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Student achievements to be celebrated May 16

Summary: The excellence of students at the University of Minnesota, Morris will be celebrated during a series of events on Friday, May 16. The public is invited to the celebration.

(May 1, 2008)-The excellence of students at the University of Minnesota, Morris will be celebrated during a series of events on Friday, May 16.

The day's celebration will begin at 4 p.m. in Oyate Hall with the sixth annual Honoring Ceremony for American Indian graduates, sponsored by the American Indian Advisory Committee. As part of the ceremony, graduates will receive honor blankets and will be presented with an honor song by the Northern Wind Singers from Canada. Dave Larsen of the Lower Sioux Community of Morton will be the spiritual adviser for the event. Dinner will be served immediately following the honoring ceremony at a partial cost of \$7 per person. RSVP to Mike Miller in the Multi-Ethnic Student Program at (320) 589-6094 by Tuesday, May 6, if you plan to attend. This event and meal are funded in most part through the Salt Springs Endowment Fund, which supports American Indian education at the University of Minnesota.

Nine student musicians, selected by audition, will perform in the annual Honors Recital, to begin at 5 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall.

An Honors and Awards Reception will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Center's Turtle Mountain Cafe, followed by the 17th annual Student Honors and Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Edson Auditorium, during which student award recipients will be recognized.

Roland Guyotte, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, will provide the welcome. Assistant Professor of Anthropology Julie Pelletier, the recipient of the 2008 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award, will give the ceremony address, titled "Becoming an Academic and Retaining My Identity."

The public is invited to attend these events.

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