

# Bachmeier receives 2009 Governor's Award

Nationally recognized ceramic artist Brad Bachmeier of Fargo received the 2009 North Dakota Governor's Award in Art Education from First Lady Mikey Hoeven April 7 at Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

Bachmeier's passion for the arts extends to serving the community in many facets. He has been both a ceramic and business/marketing workshop instructor at many community and post-secondary institutions in North Dakota. He has taught art in Litchfield, Minn., at Ben Franklin Middle School in Fargo, and at North High School in Fargo where he also served as chair of the art department.

Besides owning and operating Bachmeier Pottery and Sculpture, Bachmeier is now a full-time art education teacher at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Bachmeier has received numerous awards for his work and his art pieces have earned him more than 20 national grants. He was recognized in the international Artbuzz publication in 2008, was featured on HGTV's *That's Clever* in 2007, and earned the national NICHE award in wheel-thrown ceramics in 2007.

Upon receiving his Governor's Award, Bachmeier quoted Sir Ken Robinson, stating, "In the 21st century, creativity is as important as literacy." Bachmeier shares this conviction that creativity taught through the arts is essential in today's education.

The North Dakota's Governor's Award for the Arts is sponsored by the North Dakota Council on the Arts and is presented every biennium.

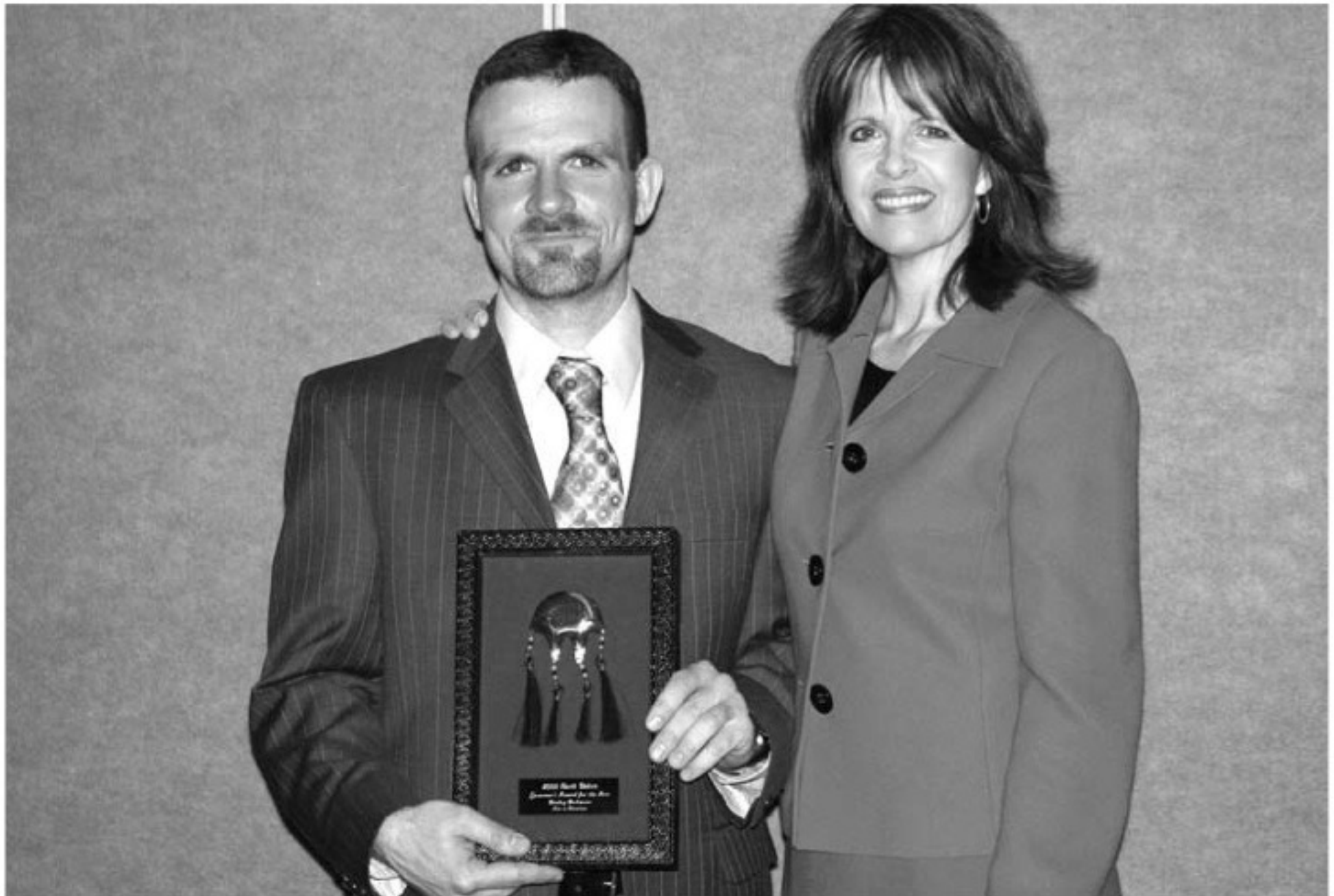


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First Lady Mikey Hoeven presents the 2009 Governor's Award in Art Education to Brad Bachmeier of Fargo. Bachmeier is a full-time art education teacher at Minnesota State University Moorhead.