

## **Professors grab grants for active student learning**

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Faculty members won three of the eight grants that were recently awarded by the statewide "Learning That Lasts" program, which promotes active student learning.

Dr. Richard Rothaus, Assistant Vice President for Research & Faculty Development and Associate Professor of History, along with Dr. Matt Julius, Biology, received \$5,000 for their project, "Cultural and Environmental Landscapes Laboratory: A Community of Active Learning." The project brings faculty from different disciplines together to give students hand-on learning opportunities in Mille Lacs Kathio State Park around the theme, "People change the land, and the land changes people."

Dr. Lakshmaiah Sreerama and Dr. Mohammad Mahroof-Tahir, Chemistry, received \$5,000 to make it possible for more students to work side-by-side with chemistry and biology faculty on original research projects. The students will help design experiment plans, prepare formal research papers, and present research findings.

Dr. Michael Dvorak and Dr. Jack McKenna, Chemistry, received \$4,831 to incorporate computer controlled data acquisition into freshman-level general chemistry courses. The action will provide more opportunities for student control over the design, set-up, and execution of experiments.

The grants were awarded by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Center for Teaching and Learning.