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Forty-eighth Commencement scheduled for May 14

Summary: The celebration begins with division receptions from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Physical Education (P.E.) Center.

(May 14, 2011)-More than 300 seniors will receive bachelor of arts degrees during the 48th annual University of Minnesota, Morris Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Faculty, staff, family, and friends will gather in the Physical Education (P.E.) Center to recognize the accomplishments of the graduates. The celebration begins with division receptions from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m.

The Symphonic Winds, under the direction of Martin H. Seggelke, assistant professor of music, and the Concert Choir, under the direction of Ken Hodgson, associate professor of music, will perform a pre-commencement concert and musical selections during the ceremony. Matthew Torgerson '11, Clinton, will conduct "The Eighth Candle." Donovan Hanson '11, Ada, will conduct "With Each Sunset Comes the Promise of a New Day." The "Star Spangled Banner" will be lead by Samantha J. Chevalier '11, Paynesville.

Student Color guards Zak Forde '12, St. Paul, and James Rook '12, El Mirage, Arizona, will lead the processional. Mace Bearer is Jenny Nellis, professor of studio art. Student Marshals are Zach Van Cleve '13, St. Paul, and Madison Anderson '14, Circle Pines. Faculty Marshal is Judy Kuechle, associate professor of education.

Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson will give the welcome and recognize special guests including University of Minnesota Regent Laura Brod.

Chosen by fellow graduates to represent his class, student commencement speaker this year will be Nate Christensen '11, Cottage Grove.

Stephen V. Burks, associate professor of economics and management, will introduce the graduation speaker, Doug Lennick '10.

"We are very pleased and proud to welcome alumnus and author Doug Lennick to the stage as our commencement speaker," says Chancellor Johnson. "CEO and co-founder of the Lennick Aberman Group, he is an internationally known speaker on the development of successful individuals and organizations, with an area of expertise in the practical applications of the art and science of human behavior. Doug has shared his leadership philosophy—a path of integrity, responsibility, compassion, and forgiveness—in several books, including the recently released *Moral Intelligence 2.0: Enhancing Business Performance and Leadership Success in Turbulent Times*. On Commencement day, he'll share his story and thoughts with more than 300 graduates prepared to be leaders, today and in the future."

In recognition of the campus's origins as an American Indian boarding school, an American Indian Honor Song will be performed by the Northern Wind Singers to recognize and pay tribute to the achievements of Morris scholars. The Honor Song will be dedicated to the Class of 2011. Gabriel B. Desrosiers '05, American Indian language and culture

lecturer, is lead singer and keeper of the drum.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean Cheryl K. Contant will present the Class of 2011. Regent Brod will confer degrees. Dennis Gimmestad '73, president of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association, will welcome the newest members of the alumni association.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in Oyate Hall in the Student Center. Commencement guests are invited to view the 2011 Senior Art Show in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery before and after the ceremony.

University of Minnesota, Morris Media Services will [web cast](#) the ceremony the day of the event and KKOK 95.7 also broadcasts the ceremony live.

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