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**Jacqueline Johnson is UMM chancellor**

*Summary: University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks has announced the appointment of Jacqueline Johnson as the new chancellor for UMM. Johnson's appointment is effective Aug. 1, pending approval by the Board of Regents on May 12.*

(May 11, 2006)-MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL ( 5/10/2006 ) --University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks announced the appointment today of Jacqueline Johnson as the new chancellor for the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM). Johnson's appointment is effective Aug. 1, pending approval by the Board of Regents on May 12.

"Dr. Johnson has a proven track record as a strong leader with a deep commitment to liberal arts education," said Bruininks. "Her demonstrated leadership ability, administrative and academic experience and unique understanding of the regional and national reputation of the Morris campus and the university's mission made her the top candidate for this position."

Johnson comes to UMM from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, where she served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. Previously, she served as vice president for academic affairs at St. Martin's College in Washington and chair of the department of anthropology and sociology at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. Johnson holds a doctorate in sociology from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree from Macalester College, St. Paul.

"We conducted a rigorous national search to find a suitable replacement for retiring Chancellor Sam Schuman. We have big shoes to fill," said Robert Jones, senior vice president for system administration. "Dr. Johnson received strong support from across the Morris community."

Jones said Johnson has a strong record of success in securing research funding, public support, and private gifts to support key strategic initiatives articulating the value of a liberal education demonstrating positive educational outcomes creating diverse environments and promoting campus civic engagement and responsibility to the surrounding community and region.

Nancy Carpenter, a UMM associate professor who chaired the search committee, said, "Dr. Johnson will be, like Dr. Schuman before her, a passionate advocate for our liberal arts mission. We're looking forward to her leadership in this new era in our history, and are confident that she will be able to build on the good work Sam Schuman has done for our institution."

The University of Minnesota, Morris, one of the university's five campuses, is named one of the top five public liberal arts colleges in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2006 rankings of America's Best Colleges. Declared "model liberal arts college" by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in its recent re-accreditation report, UMM's mission as an affordable, undergraduate college complements its small, residential atmosphere.

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