

**Mayville State University Child Development Programs  
And program leadership bring pride to North Dakota**

Mayville State University Child Development Programs Director, Allison Johnson is the 2004 recipient of the National acclaimed Helen Taylor Award for Management Excellence sponsored by the Johnson & Johnson Company and the UCLA John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management. This award is given to the Head Start Johnson and Johnson Management Fellow who has developed a Management Improvement Plan that directly impacts children, families and the community. As many as two awards nation wide are given annually. This year only one was such award was given.

On April 22, 2004 Allison attended an awards presentation in Anaheim California to accept her award which included a \$5,000 cash award, \$3,000 for her program and \$2,000 for herself. She was presented her award by Conrad Persons, Director of the International Programs and Product Giving in the Corporate Contributions Department of Johnson & Johnson. At the awards presentation Allison shared her intention to donate \$1,000 of her award to the Mayville State University Early Childhood Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to financially assist University students with children enrolled in Head Start, directly impacting her program and Mayville State University.

Over the past twelve years Mayville State University Child Development Programs has develop into a comprehensive model child development program. The program has expanded from a small childcare center into a comprehensive, complex entity serving over 180 children and families across 5 counties. Programs include Head Start, Early Head Start, Even Start and childcare. The program also serves as a lab setting for Early Childhood and Elementary Education students from the University. University students are gaining hand on experiences daily in their field better preparing them for the work force. Under Allison's leadership and skills, developed though the Head Start Johnson & Johnson UCLA Fellowship and partnership, the Child Development Program's has developed into a model Early Learning Program.