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Century President Receives Service Award

Century College President Larry Litecky received an award this month for outstanding service to three innovative charter schools that were created 10 years ago to serve students in a culturally sensitive environment. He received the award at the 10-year celebration of the founding of the International Schools and Ubah Medical Academy. The event was held on Saturday, February 12, in Minneapolis.

Century served as a sponsor of the schools for 10 years, and President Litecky was honored for his support. Century's Tom Black and former Century dean Mark Felsheim also attended the event and were thanked for their work on behalf of the schools.

The first charter school to serve primarily the East African community began in St. Paul 10 years ago with 150 students at the elementary and middle school level. It later moved to the Uptown area and then the warehouse district in Minneapolis. A high school was added in Hopkins. The elementary, middle and

high schools now serve more than 1,200 students, and they have become so successful, they were featured in stories in the New York Times and the Star Tribune. The schools were praised for having 92 percent of the students advance to colleges and universities, earning thousands of dollars in scholarships.

Many students from the charter schools participated in Century's Preparing to Achieve a College Education program and they attended the college on weekends and in the summer to prepare them for their post-secondary education. The school's first high school graduation was held at Century in 2007.