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## **Representative Murphy Receives UW Colleges and UW-Extension Friend and Advocate Award**

(Madison)...Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) accepted the UW Colleges and UW-Extension Friend and Advocate Award at a ceremony on Thursday at the Pyle Center in Madison.

“I am honored to receive this award, and I appreciate the opportunity to work with officials at UW Colleges and UW-Extension on programs that help solve the state’s workforce needs and on solutions to make college more affordable for students,” said Murphy.

Murphy is a vocal supporter of education and workforce training at all levels, and has worked closely with the UW Colleges and Extension on key pieces of legislation that help students. He authored the ‘College Affordability’ package this session which included:

- \$450,000 for emergency grants to keep students in school who experience a financial emergency. \$130,000 of this money is specifically allocated for students at UW Colleges.
- A \$1 million dollar increase in funding for Wisconsin Grants that will benefit about 1,000 technical college students.
- The creation of two internship coordinator positions at the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to increase collaboration between the UW and DWD to develop more internship opportunities for all students.
- The creation of an annual financial literacy letter that every student attending any higher education institution in the state will receive. This letter will provide timely and easy-to-comprehend information about their student loans so they can make better decisions about their financial future.

In addition to his legislation, Murphy is a supporter of and remains in close communication with Chancellor Sandeen on UW Colleges and Extension’s innovative programs to solve the state’s workforce needs such as the Flexible Option, Collaborative Degree programs, and the creation of UW-Extensions first-ever bachelor’s degree.

According to the UW Colleges and Extension, this award honors individuals or organizations outside the UW Colleges and UW-Extension that have given substantial support to one or both

institutions' outreach mission. This may include program development and support, community or volunteer service, expanding access to UW Colleges or UW-Extension programs, enhancing diversity, building political support, involvement in fundraising, or any other measure of outstanding service on behalf of the UW Colleges or UW-Extension missions.



*Representative Dave Murphy and UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Cathy Sandeen at the awards ceremony.*

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