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UM-Dearborn honors Saline resident for outstanding academic achievement

DEARBORN---Saline resident Kerry Thompson received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's commencement exercises last month.

Graduating with high distinction, Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a dual concentration of marketing and management. As part of the School of Management's Honors Program, Kerry earned inclusion on the Dean's List for the Winter 2006, Summer 2006, Winter 2007, Summer 2007 and Fall 2007 terms, and received University Honors in April 2007. He also is the recipient of the Daimler Chrysler Scholarship, the UM-Dearborn Transfer Scholarship and a University Grant.

Thompson has a history of dedicated university involvement. In the fall of 2007, he served as a student government senator and represented the School of Management at UM-Dearborn's annual Open House. He is a member of the campus chapters of Students in Free Enterprise and the American Marketing Association. His dedication to UM-Dearborn is demonstrated by his intention to join Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and continue his work with the University.

In addition to his participation on campus, he is a volunteer with the Red Cross First-Aid Support Team in Washtenaw County. Since 2001, Thompson has worked as catering sales manager at Einstein Bros. Bagels. He is utilizing that experience to create a catering business, along with his brothers, to help finance their college education. Thompson is preparing to begin applying to graduate business schools. He hopes to achieve an executive-level position and expand on a number of entrepreneurial efforts, and in the long run, return to academia in a professorial role to share his experience in the corporate world.

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