

**ANNUAL
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE
RECOGNITION 2007**

5:30 PM NATIONAL SERVICE RECEPTION
6:00 PM DINNER
6:45 PM PRESENTATION OF
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

EMCEE:

SUPERINTENDENT ELIZABETH BURMASTER

HONORED GUESTS:

HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON

ROBERT GUENTHER
PRESIDENT SERVE WISCONSIN BOARD

RECOGNITIONS PRESENTED:

MARTY STEIN FRIEND OF NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTSTANDING IMPACT
EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPANT
GOVERNOR'S SERVICE-LEARNING RECOGNITION
SERVE WISCONSIN DISABILITY INCLUSION

**FEBRUARY 22, 2007
MADISON MARRIOTT WEST**



RECOGNITION WINNERS

For programs operating or participants serving
between September 1, 2005 and December 31, 2006.

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Recognition

Given to exemplary supporters of
national service programs in Wisconsin.

Dave Munoz Wausau West High School

Community Service Outstanding Impact Recognition

Given to national service programs that demonstrate
outstanding impact on program beneficiaries.

Partners in Service Learning Alverno College and Escuela Vieau
Elementary

Exemplary Community Service Participant Recognition

Given to national service participants who demonstrate exemplary

Betty Costello
RSVP Volunteer RSVP of Racine

Jeremy Grager
AmeriCorps*VISTA University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
U.W.-Eau Claire

Karen Collins Department of Public Instruction, Spooner
DPI AmeriCorps*VISTA

Governor's Service-Learning Recognition

Given to an educational system that has had a positive community impact
through service-learning.

Tremper High School Kenosha

Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Recognition

Awarded to an AmeriCorps*State or National program
for their achievements in disability inclusion.

Easter Seals Wisconsin

2007 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE RECOGNITION NOMINEES

Sam Bass
Volunteer Center East
Central WI

Deanna Brown
RSVP Kenosha County

Robert "Bob" Brudos
Friends of Coulee Region RSVP

Marie Eaton
Foster GrandParents, Gleason

Sarah Carson
YES AmeriCorps LaCrosse Alumni

Tyanna Clayton-Mallett
Public Allies Milwaukee

Leslie Edwards
WAHRS, Project Youth Sheboygan

FCCLA Chapter
Washburn

LaDonna Foster
YMCA of Metro Milwaukee-
AmeriCorps

Michelle Kennedy
YES AmeriCorps LaCrosse

ShannonKrasinski
YMCA of Metro Milwaukee

Bao Nhia Lee
North Central Community Action Prg.
AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau

Amanda O'Donnell
UW-Milwaukee Center for Volunteers

Patricia Salvage
YES AmeriCorps LaCrosse

Ashley Valentine
Easter Seals Wisconsin

Joseph Woodlin
Boys & Girls Club Milwaukee

Jumpstart Eau Claire
UW-Eau Claire

Realor's Association South Central WI
Housing Foundation

Winnebago County UW-Extensioin

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WISCONSIN

More than **36,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **96** national service project across Wisconsin. This year, CNCS has committed more than **\$14 million** to support Wisconsin communities through:

- More than **11,000 seniors** are contributing their time and talents in three Senior Corps programs — Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP.
- More than **860 people** are serving their communities through AmeriCorps*State, National Direct, and VISTA to meet education, environmental, public safety, and other pressing needs. Since 1994, more than **8,000 former participants** have qualified for over **\$28.5 million in Education Awards**.
- Learn and Serve America is engaging more than **23,000 students** in service linked to academic achievement and development of civic skills.

SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITIONS

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Thank you to all of the fine programs, participants, and supporters that were nominated this year.



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Governor's Service Recognition Winners Announced

[**Madison, Wisconsin**] – Six winners were recognized at the Governor's Service Awards Ceremony on the evening of February 22, 2007 at the Marriott Madison West, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson will be the featured guest speaker. The Governor's Service Recognitions are presented to programs and individuals participating in organizations funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America. This event provides an opportunity to recognize organizations and individuals that help solve serious social problems and meet their community's needs.

