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MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies
Master's Programs with Thesis Option

FROM: David L. Wilson
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SUBJECT: Alumni Association 2007 Outstanding Thesis Award

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the competition for the twelfth annual Alumni Association Outstanding Thesis Award and to issue this request for nominations. The award is sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and judged by faculty from master's programs that have a thesis option. A \$500 award will be made for the selected thesis and will be awarded at the April 2008 meeting of the Alumni Association. The recipient of this award will also represent SIUC in the 2008 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Award competition.

As outlined in the attachment, the following rules apply:

- (1) Only one thesis project from your master's level program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominee must have earned their master's degree in December 2006; May 2007; or August 2007.
- (3) The attached nominating form is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the thesis adviser.

The thesis advisor will provide the selection committee with **two** copies of the completed thesis or thesis project report, including abstract.

If you do not have a thesis from your program which you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. Due date for completed nominations is **September 21, 2007**. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attachments