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SUMMARY: WAYNE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Orrville, Ohio, Nov. 7, 2006 – Dr. Paulette Popovich, associate professor of associate studies at The University of Akron Wayne College, will be acknowledged in *Ohio* magazine's 2006 *Excellence in Education* recognition program.

The December 2006 issue will be the fourth annual presentation of *Excellence in Education* by *Ohio* magazine. The magazine recognizes professors throughout the state for their achievements and dedication to teaching. This year it will recognize Ohio's top 150 college and university professors. Professors receive this special recognition as a result of being recommended by an administrator or colleague from their college or university.

In addition to her teaching duties, Popovich also is the associate dean of instruction at The University of Akron Wayne College. "I enjoy having both perspectives of education in my job: working with students as they develop their learning skills and working with faculty as they strive to continuously improve their teaching," she says.

Popovich came to Wayne College in 1998, following the retirement of the previous associate dean, Bob McElwee. Popovich is the chief academic officer for Wayne and is responsible for faculty and academic programs. She also oversees instructional support centers including the library and the Smucker Learning Center.

Popovich spent 10 years at Auburn University as assistant dean and associate professor in the college of human sciences prior to her arrival at Wayne. She earned her bachelor's degree in dietetics from The University of Akron, a master's degree in education from Pennsylvania State University, and a doctorate in family resource management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Institute.



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