

Editorial Board

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for appointment
to state group**

Cheers to Phong Vang of Stevens Point for his appointment to the state's Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Gov. Jim Doyle appointed Vang, who also directs the Hmong American Association of Portage County, on Feb. 1.

Vang is a long-time supporter of early childhood education including Head Start programs.

In his new volunteer role, he hopes to boost programs to support families in low-income households and those in the Southeast Asian community.

Cheers to Larry Pingel and others who support the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of American Inc., and its chapter on the UWSP campus.

Pingel recently returned from the Learning Center Trek 2009 where he taught safety to Nicaraguan citizens. There were 12 Stevens Point area volunteers on the trip.

The partnership works to enhance the quality of life in the United States and Nicaragua by promoting culture awareness.

The group also has donated baseball equipment and glasses to those less fortunate in Nicaragua.

Cheers to our area and Wisconsin for meeting or exceeding the national percentage of students who earn a passing score on an Advanced Placement exam in high school.

Wisconsin was one of 18 in the nation to meet or exceed. At Stevens Point Area Senior High, 71 percent of students out of 363 tests taken scored or higher.

We value education in Wisconsin and in Stevens Point.