. The change is due to the evolving needs of most job applicants and employers, as well as the move to online application processes. In its place, CEHD staff will provide tools and information to help alumni and students implement their own plan for managing their credential information. Individuals will have the option to request their credential file documents be returned to them to manage or transfer their documents to Interfolio, an online service provider for credentials. Detailed information about the conversion and options for file holders are available on the [Student Services Web site](#).

Attend the Legislative Briefing

The Legislative Briefing will be held on January 28, at 5:30 p.m., in Memorial Hall at the McNamara Alumni Center. In good times and bad, the University of Minnesota ensures our state's prosperity and well being. Help the U - and Minnesota - stay on course. At the Briefing, you'll meet other U supporters, hear President Bruininks' agenda for the legislative year ahead and learn new ways to support the U of M at the Capitol. It's a great event and an excellent opportunity to get involved. [Sign up now](#) to attend the 2009 Legislative Briefing.

Cheer on Gopher Athletics

The Gopher football team will play Kansas in the Insight Bowl in Tempe, AZ on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. CST. The Alumni Association is organizing the University's official bowl tours. Visit the [UMAA Bowl Central Web site](#) for more information. The UMAA is also hosting an opportunity to travel this December to see the Men's Basketball team play [Hoops in the Desert](#) in the 2008 Stadium Shootout tournament in Glendale, AZ.

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U of M Alumni Association honors top volunteer with Alumni Service Award

Congratulations to alumna Mary Endorf, PhD '86, who was recognized with an Alumni Service Award at the Alumni Association's [Annual Award Celebration](#) on October 29.

Year-end giving--The impact of private support

Private support makes a critical difference in what the College of Education and Human Development is able to do together as a community--in research we are able to advance, the new programs we are able to create, and the talented students we are able to support. Please consider making a year-end gift [online](#). Your spirit of giving is a tremendous vote of confidence in our shared endeavor.

**Happy Holidays to you and yours
from CEHD Alumni Relations!**

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