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Morris to Host AISES Region 5 Conference

Summary: Registration for the 2013 American Indian Science and Engineering Society Region 5 Conference is now open.

(February 8, 2013)-The University of Minnesota, Morris will host the [2013 American Indian Science and Engineering Society \(AISES\) Region 5 Conference](#), which will be held Thursday, February 28, through Saturday, March 2. AISES regional conferences aim to educate students and the community about the contributions made by American Indians in science and engineering fields while inspiring them to strive toward college, graduate school, and professional careers. [Registration](#) for the conference is now open.

The conference is expected to have more than 100 college and high school participants. Conference session tracks designed for both college and pre-college participants will include campus tours, admissions presentations, a graduate school/summer opportunity fair, and an AISES college student panel. Traditional foods, cultural events, and dances will also be offered throughout the weekend. Dr. Tiffany Beckman, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota, will serve as keynote speaker.

“I’m really excited that Morris is going to be hosting the AISES regional conference,” says Madison Anderson ’13, Circle Pines, student representative for AISES Region 5 Upper Midwest. “We are really excited to see AISES members come together in Morris for this great weekend of activities. Conferences are the best way to learn more about yourself as well as topics in the STEM (science technology engineering math) fields, and to grow your AISES family.”

A national non-profit organization, AISES is dedicated to increasing the number of American Indian representatives in the physical sciences. Joseph Alia, associate professor of chemistry, serves as academic adviser of the Morris chapter. Student officers include co-chairs Alexandra Myhal ’14, Parma Heights, Ohio, and Melissa Carnicle ’13 Garretson, South Dakota, as well as secretary Kelsey Scareshawk ’14, Savage. The Morris AISES Chapter was named Stelvio J. Zanin Distinguished Chapter of the Year and received the 2012 Outreach & Community Service Award at the 2012 AISES National Conference.

Located at over 150 colleges, tribal colleges, and universities throughout North America, AISES college chapters provide professional and social peer support while serving as liaisons between students and the AISES National Office. AISES Region 5 is comprised of Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, and Ontario.

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