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Around Town Briefs: Awards

A professor and a group of students at UW-Stout were honored at the 49th annual Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education banquet.

James Handley, an assistant professor of social science, was named Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Handley's award was based on a student vote. Each year the dean of students office at UW-Stout asks students to nominate instructors, and Handley was the top vote-getter for the 2011-12 school year.

The top 25 graduating UW-Stout students, based on grade-point average, also were recognized at the banquet.

Following are the area residents who were among those students:

Leanne Beloate, Chetek, vocational rehabilitation.

Andrew Christie, Eau Claire, applied math and computer science.

Kelley Mendalski, Thorp, psychology.

Kent Mohr, Eau Claire, management.