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## **Century Wins National Award for GPS LifePlan**

Century College has won a national innovation award for its GPS LifePlan website, a program that promotes career, education, finance, leadership and life planning for students.

The award was announced by the Center for Transforming Student Services (CENTSS), a national group that honors colleges for using tools, creative strategies and fresh thinking to design, develop implement and maintain online student services that have produced measureable results. Century won first place in the 2010-2011 Academic Services category.

Century College student Carrie Brumond of White Bear Lake, who is using state Dislocated Worker Funds to attend college, is a fan of the GPS LifePlan because it has helped her figure out what she wants to do with the rest of her working life.

A 1990 graduate of Park High School, Brumond worked for Deluxe Corp. for 14 years before her job was eliminated. She was introduced to the GPS LifePlan in her New Student Seminar course taught by

Century Instructor Robert Jersak. Throughout the semester, she has been using GPS LifePlan resources online and creating important entries in her EducationPlan, LeadershipPlan, FinancialPlan, CareerPlan and PersonalPlan. The content she creates is a part of a GPS LifePlan electronic portfolio that she can keep with her as she works her way through college and into the career of her choice.

“I really like the GPS LifePlan,” said Brumond, 39. “It helps you collect all your information in one place, and it forces you to really think through where you are going in life. That will be helpful when I go back out on the job market. “

At this point, Brumond is considering careers in business or education. She has taken interest inventory tests at Century that have helped her decide where her skills and talents lie. She plans to graduate with an Associate in Arts degree from Century.

Brumond is married to Century College alum Dave Brumond, who went on to the University of Minnesota to earn a degree in information technology. He works for Deluxe Corp., and the couple have two children.