Around Town: Scholarships

Two UW-Stout students from Menomonie have each received a $1,000 scholarship from the School of Education as part of its Sips for Scholarships fundraiser.

Proceeds are used to fund one undergraduate and one graduate scholarship each year for students pursuing education degrees.

Brittany Johnson, a senior majoring in science education, received the undergraduate scholarship.

Johnson has worked as a senior research student and tutor in the chemistry department. She also worked as an instructor and coordinator in science education with the 2012 TEACH Precollege Program. Johnson’s goal is to teach chemistry or biology.

Gao Nhia Vang, a graduate student in school counseling, was awarded the graduate student scholarship.

Vang has a bachelor’s degree in human development and family studies from UW-Stout. She works as a graduate assistant in the university’s Office of International Education.

The selection committee grants scholarships based on financial need, diversity and first-generation status, disability, academic performance, professional and extracurricular activities as well as community involvement.

Award

Darrin Witucki, University Centers director at UW-Stout, received the Annabelle E. Wolf Award from the Wisconsin College Personnel Association.

According to the group, Witucki was recognized for “his significant contributions to the college student personnel profession, both at his home institution and to the broader student personnel community.”

Witucki was named University Centers director in May 2011. He oversees the Memorial Student
Center. He helped plan and manage the student center’s $19 million yearlong renovation project, which was completed in January 2012.

Witucki was nominated by more than a dozen staff and students after the project was completed.