



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Thill

1 Civic Center Plaza, Suite #200

Mankato, MN 56001

507.385.6660

athill@visitmankatomn.com

April 4, 2013

For Immediate Release

Second Annual MnSCU to be held in Mankato

Mankato – The second annual Minnesota State Colleges & Universities (MnSCU) Undergraduate Research Conference of Scholarly and Creative Activity will be held Monday, April 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the Centennial Student Union at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The conference will feature more than 200 student presentations, representing an 80% growth since 2012, in a wide variety of disciplines by students from all seven MnSCU universities, including Minnesota State Mankato, Winona State University, St. Cloud State University, Metropolitan State University, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Southwest Minnesota State University and Bemidji State. Five of the state's community colleges will participate for the 1st time, including Rochester Community and Technical College, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Anoka Ramsey Community College, North Hennepin Community College and Inver Hills Community College.

The purpose of the conference is to provide undergraduate students from any MnSCU university the opportunity to present their research, scholarly, and creative projects through poster and oral presentations. The conference will provide intercampus engagement for faculty and students and build intercampus collaborations.

Minnesota State University, Mankato is proud to host this event again in 2013 after a very successful inaugural event in 2012. "This is not only a great event for MSU, this is a great event for this community," said Anna Thill, President of the Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau. This conference will have an estimated economic impact of \$30,000 to the Greater Mankato community. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend, for a full schedule

<http://www.mnsu.edu/urc/mncur.html>.

For more information about the conference contact Marilyn Hart at 507-389-5732 or

marilyn.hart@mnsu.edu.

About Visit Mankato:

Visit Mankato, LLC, the local Convention & Visitors Bureau, is a Limited Liability Corporation of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. Visit Mankato leads the development of the visitor economy in Mankato by actively promoting Mankato as a premier destination for conventions, tournaments and tourism. These activities bring a steady flow of visitors and business activity to Mankato that benefits local residents and future visitors. The work of Visit Mankato helps strengthen the hospitality industry which provides jobs, a diverse tax base and amenities for everyone to enjoy. www.visitmankatomn.com