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Founders

2010

Day

*Songs and Stories:  
Morris Past,  
Present, and Future*  
**Founders Day  
Program**

**Sunday, September 26, 2010**

**2 p.m.**

**Edson Auditorium**



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

2010 Celebration

# Songs and Stories: Morris Past, Present, and Future Founders Day Program

**Honor Song** ..... Northern Wind Singers

The song commemorates the experiences of the students who studied here when the campus was home to the American Indian Boarding School and honors the campus connection to native traditions.

No photographs may be taken at this time.

Alumnus Gabriel B. Desrosiers '05 is the lead singer for the Northern Wind Singers and the keeper of the drum.

**“Star Spangled Banner”** (please rise) ..... Gretchen Retka '10  
Fort Ripley

**Welcome** ..... Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson

**Greetings** ..... Tom Sullivan  
University of Minnesota Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

**“To UMM”** ..... poem read by Brittany Anderson '12  
Circle Pines

About the poem's author

Dr. Paulette Fairbanks Molin '66, received a bachelor of arts in English and French from the University of Minnesota, Morris and a master of fine arts and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. In 2005, Paulette received the UMM Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. She is currently assistant dean of the graduate college and director of the American Indian Educational Opportunity Program at Hampton University in Virginia.

**Students Then and Now** ..... Sandy Olson-Loy,  
vice chancellor for student affairs

Todd Gramenz '12, St. Paul

Chuck Grussing '75, Morris

**“The American Dream”** ..... Sam Schuman, former chancellor  
Josh Preston '13, Montevideo

**Faculty Then and Now** ..... Cheryl Contant,  
vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean

Jim Togeas, professor of chemistry,  
Horace T. Morse–Minnesota Alumni Association Award recipient  
Michelle Page, associate professor of education,  
University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award recipient

**Staff and Leadership Then and Now** ..... Lowell Rasmussen,  
vice chancellor for finance and facilities

Harold Fahl '45 (WCSA), former plant services superintendent  
Hilda Ladner, assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity;  
director of equity, diversity, and intercultural programs

**Recollections** ..... David C. Johnson, former chancellor  
introduced by Ryan Klawitter '11, Wadena

**Donors Then and Now** ..... Maddy Maxeiner,  
associate vice chancellor for external relations

Sharon Stewart Reeves '68  
Laura Thielke '95  
Special Recognition: Dr. Edward J. Kaufman

**“A Place to Stand”** ..... Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson

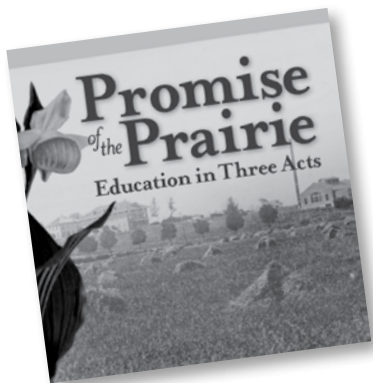
**“UMM Hymn”** ..... UMM Choir,  
directed by Ken Hodgson, associate professor of music

Ralph Williams, professor emeritus of music, composed the “UMM Hymn” in 1960, before the University of Minnesota, Morris even opened its doors. The Morris High School Band performed the “UMM Hymn” for the first time one month before the first classes officially began. The Men’s Choir performed the hymn at the Seattle World’s Fair in 1962 and at the New York World’s Fair in 1964. Those early historical performances began a tradition of campus spirit, loyalty, and pride that continues today. Ralph and his wife Martha, longtime UMM staff member, reside in Morris.

**“Happy Birthday”** ..... everyone  
led by UMM Choir,  
directed by Ken Hodgson, associate professor of music

Special thanks to American Sign Language interpreters Carrie Gutzweiler and Jan Wuertz.

*Please join us for birthday cake in Oyate Hall immediately following the program.*



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Your gift will help to create a new, endowed University of Minnesota, Morris scholarship fund that will assist future students in achieving their educational goals. Gifts of \$30 or more qualify donors for a copy of the campus's 2010 Celebration DVD *Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts*.

*Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts*, a new documentary created by University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) Media Services, explores three very different educational institutions that have all made their home on the same plot of land—the Morris campus. The yearlong project culminates with its inaugural screening during Founders Weekend when the campus celebrates UMM's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the West Central School of Agriculture.

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