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## GSU Honors Outstanding Students in Health Professions

University Park, IL, June 20, 2008 - The College of Health Professions at Governors State University recently honored students and community leaders at its annual recognition banquet. Award recipients included students who have excelled both in coursework and community outreach. Field instructors from a variety of agencies, who are essential to the success of students when working in the community, were also recognized.

"The banquet gives us the opportunity to recognize the hard work and success of individual students who have shown exceptional growth and achievement while at Governors State University," said Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health Professions.

Students receiving awards included Pricilla Southern of Chicago, who earned the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Social Work award and Ella Duff of Glenwood, who was named Outstanding Graduate Student in Social Work. Kenneth Williams of South Holland was named Outstanding Graduate student in Health Administration and Kesha Moore of Calumet City was named the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Administration. Lorian Mehmel of Kankakee earned the Outstanding Graduate Student in Addiction Studies and Behavior Health award. Denise Smith of Flossmoor was named Outstanding Student in Nursing. Akata Sharma of Chicago earned the Occupational Therapy Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Maria Yakos of Diamond received the Communication Disorders Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award and Irene Costello of Tinley Park was named Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders.

"We were also pleased to recognize our outstanding field supervisors and field instructors who volunteered their time to train and supervise our students," said Samson. "Their work helps our students continue to develop as professionals as they hone their skills and put into practice what they learned at GSU."

The field supervisors and field instructors honored include Eric Brown of Stepping Stones in Joliet, Bernadette Wood of the Jane Neil School in Chicago, Mark Urquhart of the University of Chicago Hospitals, Linda Ewing of Holy Cross Hospital in Joliet, Monika Robinson and Josephine Boggs of The Center for Independence in Countryside, Aristede Dukes of Palos Community Hospital, Jean Rogers of Waterford Manor/Halfway House Committee, Inc. in Crestwood/Robbins, and Sharon Parker of Trinity Services in Joliet.