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Summary: The public is invited to view the inauguration live on the Morris campus. Chancellor Johnson will participate in the ceremony.

(September 22, 2011)-The University of Minnesota's new president, Dr. Eric W. Kaler, will be formally inaugurated in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the Twin Cities campus on Thursday, September 22, 2011. The Morris campus invites the public to view the ceremony live in Room 122 of the Welcome Center at 11 a.m. on September 22, 2011, or view online by going to the [website](#) the morning of the inauguration to be directed to the viewing site.

Morris's Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson and fellow University chancellors will host a reception for coordinate campuses the evening before the inauguration. She will also participate in the inauguration processional. Johnson says, "The Morris campus community congratulates President Kaler on the occasion of his inauguration. We are grateful to him for taking time to visit our campus and community in his first few weeks in office, and we look forward to developing a strong working relationship with him and his administrative team."

Since the University's establishment in 1869, Kaler is only the 16th president of the University and the second alumnus appointed to the position. Prior to assuming the University presidency on July 1, 2011, Kaler served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and vice president for Brookhaven National Laboratory affairs at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, New York.

Kaler received a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1982 and an undergraduate degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1978.

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