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**Xcel Energy Gives \$10,000 to Minnesota State Mankato  
for Science, Engineering & Technology Scholarships, Endowment**

**Mankato, MN** — Xcel Energy Corp. has donated \$10,000 to Minnesota State University, Mankato for scholarships and an endowment fund in the College of Science, Engineering & Technology.

The gift was presented to the University last week by David Pearson, Xcel's community and local government relations manager. Half (\$5,000) is for Minnesota State Mankato science and engineering scholarships, and the other \$5,000 is for the Xcel scholarship endowment fund.

Pearson presented the check to Minnesota State Mankato President Emeritus Margaret R. Preska, who accepted on behalf of President Richard Davenport, and to David Haglin, interim associate dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology.

Preska, president of the university from 1979 to 1992 and a 28-year member of the Xcel board of directors, thanked Xcel for its continued support, pointing out that the company has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars for scholarships and research.

"We greatly value our partnership with Minnesota State Mankato," Pearson responded. "We are pleased that we can be part of the university's success in teaching and research."

This year a record number of students from the College of Science, Engineering & Technology applied for Xcel Scholarships. Recipients for 2008-2009 will be announced at the annual scholarship banquet Aug. 28.

Minnesota State Mankato is part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which employs nearly 11,000 full- and part-time faculty and comprises 32 state universities and community and technical colleges. The system serves 242,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 140,000 students in non-credit courses.

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