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Stevens Point, WI Local Teacher Honored

Stevens Point, WI (March 12th, 2007)- Kathy Kruthoff, a 5th grade teacher at Washington Service Learning Center in Stevens Point, has been named the recipient of the **2007 Teacher of the Year** Award by the Global Environmental Teachings Program (GET). This award is in recognition of Kruthoff's exemplary dedication to global environmental education. Kruthoff, a teacher from Washington Elementary School, has been teaching for 25 years and is strongly connected to environmental education. She continually immerses herself into environmental education experiences all over the world through the Global Environmental Teachings Program. Since 2004, Kruthoff has participated in teacher exchange programs in Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, and South Africa. This summer she will embark upon her latest environmental education experience in China! These programs challenge teachers by introducing them to new environments and cultures all while exploring diverse ecosystems and participating in environmental education workshops, cultural experiences, and other classroom enhancing field opportunities. The educators are introduced to a variety of speakers from government positions, the non-profit sector, parks and recreation, and non-governmental organizations. Susan Ermer, Program Coordinator of the GET Program, said "*Kathy is very dedicated to environmental education. She continues her own education and brings her knowledge and experience back to her students in the classroom*"

The Global Environmental Teachings Program is a non-profit organization that aims to advance environmental education worldwide through students and educators. GET is a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education and the Global Environmental Management Education Center, which are both based out of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point.

For more information on the Global Environmental Teachings Program and upcoming programs, contact Susan Ermer at 715.346.4150 or get@uwsp.edu or visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/get.