

## Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Eecole Copen, M.S., R.D.  
Food and Nutrition Services**

**Kathy Dean, Director from Marketing and Communications, submitted the following nomination. . .**

On any given Tuesday during the summer, you'll find faculty, nurses, office staff, students, administrators, even patients and their families, gathering on the lawn in front of Mac Hall to enjoy the Farmer's Market. As I understand, we owe this wonderful event to Eecole Copen, whose vision established the market and whose dedication continually improves it. The Farmer's Market is one of the few university-wide events that bring us all together as a community. It is visible proof of some of our key values: sustainability, diversity and community service. Through the Farmers Market, Eecole bring us a wide selection of ethnic and local cuisine and entertains us with interesting new types of music. Also, each week we are introduced to a different community benefit organization (this week it was Council on International Educational Exchange). When you go to the Farmer's Market, you find yourself walking a little slower, breathing a little deeper, and smiling a little more. You can choose healthy food to eat there or take home, connect with people from the community, and learn about other cultures. It is a fifteen to twenty minute respite that helps us all be a little healthier in both body and mind.



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