

Dr. Tamara Worner – 2007



Tamara Worner, associate professor of mathematics at Wayne State College, received the 2007 George Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award from the Nebraska State College System on May 5, at the commencement ceremony for undergraduates. Dr. Worner exemplifies excellence in her classroom, her profession and in the community.

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. Worner is the 23rd 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. Worner received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and computer science from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and her Masters and Doctorate degrees from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

She served as the interim dean for the School of Natural and Social Sciences in 2005-2006 and was department chair for Physical Sciences and Mathematics for four years. She has also been the coordinator of the Wayne State College Math Contest since 1998, which hosts more than 300 students from more than 30 high schools.

In a letter of support for her nomination, a colleague noted Worner's involvement in the development of curriculum and her real strength, which he says is in the classroom. "Dr. Worner is a very gifted and talented college professor who works diligently to help students learn."

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