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College of Design to Receive University of Minnesota Alumni Association Program Extraordinaire Award

The College of Design Alumni Society will be presented a University of Minnesota Alumni Association 2009 Program Extraordinaire Award at a celebratory event honoring premier alumni volunteers, groups and programs on October 8, 2009 at the University's McNamara Alumni Center.

"Many of the University of Minnesota's 400,000 living graduates support their alma mater in important ways," said Margaret Sughrue Carlson, chief executive officer of the Alumni Association. "But there are unique individuals and groups that care deeply about the University of Minnesota, and they devote an incredible amount of time and talent as volunteers. Every year during Homecoming we honor them for making significant contributions to the strength and vitality of our University."

The University of Minnesota Alumni Association Program Extraordinaire Award recognizes exceptional alumni programs sponsored by a collegiate unit, alumni society or geographic chapter. The College of Design's "Dirty Laundry" is an innovative, playful and engaging program designed to foster supportive connections between students, alumni and the professional community. The program features design professionals telling stories of their best and worst work experiences. Their goal is to give students and fellow alumni an inside view and sense of what it's like to work in the design world—managing projects, client relationships and thorny issues. The overall goal of this signature program is to enhance the student experience, build connections with the professional community, and support the transition from college to career.

The College of Design Alumni Society is a 1600-member constituent group of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. For more information about the alumni society, go to www.design.umn.edu/alumni_friends/join/ or call Lori Mollberg at 612-625-8796. The University of Minnesota Alumni Association is a 60,000-member organization that has advocated for the University's important work for more than a century. By joining the Alumni Association, alumni become ambassadors for the University. For more information, go to www.MinnesotaAlumni.org or call 800-862-5867.

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