2007 Governor's Service Awards

Marty Stein Friend of National Service Award

David Munoz – Wausau West High School

Community Service Outstanding Impact Award

*Partners in Service Learning: Alverno College and Escuela Vieau School-Milwaukee, Alverno College AmeriCorps*VISTA*

Exemplary Community Service Participant Award: Senior Corps

Betsy Costello, RSVP of Racine

Exemplary Community Service Participant Award

*Jeremy Gragert – UW-Eau Claire, AmeriCorps*VISTA*

*Karen Collins – Department of Public Instruction, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Spooner*

Service-Learning Award

Tremper High School, Kenosha

Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award

Easter Seals Wisconsin – AmeriCorps Partnership

Serve Wisconsin, along with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the CNCS State Office, sponsors the Governor's Service Recognitions. Funding provided to date for this event from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Northern Wisconsin Regional Council of Carpenters, and We Energies, through the Wisconsin Energy Corporation Foundation.



Serve Wisconsin is a 22-member citizen body appointed by the Governor responsible for overseeing AmeriCorps grants, which address unmet human, environmental, public safety, educational, and homeland security needs. For more information about Serve Wisconsin or funded AmeriCorps programs, visit www.servewisconsin.org.

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

Following are brief descriptions of each award winner.

David Munoz will receive the Marty Stein Friend of Service recognition. Munoz is the acting principal at Wausau West High School. He is described as a friendly out-going person with a good sense of humor and a key motivator in the Wausau Community. Munoz goes the extra mile to help his students succeed. When Dave sees a kid in trouble, he steers them towards Wausau Fresh Start where they can get their GED and learn carpenter skills as well.

Partners in Service Learning: Alverno College and Escuela Vieau School-Milwaukee, Alverno College AmeriCorps*VISTA will receive the community Service Outstanding program recognition. Partners is a unique model in that students from Alverno volunteer to serve as mentors to 6th, 7th or 8th graders from Vieau who are doing Service-Learning projects in their communities. Alverno students get to see their course materials lived out and to practice key academic abilities such as communication, social interaction, and problem solving.

Jeremy Gragert, UW-Eau Claire, a Wisconsin Campus Compact K-16 AmeriCorps*VISTA member will receive the Exemplary Community Service Participant Award. One of Jeremy's major areas of emphasis has been working with minorities and poverty communities on transportation justice issues. He has been active in the Eau Claire Safe Routes to Schools program in conjunction with the City/County health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Jeremy is very skilled at assessing community needs, identifying community resources and strengths, and facilitating the implementation of community change efforts. For example, he worked closely with the Eau Claire County UW-Extension office to recruit college students to support a program that developed community gardens and food, nutrition and gardening programs for children in low-income neighborhoods.

Karen Collins, Department of Public Instruction, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Spooner will receive the Exemplary Community Service Participant Award. Karen has coordinated and established an after school program at Spooner Elementary School to assist low-income children bridge the socioeconomic gap and raise test scores and math and language arts. The "High Five" after school program has progressed through the 2005-2006 school year, teachers noticed improvement in students' academic efforts and increased self-esteem. More parents began to reach out to teachers and staff for parenting and schooling advice. Karen is credited for her efforts and dedication to establishing an after-school program, which has, in effect, strengthened the Spooner community significantly.

Tremper High School, Kenosha, will receive the Service-Learning Recognition through their efforts of helping Hurricane Katrina victims by forming a service-learning partnership with John McDonogh High School in New Orleans. The marketing class held a fundraiser, and the money was donated to McDonogh to help program radios, which were donated so that the staff could communicate with each other. Some of the money was used for physical repairs of the school. Tremper's girl's soccer team, English Department, Technology department, Special Education, Girls softball team, raised 10,000 pounds of books, school supplies, and backpacks. In this

amazing story, the marketing class at Tremper corresponded with McDonogh and helped them to open a school store.

Easter Seals Wisconsin will receive the Serve Wisconsin Disability Inclusion Award in their on-going efforts to create life-changing solutions for individuals with disabilities and their families for nearly seven decades. Whether providing recreational opportunities for children, respite care for families, assisting farmers continue to farm, or gaining greater independence in everyday living, Easter Seals Wisconsin offers a variety of services to address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Easter Seals supporters, public and private partners, and volunteers all play vital roles in Easter Seals' work to create solutions that change lives for thousands of people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

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