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Students participate in Broadband 2010: Cultivating a Culture of Use

Summary: The event spotlighted Minnesota communities developing sustainable broadband use for economic vitality.

(November 16, 2010)-Five University of Minnesota, Morris students attended a statewide Blandin Foundation conference, Broadband 2010: Cultivating a Culture of Use, in Baxter this fall. The event spotlighted communities across Minnesota that are developing sustainable broadband use for the economic vitality through use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding. Keynote speaker was Robert Stephens, founder of the Geek Squad.

Attendees included experts in the field, research, program developers, and students, including Morris students Clara Dux '11, Stewartville, Josh Preston '12, Montevideo, Samantha Bruno '13, Foley, Will Dolezal '11, St. Paul, and Tara Grieman '11, Dayton.

The Blandin Foundation, which works to strengthen rural communities, states in its vision for broadband in Minnesota that "To ensure a high quality of life and a globally competitive future for its citizens, businesses, and communities, Minnesota is committed to making the necessary investment to become a world leader in the universal deployment and use of ultra high-speed next generation broadband." They have been working towards this goal since 2003.

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