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**University of Minnesota, Morris Set to Celebrate Homecoming 2012**

*Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris invites alumni, students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community to participate in its Homecoming festivities.*

(September 20, 2012)-The University of Minnesota, Morris invites alumni, students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community to participate in its Homecoming festivities. For many years, Morris has brought the community together for a variety of exciting Homecoming events, which include sports competitions, reunions, concerts, performances, and networking opportunities for alumni and students. All are welcome at the 2012 Homecoming celebration, September 18-23.

Homecoming events for the campus and surrounding community begin on Tuesday, September 18, at 8 p.m. with a drive-in-movie—Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, parts 1 and 2—in the South Lot. Traditional Homecoming events take place on Thursday, September 20, with the classic Powderpuff Football game beginning at 7 p.m. and the Residence Halls Tug-o-War immediately following.

Alumni events begin on Friday, September 21, with the second annual Alumni and Students Networking Event hosted by the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association. Nearly 40 invited alumni representing various academic programs and graduation years will return to campus for the all-day event, where they will discuss careers and life experiences while networking with Morris students in formal panels and one-to-one conversations. The event will conclude with the Cougar Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni Award, and Networking Banquet, which begins at 6 p.m. in Oyate Hall.

The Cougar 5-K will kick off Saturday's sporting events. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the RFC, and the race begins at 9 a.m. The Tailgate Party will take place at 11:45 a.m. west of Big Cat Stadium, while the Cougar Homecoming game is set to begin at 1 p.m. Morris soccer teams will also take to the field on Saturday afternoon the women will play at 12 p.m. at the UMM Soccer Field, and the men will play at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday will hold a variety of other on-campus events. Campus tours will take place at 10:30 a.m. Those interested in participating should meet at the Welcome Center. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Lopez Computer Room. Furthermore, the UMM Bookstore will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

CAC Concerts and Caravan du Nord\* guest artists will also host events throughout the afternoon. Chastity Brown will lead a music industry insider panel discussion at 2 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109, while Haley Bonar will head an artist workshop at 3:15 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts 185.

Several reunion gatherings are set to take place in the Student Center from 4–6 p.m. on Saturday, September 22. These include the Center for Small Towns Alumni Reunion, Computer Science Alumni Reunion, KUMM 40th Anniversary Reunion, Meiningens Alumni Reunion, Class of 2011 and 2012 Reunion, 1960-64 Men's Chorus Reunion, and the "Where did you live—Dorms/Hotels/Rentals? Who can gather the most people" Reunion.

On Saturday evening there will be a ten-year anniversary reading of The Laramie Project with Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Ray Schultz and original-cast alumni. The reading will take place at 7 p.m. in HFA. At 9 p.m. CAC Concerts and Caravan du Nord\* present Haley Bonar with Chastity Brown. Tickets for this event—\$2 for UMM Students, \$5 for general public—are available at [tickets.umn.edu](http://tickets.umn.edu) or by calling 320-589-6077.

Homecoming festivities conclude on Sunday, September 23. An alumni baseball game will take place at 1 p.m. at Cougar Field. Students and alumni will also present the annual Homecoming Concert with performances by Concert Choir, Symphonic Winds, and Alumni Concert Band. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. in the HFA Recital Hall with a post-concert reception to follow.

As always, the weekend will be filled with a variety of exciting and engaging events, the full schedule of which is available [online](#). For more information or to RSVP and purchase tickets for the Friday evening banquet, please visit the Homecoming [website](#) or call 320-589-6066.

\*The Minnesota Music Coalition's "Caravan du Nord" is a fiscal year 2012 recipient of an Arts Tour Minnesota grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded in part by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the Legacy Amendment vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at [morris.umn.edu](http://morris.umn.edu) or call 888-866-3382.