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Alverno garners national teacher-preparation honors

Continuing a rich history of recognition, both local and national, Alverno College's teacher-preparation program has garnered several national and state honors in recent months.

• **First National Award for Effective Teacher Preparation**

Alverno's elementary-education program was selected as one of four winners in the US Department of Education's new national awards program for effective teacher preparation. The college was honored at a ceremony in Washington, DC, on December 7.

Kathy Lake, chair of Alverno's education department, was unable to attend that ceremony, because she was in Grand Rapids, Michigan, accepting an award from her undergraduate alma mater – Grand Valley State University – for her contributions to the education community.

"These cutting-edge programs will provide powerful examples for others seeking to ensure that their graduates make a measurable difference in the achievement of K-12 students," said then US Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley.

• **Teaching Profession's Highest Honor**

Three Alverno-prepared teachers are among only 23 Wisconsin teachers included in the 2000 Class of National Board Certified Teachers. This is the teaching profession's highest honor, determined in a rigorous assessment process.



Then US Secretary of Education Richard Riley presented Alverno faculty members with the first national award for effective teacher preparation. Pictured, from left, are Marcia Mentkowski, professor and director of Alverno's Department of Educational Research and Evaluation; Mary Diez, professor of education and dean of graduate studies; and Maggie Sneed, associate professor and coordinator of elementary education.



Mary Staten '81 is a three-time Alverno graduate. She earned her BA in biology, a certification in secondary education, and a

master's degree in education. She is a teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools.



Debra Dosemagen '80 is academic vice principal at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee, where she has taught since

she graduated from Alverno with a major in mathematics and a minor in secondary education (adolescence and young adulthood).

Barbara Johnson teaches part-time in Alverno's

program. She earned her teaching certification at Alverno, and is a well-loved kindergarten teacher at Irving School in West Allis, Wisconsin.

• **One of Two Programs Cited for Excellence**

In Studies in Excellence in Teacher Preparation, a report by the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, Alverno College is one of two undergraduate programs in the nation cited for excellence in teacher preparation.

• **Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education**

Mary Diez '67, director of Alverno's graduate program and former education dean, has been awarded the Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education. Diez accepted the award at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Dallas, Texas, on March 4.

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