

ERICA MAYHEW - 2006 AWARD WINNER – RED WING CAMPUS

Erica Mayhew, a 1993 graduate of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, has been named the college's 2006 Outstanding Alumnus. She was recognized at the college's May 12th graduation ceremony. Southeast Tech annually recognizes an outstanding alumnus, an honor based on personal and professional achievement and service to others.

Mayhew, a native of Canada, graduated with a degree in music from Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, and then entered Southeast Tech's Band Instrument Repair program. While at Southeast Tech, she was part of a brass quintet that performed in churches and at community events in Red Wing, including the college's musical showcase at the Sheldon Theater.

Mayhew graduated from Southeast Tech in 1993, and went back to her native Canada to work in the musical instrument repair field. After about ten years in the profession, she had to change careers due to a repetitive strain injury. She now works in two public libraries, but continues to maintain her connection to the music profession and to her Southeast Tech classmates through her volunteer work. She is the volunteer librarian for NAPBIRT, the National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians. NAPBIRT's library is located at the organization's headquarters in Illinois, and Mayhew goes to Illinois to maintain it. She also volunteers at the organization's convention every year, being in charge of registration and on-site clinics. She plays trumpet for her church, substitutes in her community orchestra, and recently helped the Southeast Tech Alumni Association organize a reunion of Band Instrument Repair alums.

"Erica Mayhew is a great ambassador for Southeast Tech and for the musical instrument repair profession," says Pam Solberg, Southeast Tech's Foundation Director. "She is also a giver and a volunteer - in her own community, in the professional community of instrument repair technicians, and in the Southeast Tech alumni community. We are proud to recognize her as our Outstanding Alum."