

## Dr. Mary Ettel - 2005



Mary Ettel, professor of chemistry at Wayne State College, received the 2005 George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award from the Nebraska State College System on May 7, at commencement.

The Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award is presented annually to a faculty member who demonstrates innovation and leadership in teaching and service in the Nebraska State College System. Administrators, fellow faculty, students and alumni nominate candidates. Ettel was the 21<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award. She was first selected as Wayne State's Teaching Excellence Award winner, which qualified her as a candidate for the system award.

Dr. Ettel received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Central University of Iowa, and her doctorate in inorganic chemistry at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Ettel has been active both on campus and in the community. Currently, she is a member of the Academic Quality Improvement Program(AQIP) Council and the Academic Policies committee. As a member of the Wayne Lions Club, Ettel has held various leadership roles, including secretary, sergeant-at-arms and board member.

In a letter of support for her nomination, Dr. Todd Young, associate professor of physics and astronomy wrote, "Mary is clearly committed to the education of the students that pass through Wayne State College. Without her guiding hand, these students would be confused and unsuccessful, and they have told me as much."

*Information taken from the NSCS newsletter and the WSC Alumni magazine.*