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**University of Minnesota, Morris Chancellor Sam Schuman to retire in June 2006**

*Summary:*

(August 19, 2005)-University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) Chancellor Sam Schuman announced his retirement today at the opening school year faculty and staff convocation. Schuman, who has been in senior leadership positions at the college for 11 years, will stay on through June 2006.

"I am leaving our college at a time when it is thriving, successful, and looking toward an even brighter future," said Schuman. "The faculty are teachers and scholars without peer our staff is skilled and committed our alumni are loyal our benefactors are caring and dedicated and UMM students are a magnificent treasure. I will watch with keen attention and modest pride the future strengthening of our college."

"Sam has been an extraordinary leader at the University of Minnesota, Morris, one who has helped improve academic programs and quality significantly during his tenure," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "Today, UMM is regarded and rated as one of the finest public liberal arts colleges in the nation, and this enviable standing is due to Sam's leadership and the extraordinary people who comprise the Morris community."

As vice chancellor for academic affairs, Schuman led the semester conversion process and managed UMM's successful re-accreditation. Under his leadership as chancellor, UMM has benefited from more than \$60 million in new construction on campus and raised nearly \$10 million, close to double its goal, during Campaign Minnesota. Schuman was instrumental in accomplishing the successful transition to NCAA Division III status in intercollegiate athletics and led the effort to have the Morris campus declared a national historic district.

"Sam is well known throughout the state and among public liberal arts universities," said Senior Vice President for System Administration Robert Jones. "His passion for the value of the liberal arts and the well-being of the Morris community is infectious and has helped the campus make great strides. Under Sam's leadership, UMM attracts and serves a student body, faculty, and staff reflective of our multicultural society, and empowers the campus community to participate fully and thoughtfully in a diverse society regionally, nationally and globally."

Schuman will continue to provide leadership at Morris during his final academic year as chancellor. In particular, he will work with a team to launch UMM's strategic positioning process, an important initiative that will set the future direction for the campus.

The president plans on initiating a national search for chancellor in early fall.

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