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**UMM at Sustainability Conference**

*Summary: Student and staff representatives from the University of Minnesota, Morris will attend the inaugural Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) Conference May 17-19.*

(May 3, 2006)-Student and staff representatives from the University of Minnesota, Morris will attend the inaugural Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) Conference May 17-19. "Learning from Success: Steps Toward More Sustainable Campuses" will be the focus of the conference, which will be sponsored by the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Collegeville, the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance, and the Bush Foundation, with additional assistance from Minnesota Campus Compact.

Presentations and presenters will include:

1. Green Energy Systems - Wednesday, 2:30-4 p.m.  
Presenters: Lowell Rasmussen, Matt Abbott, Shelby Handlin
2. Local Foods on the UMM Campus, Thursday 2-3:30 p.m.  
Presenters: Sandy Olson-Loy, Matt Bloedel, Anne Borgendale, Donna Bauck
3. Thinking Green at UMM - Friday 10-11:30 a.m.  
Presenters: Troy Goodnough, Blake Auler-Murphy - Friday 10-11:30 a.m.

Poster Presentation: A Greener Morris (wind turbine and the future): Adam Yust

The Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) is a new organization focusing on sustainability in higher education institutions throughout the region. Hosted by The College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in central Minnesota, with support from the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance, UMACS serves as a networking tool, information resource, and conference organizer for faculty, physical plant professionals, campus administrators, students, and others seeking to place their campuses on a more sustainable footing. UMACS is a member of the United States Partnership for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, a national coalition working to support the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

The conference, which is expected to attract faculty, staff, students, administrators, and industry professionals, will offer something for everyone interested in campus sustainability. The three-day agenda will include speakers, concurrent sessions, and networking. Reflecting the conference theme, "Learning from Success," campuses that have taken important steps toward sustainability will offer how their experiences can help advance other sustainability projects.

For more information about UMACS visit [www.umacs.org/](http://www.umacs.org/). To learn more about UMM's commitment to sustainability, visit [www.morris.umn.edu/greencampus/](http://www.morris.umn.edu/greencampus/).

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