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Miss Matson graduated with distinction with a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1966. She was the 1973 recipient of the University's Journalism Alumni Award and won the Republican Communications Association Award for Innovation in Congressional Communications for the McCollister office in 1973.

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