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University Park, IL, September 25, 2008 – Governors State University recently honored members of its faculty and staff with awards acknowledging their excellence as educators and employees. The awards recognize the hard work and dedication of those who share the university's commitment to its students and the community.

"Each year awards are given to people who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in teaching or the performance of primary duties, research or creative activities, and/or service," explained Dr. Jane Hudak, Provost of Governors State University. "The award publicly acknowledges the good work accomplished by the university's faculty and staff throughout the year."

The Excellence Award recipients from the College of Arts and Sciences include: Dr. Emmanuel Alozie of Monee; Dr. Mary Carrington of Crete; Cheryl Hague of Crown Point, Indiana; Dr. Rosemary Johnsen of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Mary Lanigan of Tinley Park; Dr. Larry Levinson of Homewood; and Marilyn Yirku of Chicago.

From the College of Business and Public Administration, the Excellence Award honoree is Pamela Stipanich of Beecher.

From the College of Education, Excellence Award honorees include: Thomas Bierdz of Chicago; Dr. Jon Carlson of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Dr. Glenna Howell of Park Forest; Carla Johnson of Chicago Heights; Dr. Taida Kelly of Steger; Patricia Ann Robey of Crete; Dr. Catherine Sorl, of Highland, Indiana; Dr. Byron Waller of Manhattan; and former assistant professor, Dr. Adam Zagelbaum.

The Excellence Award recipient from University College is Tony Labriola of Olympia Fields.

The Excellence Award recipients from the College of Health and Human Services include: Dr. Constance Edwards of Frankfort; Martha Gainer of Bourbonnais; and Dr. Tae Hyun Kim of Mokena.

Dr. Becky Nugent of Matteson was the recipient of the 2007 Excellence Award for her work in Student Affairs and Academic Support.

The Excellence Award recipient from the University Library is Lydia Morrow Ruetten of New Lenox.

Dr. Colleen Sexton of Frankfort received a promotion to professor in the College of Education.

Tenure was granted to Dr. Ting Jie Wang of Shorewood, Associate Professor in Accounting; Dr. Elizabeth Essex of Oak Park, Associate Professor of Social Work; and Dr. Maristela Zell of Evanston, Associate Professor of Social Work.