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Thompson is one of Top 100 Women

UMES president honored at ceremony

PRINCESS ANNE — Dr. Thelma B. Thompson, president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, will be among this year's honorees for Maryland's Top 100 Women 2004.

The women named to this year's list were recognized at a reception on May 4, at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore.

This is the ninth year The Daily Record, a statewide daily business newspaper, has recognized 100 of the outstanding women in Maryland who play a key role in building the state's future. The profiles of all 100 women will be included in a magazine to be previewed at the event.

The award recognizes women who have excelled in the areas of career, profession, community and mentoring. Recipients have succeeded in their chosen profession and have also provided expertise and leadership to their profession. In addition, they have contributed their talents and skills to the communities in which they live and work.

Throughout her career, Thompson has demonstrated a

strong commitment to excellence in higher education. Her professional service at the national level has been exemplary and includes service as co-chair of the Task Force on the New Accreditation Process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and consultant and speaker on Higher Education Accreditation for the U.S. Department of Education and National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Thompson earned the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Prior to attending Howard University, she earned a teacher's diploma at Bethlehem Teachers College in Jamaica, where she was awarded the prize for the graduate most likely to succeed.

Thompson has extended herself to the local community and also to the wider community of scholars. She holds that UMES is a public university and plays a vital role in the cultural and civic life of the region.



UMES President Thelma Thompson