Rebecca Polansky, a senior from Gatzke, Minn., has been named the UND Student Employee of the Year. The Student Employee of the Year is a program sponsored by the National Student Employment Association. Polanski, an occupational therapy student, has worked three years as a laboratory assistant for the chemistry department.

David Knittel, chemist, her supervisor, nominated her for her outstanding work ethic and attitude.

“Rebecca demonstrates the highest quality of work I have ever seen. Her safety techniques are excellent with never an accident, and her lab work is always accurate and precise.” Knittel explains. “She is the most positive person I have ever met and she sees this in every situation and each person.”

The UND Student Employee of the Year recipient receives a $500 award and her name will be listed on the Student Employee of the Year plaque. Her nomination has been submitted to the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators Regional Student Employee of the Year Committee, which will choose a Regional Student Employee of the Year. That winner will be submitted to the national committee.

Fifteen nominations were submitted by UND department supervisors. Polansky will be recognized during the Memorial Union Leadership Awards April 29.

For more information on the eligibility requirements for the Student Employee of the Year, visit http://und.edu/admissions/financial-aid/seg-seoy.cfm.

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