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UW-Extension and UW Colleges Chancellor Announces Departure *David Wilson to become president of Morgan State University July 1, 2010*

David Wilson, the chancellor of UW-Extension and the UW Colleges announced today that he has accepted an offer to become president of Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, effective July 1, 2010.

In his message to employees, Wilson said he will continue to focus on the UW Colleges and UW-Extension until his departure. The change is not expected to delay any initiatives currently underway, including the search for new deans / chief executive officers at several campuses.

Wilson came to Wisconsin from Auburn University on May 1, 2006. He is the first chancellor to lead two UW System institutions simultaneously. He was named chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and the University of Wisconsin-Extension following a decision by the Board of Regents in 2005 to consolidate the administration of the two institutions. No timetable has been set for a search for his replacement.

In his message to employees, Wilson said, "My time here has been a labor of love. I have spent time in every corner of the state of Wisconsin, and have met with thousands of citizens who have shared with me how UW-Extension and the UW Colleges are transforming their lives and communities."

The University of Wisconsin's 13-campus UW Colleges network offers an associate degree in arts and science and prepares students of all ages and backgrounds for baccalaureate and professional programs. UW-Extension includes Cooperative Extension offices in 72 counties and three tribal nations, 12 Small Business Development Centers and Outreach and E-Learning programs delivered via the 26 UW System campuses and distance-learning channels, as well as the statewide networks of Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television.

Wilson earned his bachelor of science in political science and a master's of education at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University). He earned another master's in educational planning and administration and a doctorate in Administration, planning and social policy at Harvard University.

David Wilson's biography and high resolutions photos are here:

<http://www.uwex.uwc.edu/chancellor/bio/>. A recent news feature on his background and philosophy is here: http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/education/university/article_975f7b73-47bd-56e4-bf86-e00947cfc6a9.html

Morgan State University, founded in 1867, is a doctoral research professional institution, offering more than 90 academic programs from the baccalaureate to the master's and doctoral levels. As Maryland's public urban university, Morgan serves a multi-ethnic and multi-racial student body and seeks to ensure that the doors of higher education are opened as wide as possible to as many as possible. For more information on Morgan State University visit

www.morgan.edu. A news release from Morgan State University is available at: http://www.morgan.edu/About_MSU/News/MSU_Names_New_President.html

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