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*Summary: The passing of area county fairs signals the end of the summer for many. It also marks the return of new and returning students, faculty and staff for another academic year at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Classes at UMM will resume for the Fall Semester on Wednesday, Aug. 29.*

(August 21, 2007)-The passing of area county fairs signals the end of the summer for many. It also marks the return of new and returning students, faculty and staff for another academic year at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Classes at UMM will resume for the Fall Semester on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

"I share with our entering students a sense of anticipation and expectation as the new school year begins," said UMM Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. "This is a most exciting time in their lives and I believe that they have made an excellent educational choice. Along with other members of the Morris and UMM community, I look forward to meeting these remarkable new students and the chance to work with them over the course of the next several years."

New faculty and staff, along with new students, will participate in orientation sessions that will acquaint them with and prepare them for their UMM experience.

New Student Orientation will be held Sunday through Tuesday, Aug. 26-28.

Some highlights of the New Student Orientation schedule include moving into residence halls, a Morris Business Expo and Parent Fair, a Community Picnic, an Activities Fair, exploring academic choices, student meetings with their advisers, introductory sessions to the Library, Computing Services and more. Parents and students will also have an opportunity to chat with UMM Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. An opening convocation and campus community picnic will also help to kick off another school year.

"Starting college is a very stressful time for these young adults and the New Student Orientation program is set up to help ease their transition to UMM and the Morris community," said Dave Swenson, director of Student Activities. "Orientation is their first step toward success at UMM."

The campus will also welcome new and returning faculty and staff. Those who are new will fill positions of recently retired faculty members as well as positions that were in transition in the last year. New faculty orientation, division meetings and meetings with student advisees, along with a fall faculty workshop, are among the many activities in which faculty and staff will participate.

The Morris Area Business Expo, sponsored by the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and designed to acquaint newcomers to the city with Morris businesses and services, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, along with the Parent Fair, in Oyate Hall of the UMM Student Center.

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