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Area man earns alumni award

ST. CLOUD, Minn. – St. Cloud State University has announced its 2008 Alumni Award winners – graduates, staff and friends recognized by the St. Cloud State Alumni Association for outstanding contributions to society and the university.

Among them is Dan Hooper '99, Oak Park, Ill., an associate scientist in the Theoretical Astrophysics Group at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, who received the College of Science and Engineering Leadership Award.

Hooper earned his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin Madison and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Oxford University, after which he secured a coveted staff scientist position at Fermi National Laboratories, where he is known for his expertise in dark matter. He authored two layman's guides to the universe, "Dark Cosmos: In Search of Our Universe's Missing Mass and Energy" and "Nature's Blueprint: Supersymmetry and the Search for a Unified Theory of Matter and Force."

The nine award winners will be recognized during a ceremony hosted by the St. Cloud State University Alumni Association Board of Directors on Friday, Oct. 17, during Homecoming festivities. Register to attend the event by calling the St. Cloud State Alumni Relations office at 320-308-3177 or 1-866-464-8759.

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