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Summary: The public is invited to attend the inauguration of Dr. Jacqueline R. Johnson as chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The event will be held Friday, April 20.

(February 28, 2007)-The public is invited to attend the inauguration of Dr. Jacqueline R. Johnson as chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The event will be held Friday, April 20. A luncheon in the Student Center Turtle Mountain Café will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The inaugural ceremony and address by Chancellor Johnson, “On the Edge of Tomorrow, In the Middle of Everywhere,” will be held at 1 p.m. in the Student Center’s Edson Auditorium. A performance by the UMM jazz combo, Opposite Day, will follow at 2 p.m.

“From the first day of my appointment, I have been honored to serve as the chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris,” said Johnson. “In this role, I also have the privilege and obligation of being formally installed or inaugurated. Chancellorial and presidential inaugurations are often regal and formal ceremonies, full of pomp and circumstance and extending over the course of several days. While I appreciate the important role of tradition and ceremony in the academy, my own inaugural preference is for something far simpler. It is also important to me that the focus of this day is not upon me, but upon the dynamic achievements of our students, faculty and community.”

It is by design that the inaugural ceremony will immediately precede the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, which begins at 3 p.m. April 20 in UMM’s John Q. Imholte Hall.

“It is my hope that the inauguration itself will serve as an appropriate introduction to the day’s more important event, that which showcases our wonderful students and the creative and scholarly work they accomplish under the mentorship of their faculty members,” said Johnson. “It is also my hope that the inaugural ceremony will be a festive, inclusive and simple one, and that it can involve all members of our community as we come together to put our minds on Morris and as we celebrate and showcase the student learning that takes place here.”

All of the campus inauguration day events, including the Undergraduate Research Symposium, are open to everyone. Parking is available in any UMM lot. For questions regarding the inauguration, contact Maggie Larson, special events coordinator, at (320) 589-6053. Visit the [Inauguration Web page](#) for more information.

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