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UM-Dearborn honors Wyandotte resident for outstanding academic achievement

DEARBORN---Wyandotte resident Toni Anne Vellmure received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's commencement exercises last month.

Graduating with high distinction, Vellmure earned bachelor's degrees in mathematics and in economics, along with a secondary teaching certificate. With a near-perfect grade point average, Vellmure was on the Dean's List for 12 semesters, earned university honors six times and won the William J. Branstrom Prize. She twice won the President's Award from the University of Michigan Downriver Club. Vellmure also won the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Miriam Schaefer Award and received the Undergraduate Mathematics Education Student Award of Excellence from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Vellmure is a member of the Michigan Zeta chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society. She received scholarships from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL) Emeriti Faculty, CASL Alumni, and the National Science Foundation. In addition, she received the General Merit Scholarship and the Janet and Cynthia Hewitt Scholarship.

Vellmure is a non-traditional student in that she has a family of seven children ranging in age from eight to 17. She has been a "cookie mom" for a Brownie/Junior Girls Scout Troop and a lunch/recess volunteer at her children's school. In March, she was an ACT/SAT DAPCEP instructor for the UM-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science. During the summer of 2007, she was a teaching assistant in the Bridge Program for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; this summer, she will be a lead teacher for the Bridge Program. Vellmure plans to find a permanent teaching position in the downriver area, and pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics/mathematics education after teaching for a few years.

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