Dang Yang, multicultural recruitment and retention coordinator at UW-Stout, has been named the statewide winner of the 2015 Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award.

Yang is director of the TEACH Support Network at UW-Stout TEACH — Teacher Education Assistance in College and High School — aids in recruiting and retaining underrepresented students from diverse populations who are exploring careers in the teaching profession.

The network was founded in 2013 by Yang, who maintains executive oversight.

Each year UW System schools submit a candidate to the State Council on Affirmative Action for the award.

Yang, a native of Wausau who lives in Eau Claire, has been working at UW-Stout’s School of Education since 2008.

UW-Stout also received the Lydecker award in 2012 for its efforts to blend diversity-based concepts into its curriculum to increase retention of students with diverse backgrounds.

The award is named after a chancellor at UW-River Falls who was killed in a car accident in March 2004.

The award is Yang’s second this fall. In September, he was honored with the Friend of Education Award by the state Department of Public Instruction.