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Campus welcomes West Central School of Agriculture Alumni

Summary: The West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) Alumni Association will hold its summer All-School Reunion on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

(July 7, 2009)-On Saturday, July 18, 2009, the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) Alumni Association will hold its summer All-School Reunion. The event will take place on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus in the Student Center and will feature a brunch, an annual meeting, a dinner, and a bus tour of the campus, the West Central Research and Outreach Center, and the community of Morris.

Open to all alumni, the reunions are held every year and typically enjoy a good crowd. The largest turnout for the 2009 All-School Reunion is expected from members of classes celebrating milestone reunions, such as the Class of 1959 celebrating their fiftieth reunion, the Class of 1954 celebrating their fifty-fifth reunion, and the Class of 1949 celebrating their sixtieth reunion.

Planning is also underway for a special celebration to be held next year. In 2010, the WCSA will celebrate 100 years since its founding and the University of Minnesota, Morris will celebrate 50 years since its founding. During the 2009 All-School Reunion, 50/100 celebration co-chairs Andy and Dian Lopez, professors emeriti of computer science, will inform the WCSA alumni on plans for next year's 2010 celebration events. And Dennis Johnson, West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) professor of animal science and WCSA Class of 1958 alumnus, will update reunion attendees on WCROC activities being planned for the 50/100 celebration.

The reunion for WCSA alumni is an important Morris campus tradition. Carla Riley, director of alumni relations and annual giving, always looks forward to the annual event. She says: "It's a pleasure to welcome WCSA alumni back to campus for the annual summer All-School Reunion. It is very rewarding to see lifelong friendships renewed and to witness the warm, familial atmosphere that shows when WCSA alumni come together in the place that first formed and shaped those connections. I feel honored to be part of their day."

Photo: 2008 All-School Reunion attendees

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