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The 2009-10 academic year is underway!

Summary: First-year students and transfer students arrived on Sunday, August 23, 2009, and classes begin today, Wednesday, August 26.

(August 24, 2009)—First-year students and transfer students arrived at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Sunday, August 23, 2009, for an introduction to campus before classes began today, Wednesday, August 26.

After “move in,” students and their families toured the wind turbine at the West Central Research and Outreach Center and the biomass gasification facility on campus. During Opening Convocation, Jacqueline Johnson, chancellor, extended greetings as did Sandy Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Adam Olson, student body president.

The students’ first day as members of the Morris community also included gatherings with orientation groups and leaders, a campus picnic, and a movie at the historic Morris Theater.

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association hosted an ice cream social on Monday evening followed by the traditional—and comical—Extravaganza presented by the residence hall advisers and orientation group leaders.

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.

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 2009 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.”

[View a slideshow of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Ice Cream Social for new students.](#)

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