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News

[Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith To Hold Town Hall Water Summit at University of Minnesota, Morris](#)

Governor and Lt. Governor invite all Minnesotans to participate in conversation focused on water challenges and solutions in Greater Minnesota

[Morris Once Again Named a "Best College Value" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance](#)

Kiplinger has recognized Morris for academic quality and affordability nine consecutive times.

[Morris to Celebrate 8th Annual MLK Day of Service](#)

[Driggs Lecture to Look at First Global Migration Crisis](#)

Announcements

Call for Submissions: Book Publications

Did you publish a book in 2016? We want to know! To see your publication featured in the next issue of *Profile*, [contact University Relations](#).

Call for Submissions: Undergraduate Research Symposium

Before the spring semester begins, please take a moment to consider any research projects that might be good for the 2017 Undergraduate Research Symposium: April 22, 2017. The goal is to have every discipline represented in this year's event. Submission forms will go live later this month. [Learn more about the Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

You Are Invited: Creating Curb Appeal

Become the envy of your neighborhood! Learn a few key design tips and get ideas to create your own attractive curb appeal on Wednesday, January 18, at 12:15 p.m. in the AgCountry Auditorium at the West Central Research and Outreach Center (46352 State Hwy 329). Admission is free, but donations appreciated. Presented by Beth Berlin, U of MN Extension Educator.

This Season on *Prairie Yard and Garden*...

[The 30th season of *Prairie Yard and Garden* premieres on Thursday, January 12, with a retrospective on the program and its three-decade run.](#) A 30-minute television show about gardening in the upper Midwest, *Prairie Yard and Garden* is produced by Instructional and Media Technologies in association with Pioneer Public Television. It airs on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Accomplishments

Mayfield '09 Makes Forbes 30 under 30 List

[Elijah Mayfield '09, vice president of new technologies at Turnitin, was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 - Education list.](#) Mayfield's LightSide Labs is helping 250,000 students in about 500 middle and high schools across more than 30 states improve their writing skills.

Bishop '17 Presents to Morris City Council

Sophie Bishop '17 presented to the Morris City Council about the [Morris Model Community Resilience Plan](#) on December 13. The purpose of the plan is to help the Morris community prepare for extreme weather impacts and Minnesota's changing climate. It identifies nine areas for potential improvement.

Arneson '55 Receives Good Neighbor Award

Jan Arneson '55 has received the WCCO Good Neighbor award. The daily award recognizes outstanding Minnesota group, individuals, children, adults, employees, volunteers, friends, and relatives.

In the News

Lackey Interviewed on RhysTranter.com

[Michael Lackey](#), Distinguished McKnight University Professor of English, is featured in an interview on [RhysTranter.com](#). On the site, which “celebrates modern and contemporary culture,” Lackey discusses “the popularity of the biographical novel, and what it can tell us about the relationship between literature, history and truth.”

Grueneich '14 Provides Power in Morris

Cate Grueneich '14 is the subject of the *Morris Sun Tribune's* “[Providing Her Power in Morris](#).” Grueneich recently opened Empowered Living Company in Morris.

Cougar Football Heads to Tazón De Estrellas

[Kyle Petermeier '17](#), [Evan Guffey '17](#), Cougar Football Coach [Rob Cushman](#), [JC Cummings '17](#), and [Colin Everson '17](#) represented Morris at the eighth annual Tazón De Estrellas (Bowl of the Stars) in [December](#). The annual football game between American and Mexican rivals brings athletes from both counties together for practice, culture, and a community project.

Hermann Discusses Admissions Process with Morris Sun Tribune

Jen Hermann, the director of admissions, discusses the admissions process with the *Morris Sun Tribune* in “[Getting them in their sights](#).”

Huynh '20 Quoted in Herald Journal

Sunny Huynh '20 is quoted in the *Herald Journal's* “[LP family makes foreign students feel at home](#).” Huynh described her freshman year at Morris as “perfect, awesome, amazing.”

Angell Discusses Inspiration and Latest Work with the Morris Sun Tribune

Work by former dance instructor **Ferolyn Angell** is the subject of the *Morris Sun Tribune's* “[Dance film uses letters to inspire stories from the Holocaust](#).” A collection of translated family letters has inspired a dance film project that Angell describes as “an exploration of the shadow that’s cast by the knowledge of the Holocaust.”

Deragon '09 Discusses Father’s Poetry with Crow River Media

Mariah Ralston Deragon '09 discusses efforts to publish her father’s poetry in Crow River Media’s “[Daughter, mom honor dad by publishing book of poetry](#).” Deragon and her mother began sorting and typing his writings in 2011 and self-published the collection, *Tributaries*, late last year.

Morris Model Team Looks Forward to a New Year

Sustainability Director **Troy Goodnough** and Morris City Manager **Blaine Hill '87** discuss the Morris Model and its plans for the new year in “[Morris Model Group Looks Forward](#).” According to Hill, this will be a big year for the campus-community partnership.