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**Founders Weekend panelists to reflect on Morris's history and mission**

*Summary: Panelists will reflect on UMM “spirit,” student life, the value of the liberal arts, economic challenges and opportunities, and Morris's identity within the University of Minnesota.*

(September 16, 2010)-The campus and community are invited to attend a University of Minnesota, Morris history panel presentation, “Blooming Where We’re Planted,” on Saturday, September 25, 2010, in Imholte Hall 109 at noon.

The panel will provide an opportunity to hear former campus officials reflect on their roles in advancing Morris and its public liberal arts mission. Participants are Steve Granger, retired assistant to the chancellor and founding faculty member Gary McGrath ’68, former vice chancellor for student affairs Bettina Blake, retired vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean David Johnson, retired chancellor and Sam Schuman, retired chancellor. Nancy Carpenter, professor of chemistry, will serve as moderator.

“Fifty years ago, visionary leaders from the Morris community argued against the odds and succeeded in establishing an undergraduate liberal arts campus of the University of Minnesota on the edge of the Minnesota prairie,” states Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. “Then and now, those who affiliate with this campus community bring to it a spirit of idealism, a belief that it is possible to shape the future by the work we undertake in the present. This year, we celebrate our 50th birthday—and we do that, in part, by charting an ambitious course for the next 50 years that affirms the ideals and expands the vision of those founding Morris community and campus members who believed in the importance of public, liberal arts.”

Blooming Where We’re Planted panelists will respond to questions about Morris “spirit,” student life, the value of the liberal arts, economic challenges and opportunities, and Morris’s identity within the University of Minnesota. In addition, each panelist will offer words of wisdom as Morris embarks upon its next 50 years.

For more information about Founders Weekend events, September 25–26, [visit the 2010 Celebration Web site](#) or call 320-589-6414.

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