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Summary: The ceremony celebrates accomplishments within the context of cultural heritage.

(May 13, 2010)—The University of Minnesota, Morris will honor graduating American Indian seniors at the annual American Indian Honoring Ceremony on Friday, May 14, at 3:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall in the Student Center. Sponsored by the American Indian Advisory Committee, the event celebrates the accomplishments of Morris’s American Indian graduates within the context of their cultural heritage.

Recognizing their achievements, the graduates receive a Star Quilt or Pendleton Blanket during the ceremony and will be presented with an Honor Song by the Northern Wind Singers of Canada.

Jerry Dearly, Lakota, from Oglala, South Dakota, will be the spiritual adviser for the event. Karen Diver, chair of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and vice president of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, will give the keynote address.

Bert Ahern, professor of history and American Indian studies, and Julie Pelletier, associate professor of anthropology and American Indian studies, will also be honored for their service to the UMM American Indian community.

A reception immediately follows the ceremony. The community is welcomed to join students and their families in this rich cultural celebration recognizing their accomplishments.

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