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Summary: The Human Race Machine will visit the University of Minnesota, Morris Student Center from Monday-Friday, Oct. 6-10, as the second event in this year's Convocation Lecture Series.

(September 23, 2008)-The Human Race Machine will visit the University of Minnesota, Morris Student Center from Monday-Friday, Oct. 6-10, as the second event in this year's Convocation Lecture Series.

The Human Race Machine will morph the facial characteristics of six different races on the face of each person that stops by, via an interactive piece of multi-media art. The technology has appeared at dozens of colleges and museums nationwide and seeks to give viewers the opportunity to envision themselves as a different race. According to the event's promotional material, modern science indicates that the DNA of any two humans is 99.97 percent identical and that there is no gene for race. The Machine allows the viewers to move beyond their appearance and contemplate that "we are one race...the human race."

Past convocations at the University of Minnesota, Morris have included presentations by renowned people such as Maya Angelou (1998), Sherman Alexie (2000 and 2008), Ralph Nader (2003), Nadine Strossen, the president of the American Civil Liberties Union (2005) and Mythbusters (2006).

This event is made possible with funds from the UMM Student Activity Fee. The views expressed by the visiting speakers of the CAC Convocations Series do not necessarily reflect the views of the regents of the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, Morris, Morris students, staff or faculty or the UMM Convocations Committee.

For more information about this event or other Convocation speakers, contact CAC Convocations at (320) 589-6080.

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