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Martha Hemwall, dean of student academic services at Lawrence University, has been named the 2004 recipient of the Service to Commission Award presented by the Small Colleges and Universities Commission as part of the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) National Awards Program.

Hemwall is a former chair of the Small Colleges and Universities Commission and more recently co-edited the NACADA monograph "Advising and Learning: Academic Advising from the Perspective of Small Colleges and Universities." She will receive the award in October at the NACADA national conference in Cincinnati.

The Service to Commission Award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service, leadership and commitment to a particular commission within NACADA in support of its efforts to enhance the development of students. NACADA Commissions provide members an opportunity to join others with similar academic or specific student population interests in advising. Since 1983, NACADA has annually honored individuals and institutions for making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising.

A 1974 graduate of Lawrence who earned a Ph.D. in anthropology at Brown University, Hemwall returned to Lawrence in 1985 as associate dean of students for academic advising. In 1995, she was promoted to dean of student academic services, overseeing all aspects of student support services. In addition, she is the past president of Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) and holds adjunct associate professor status in the

Lawrence anthropology department, where she has taught since 1988.