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Cooper Neighborhood Resident Janice Linster Honored for Leadership and Service

Minneapolis/St. Paul, September 29, 2009 --- Janice Linster, Minneapolis, is being honored by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association for her volunteer service and leadership provided to the College of Design at the University of Minnesota.

Linster, a distinguished interior design graduate, will receive the University's Alumni Service Award at a celebration held October 8, as part of Homecoming 2009, at the University's McNamara Alumni Center. The award honors long-time service and a legacy of volunteerism.

"Janice is an amazing alumni volunteer," said Margaret Sughrue Carlson, chief executive officer of the Alumni Association. "She has contributed an incredible amount of time, wisdom, and talent to the College of Design at the University of Minnesota, and the Alumni Association for many, many years. She has a wonderful passion for her profession, for higher education, and for our great University. We will reap the benefits of Janice's loyalty and generosity for many years to come. She has truly left a volunteer legacy."

Linster has been tireless in her service to students, sharing career advice, reviewing portfolios and critiquing projects in the classroom, and with her leadership to help shape and refine the College of Design Student and Alumni Board's vision, structure, productivity, planning and leadership development efforts, according to Lori Blake Mollberg, the college's director of alumni relations. "She is an outstanding role model and University advocate whose efforts enhance the student experience and have supported the development, competency, and professionalism of countless future design professionals," she said. "The college, University, and the U of M Alumni Association have benefitted from her generosity, mentoring, and industry savvy advice in so many ways."

An award-winning interior designer and a LEED accredited professional, Linster is a founding partner and principal of the architecture and interior design firm, Studio Hive, Minneapolis. She served as a principal for the global firm Ellerbe Becket. She has also served as a board member for Minnesota's State Licensing Board, as a delegate to the National Council for Interior Design Qualification, and as a juror for national and local design competitions.

The University of Minnesota Alumni Association is a 60,000-member organization that has advocated for the University's important work for more than a century. By joining the Alumni Association, alumni become ambassadors for the University. For more information, go to www.alumni.umn.edu or call 800-862-5867.

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