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Summary: Bill and Kari D. Roberts will return to Morris as the featured speakers in the 2012 Latterell Visiting Alumnus Lecture on Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

(October 4, 2012) – The University of Minnesota, Morris is pleased to welcome Bill Roberts ’96 and Kari D. Roberts, MD ’95 as the featured speakers in the 2012 Latterell Visiting Alumnus Lecture. The lecture, “Molecules, Medicine, and Morris Musings,” will be held on Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

The Joseph J. Latterell Memorial Visiting Alumnus Program was inspired by Professor Joseph J. Latterell’s belief in the value of alumni perspectives on post-graduate studies and career opportunities. The Division of Science and Mathematics honors his belief by continuing to support the Visiting Alumnus Program. Each year the sponsoring discipline faculty—along with any associated student organizations—invites an alumnus to return to campus and serve as a resource for current students.

Bill Roberts is an assistant professor of chemistry at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Professor Roberts earned a PhD at Dartmouth College, an MS in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and a BA in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Morris. He is a recipient of the 2003 Filene Graduate Teaching Award, the 2003 Arthur Dunham Holmes 1906 Memorial Graduate Fellowship, and the 2002 John H. Wolfenden Prize. As an undergraduate, Professor Roberts was named an NCAA Academic All American wrestler.

Kari D. Roberts, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology at the University of Minnesota, earned an MD degree at the University of Minnesota and completed her pediatric residency and neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. She also earned a BA in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Morris. Dr. Roberts is currently attending in the NICU at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital and the Special Care Nurseries at Fairview Ridges and Southdale hospitals. While attending Morris, she was involved in track and Symphonic Winds.

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