Nominations are Open for 2017 Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Distinguished Achievement Awards are selected annually by the M State President’s Cabinet. You are encouraged to nominate an M State employee and/or team who, in calendar 2017, met at least one of the following criteria.

- Exceptional service to students, faculty, staff or external constituents
- Continually going “above and beyond the call of duty”
- Exceptional performance on a special project or assignment
- Contributing to the improved morale and/or work environment of the division and/or college
- Significant contributions to the college community
- Actions that distinguish the employee outside their professional realm
- Contributions in leadership in external community matters or in the employee’s field
- Innovation

Nominations are due to Dacia Johnson, CHRO, on or before Friday, March 2. The nomination form can be found on the Human Resources section of the employee portal.

Awards will be presented at the annual Employee Recognition Celebration on May 8.

M State Presidential Search Update

The campus visits for presidential finalists are scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, March 27-29. Additional details will be coming approximately mid-March.

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**STAFF CHANGES**

**NEW HIRES**

- **Fergus Falls**
  - Paula Pederson, Director of Safety and Emergency Preparedness

- **Moorhead**
  - Jennifer Aranda, Online Writing Tutor (temporary)
  - Deana Kleindi, Dental Assistant (intermittent)

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- **Detroit Lakes**
  - Sunny Kamath, Interim Computer Help Center Director
  - Lisa Ziegler, Operational Services Technology Director

- **Moorhead**
  - Erica Berg, Associate Director of Nursing

**NO LONGER AT M STATE**

- **Moorhead**
  - Bonnie Baumgardner, Campus Resource Specialist, Transfer to MSUM
  - Paul Beah, Custodian

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**SAVE THE DATE: AFSCME/MAPE Frontline Conference**

The Frontline Conference is YOUR staff development conference, with sessions, speakers and topics focused on increasing your professional development and skills.

**Wednesday, May 23 – Thursday, May 24, 2018**

Normandale Community College

**NEW for 2018:**

- A new schedule, with an additional breakout session time on Thursday!
- 30+ breakout session topics
- A Health Fair, located in the vendor area
- Professional headshots will also be back by popular demand!

Registration opens April 1, 2018
Limited to 300 people!

Meet and network with your peers from other campuses in the system.