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BC Names Minter Educator of the Year

Benedictine College has announced that the 2012 Distinguished Educator of the Year is Dr. Karen Minter, professor in the Music Department.

The award, which is the highest honor a faculty member at the college can receive, has been given for more than 30 years.

Minter was overwhelmingly nominated for the distinction by Benedictine College students, faculty and staff.

Minter, who has been battling cancer, could not attend the ceremony, so the award was accepted on her behalf by her son, Dr. James Garner.

An emotional Garner agreed with others, saying that dedication to her profession is one of her strong suits.

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Dr. Minter earned her bachelor's degree in 1972 from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

She completed her Master of Arts in 1984 at University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, where she won the Lorena McDuff Opera Award.

She earned her doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Conservatory of Music, in 1993, where she received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Music.

She joined the faculty of Benedictine College in 1990.

Minter also has an accomplished performance career, taking part in the Kansas City Lyric Opera and Colorado Chorale.