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Summary: The nonpartisan leadership and organizational training event is sponsored by the nonprofit Wellstone Action.

(October 26, 2009)-Campus Camp Wellstone will be held at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Friday and Saturday, November 6–7, 2009. The event is open to anyone interested in learning leadership and organizational skills. Camp Wellstone will be brought to Morris through a collaboration of student organizations.

Ashley Gaschk '10, Bismarck, North Dakota, believes the camp will benefit the Morris campus. She says, "I know that the UMM student body is very passionate and wants to be engaged. Camp Wellstone is a great nonpartisan way to give students the tools needed to make a change on those issues."

Camp Wellstone is a political action training program sponsored by Wellstone Action, a nonprofit whose mission is "to honor the legacy of Paul and Sheila Wellstone by continuing their work through training, educating, mobilizing and organizing a vast network of progressive individuals and organizations."

Jenna Sandoe '10, Rochester, cites Paul Wellstone himself as the reason for attending. "I'm going because Paul Wellstone is very inspiring," she states. "The way he organized change through grassroots is very empowering. Being a part of movements and campaigns is really important, and I want to learn to do it the 'Wellstone way.' I think it'll be a great way to learn the skills needed to do what I want to do in life—create progressive change."

The event is free and open to everyone. Participants who preregister and attends both sessions receive a complimentary copy of *Politics the Wellstone Way* and a Campus Camp Wellstone t-shirt. Registration is underway in the Student Center or e-mail prest202@morris.umn.edu.

Photo: Camp Wellstone trainer

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