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## Conference a Huge Success

“An overwhelming success” is how Dr. John Girard, the Director of Job Corps Executive Management Program (JCEMP), described the recent JCEMP research conference. “I am absolutely delighted with the quality of research completed by the JCEMP Fellows,” stated Girard. Asked if he was surprised by the quality, Girard grinned and replied “Not at all - I would have been disappointed if the Fellows had not exceeded the standard normally expected of graduate students.” He continued “this was a very motivated group; early in the year they decided to work as a team to ensure all Fellows completed high quality academic research projects.”

Dr. Linda Cresap, Dean of the Graduate School, described the conference “as a huge success,” and said “I hope this [conference] will become an annual event and perhaps even a model for other graduate programs.”

In total twelve JCEMP Fellows presented the results of their research to a panel of College of Business faculty members and Minot business leaders. After each oral presentation the Fellows were subjected to a battery of questions by the panel.



## Class of 2005 - The First JCEMP Cohort to Graduate as a Group

For the first time in the history of the Job Corps Executive Management Program (JCEMP) all Fellows graduated as a cohort. The twelve members of the Class of 2005 commenced their journey in June of last year by attending a five-week session here in Minot. All twelve returned to Minot this week for the today's Commencement ceremony, also a first for the program.

Dr. Gary Ross, Dean of the College of Business, described the milestone “as a tremendous achievement and a testament to the group's hard work, dedication and commitment.” Ross described the Class as “an exceptional

group of individuals that transformed into a high performance team.”

After the Graduation ceremony the Program Director, Dr. John Girard, was seen *Job Corps hugging* each of the graduates, fulfilling a promise he made if the group graduated together. He commented that “he was very proud of each and every graduate.”

Speaking under the condition of anonymity, a group of graduates reported that the program was “easy peasy lemon squeezy” and that the “**prawject prezentations** were the best part of the course **eh!**” Dr. Girard suggested “they were speaking gibberish - obviously a result of stress.”

*This is a fictitious story. To learn about using stories to lead people into the future, please contact Dr. John Girard ([john@johngirard.net](mailto:john@johngirard.net)).*