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The 2010-11 academic year is underway!

Summary: Orientation festivities included the UMM Alumni Association Ice Cream Social.

(August 27, 2010)-First-year students and transfer students arrived at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Sunday, August 22, 2010, for an introduction to campus before classes began on Wednesday, August 25.

During Opening Convocation, Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson extended greetings as did Sandy Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs. The students' first day as members of the Morris community also included gatherings with orientation groups and leaders and a campus picnic.

Monday and Tuesday focused on preparing for academics at Morris. Students met with their advisers and attended introductory sessions with the library, computing services, and the One Stop program. The traditional—and comical—Extravaganza presented by the residence hall advisers and orientation group leaders was held on Monday evening. The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association hosted its annual ice cream social on Tuesday evening.

Dave Swenson, director of student activities, and his staff prepared for more than 575 first year and transfer students, as well as their families, to attend 2010 Orientation activities and festivities. He states: "Orientation is exciting, a great time of the year. As the seasons change and all of the new students arrive, the campus fills with a whole new energy. And helping the new students adjust to their new lives is really rewarding."

More than 1,700 new and returning students will be studying at UMM during the 2010–2011 academic year.

Watch a photo slideshow of the [UMMAA Annual Ice Cream Social](#).

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