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Steve Lange, PTC's Director of Facilities, wins statewide award for excellence in management

PINE CITY, Minn. – Awards recognizing excellence in financial and facilities management leadership and teamwork at the [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities](#) during 2010 were announced today. The awards program, which began in 1997, publicly recognizes the outstanding contributions of the system's college and university employees who work in finance and facilities management. The 2010 award winners were selected from nominations made by presidents and college and university leadership. Pine Technical College's own Steve Lange, Director of Facilities, won an **Outstanding Service** award.

"We are proud that we have so many outstanding employees," said Laura King, the system's vice chancellor and chief financial officer. "With their leadership and the assistance of every employee at every Minnesota state college and university, tremendous progress continues in finance, facilities and administrative excellence."

Outstanding Service awards are given to individuals who demonstrated outstanding contributions toward furthering professionalism in facilities management or for working toward furthering professionalism in financial management or other contributions in financial reporting, data integrity, internal controls, budget development and monitoring. In addition to Lange's win, other winners in the Outstanding Service category include: Ron Anderson and Bonnie Meyers, both of Century College; Stephanie Hammitt of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Steven Smith of Minnesota State University, Mankato, Jeff Goebel of Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Dawn Reimer of North Hennepin Community College.

Excellence in Financial Management awards are given for significant contributions to increased efficiency and effectiveness of finances and administrative services throughout the institution. 2010 winners include: Bemidji State University, Hennepin Technical College, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical, Minnesota State University – Mankato, Riverland Community College, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Saint Paul College, and Winona State University.

Excellence in Facilities Management awards are given for successful and timely completion of capital improvement and repair projects, increased efficiency and effective space use throughout the institution and customer service excellence to students, staff and faculty. 2010 winners in this category include: Minnesota State University – Mankato, Riverland Community College, St. Cloud State University, and Winona State University.

The **Chancellor's Award** is given to an individual who demonstrated team spirit, cooperation and leadership; provided outstanding service to staff, students and the system; completed achievement above and beyond the call of duty; provided innovative solutions or championed change and nontraditional methods. Three employees of Minnesota State Community and Technical College were selected to receive the Chancellor's Award for their leadership and community involvement following the June tornado in Wadena. They are Patrick Nordick, Chief Finance Officer; Matthew Sheppard, Director of College Facilities; and Bruce Hurt, Facilities Services Supervisor at the college's Detroit Lakes campus.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system is comprised of 32 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 277,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 157,000 students in noncredit courses. Pine Technical College is a proud member of the MnSCU system. For more information about MnSCU, contact Melinda Voss, 651-201-1804, and for more information about Pine Technical College, call 320-629-5114.

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