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SUMMARY: OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Orrville, Ohio, Jan. 5, 2007 – The Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at The University of Akron Wayne College achieved several milestones on both the state and national levels in 2006 for the training and assessment services it provides to employers in Northeast Ohio.

The office's SkillsMAX Center was ranked No. 2 in the state for the services it provides. There are 20 centers throughout the state located at Ohio's public community and technical colleges and university regional campuses. SkillsMAX Centers offer assessment and job matching services through partnerships with internationally recognized human capital development companies.

In addition, the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development was third out of 30 of Ohio's university regional campuses in productivity in noncredit programming and workforce development services.

National recognition was given by one of the human capital partners of the EnterpriseOhio Network. Development Dimensions International Inc. (DDI), an international leadership development and executive assessment company, recognized Wayne College as eighth in the nation out of 168 educational partnerships with colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Amy Mast, director of the office, is pleased with the recognition and achievement of these milestones, "We have a great, dedicated, hard-working and service-oriented staff in our office. In addition, we are committed to professional development for staff, trainers and facilitators to continually enhance our ability to better serve our customers. We are developing brand recognition for providing innovative solutions to local employers' workforce development needs."

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Area employers are encouraged to use the SkillsMAX Center or any of the services offered by the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. Information on SkillsMAX and other services can be found on the Web site at www.wayne.uakron.edu/ce.

Wayne College is a regional campus of The University of Akron, and offers the first two years of general bachelor's degree courses for students who plan to complete their degrees at the Akron campus or other colleges and universities. The general education transfer program also leads to the associate of arts degree or the associate of science degree. In addition, Wayne College can prepare students for a variety of paraprofessional and technical careers in business, industry and public service by offering a range of occupational education programs. The campus is located at 1901 Smucker Road in Orrville.

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