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The event will honor Julie Caraway Jensen as its Alumna of the Year, and will honor four beginning social work majors for excellence in research and writing. The event, open to the public, will be at 10:30 a.m. in Centennial Student Union Room 255.

Jensen, a 1994 social work graduate, has served for the past decade as program director for Partners for Affordable Housing, the umbrella organization that operates the Welcome Inn, the Welcome Home, the Liberty Homes and Apartments and the Rivertown Homes. The programs provide short-term shelter housing and longer term homes and apartments for low-income persons.

Jensen is representative of the many social workers who work in the non-profit sector as staff members, supervisors and administrators.

Student winners of the Department of Social Work Social Welfare Scholars Awards are Tara Hueper (Wells, MN), Lydia Hayward (Pine Island, MN), Joni Forstner (Gibbon, MN) and Erika Ertz (Maple Grove, MN). Their award winning research paper topics were Head Start, methamphetamine dependency, services for the elderly and affordable housing.

The Minnesota State Mankato Department of Social Work is in its 30th year of national accreditation.

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