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NEBRASKA METHODIST COLLEGE – THE JOSIE HARPER CAMPUS RECEIVES PRESIDENT’S HONOR ROLL AWARD FOR SERVICE

(OMAHA) – The Corporation for National and Community Service named Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. The health professions college was honored Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education in San Diego.

“This distinction recognizes our school’s leadership in helping to build a culture of service and civic engagement on campuses across the United States,” said Dennis Joslin, president and CEO, Nebraska Methodist College – The Josie Harper Campus. “It is a tremendous honor for the entire student body, faculty, staff and administration.”

Nebraska Methodist College was recognized for its body of community service work over the past year, including Habitat for Humanity trips to Laredo, Texas, and Tacoma, Washington, as well as a hurricane relief trip to Biloxi, Mississippi, where student and faculty members partnered with the Salvation Army to build a home. Other service activities included the provision of health assessment and education for Omaha Housing Authority’s residents, Omaha Ronald McDonald House Respite Care Program, ACE Southern Sudan Program and Fourth Grade Learning Day.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

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The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

In congratulating the winners, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce. We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic and economic future of our country."

Overall, the Community Service Honor Roll awarded six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, four schools were recognized as Special Achievement Award winners, 127 as Honor Roll With Distinction members and 391 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 528 schools were recognized. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

"There is no question that the universities and colleges who have made an effort to participate and win the Honor Roll award are themselves being rewarded," said American Council on Education President David Ward. "Earning this distinction is not easy. But now each of these schools will be able to wear this award like a badge of honor."

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The Corporation administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. For more information, go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

NMC, an affiliate of Methodist Health System is a fully accredited, private four-year degree granting health professions college. Established in 1891, NMC provides its more than 500 students with excellent clinical experiences in facilities such as Methodist Hospital and area medical clinics, extended care facilities and home care programs. NMC offers undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs. Areas of study include nursing (including the accelerated nursing education program, RN to BSN, graduate nursing educator), sonography, radiologic technology, phlebotomy, surgical technology, respiratory care, medical assistant, health promotions and emergency medical services. The Department of Continuing Education also offers a variety of classes. Several programs and classes are available online.

