



McCoy Wins Top Manager Award for 2004

Her nominator said she puts the interests of the organization first and is an incredibly talented and committed business manager.

Who is this exemplar of management? It is Gretchen McCoy, Business Manager of the Central Office of the Family Support Network of North Carolina. McCoy is the 2004 winner of the University Managers Association (UMA) top honor, the Manager of the Year Award. UMA President, Phill Lyons, made the presentation at the group's annual meeting on May 20.

McCoy has been with the Family Support Network since March 2003 and has worked for the University for twenty-one years. She has held positions in the Office of Human Resources, the School of Social Work, the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, and the Center for Maternal and Infant Health. The latter is in the School of Medicine, as is the Family Support Network.

Her nominating materials describe her as having a thorough understanding of the value and nature of management, the University's policies and procedures, and of the organization. Of special note this past year was McCoy bringing additional funds and structure to the organization, moving it from a very difficult financial situation to being strong and on a solid footing.

The Family Support Network of North Carolina is a statewide network that promotes and provides support for families with children who have special needs (www.fsnnc.org).

Founded in 1983, the UMA has 200 members. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the exchange of information relevant to management in the University setting and to benefit all campus managers by being a voice for change on issues of widespread importance.

Selection of the manager of the year was based on University career accomplishments or a significant accomplishment within the past 12 months. The Award was begun in 1992.

Only UMA members are eligible to receive the award, but any Carolina employee may make a nomination. For more information about the UMA, refer to <http://uma.unc.edu>