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MORRIS, Minnesota (April 27, 2017)—Fifteen University of Minnesota, Morris faculty and staff members were honored at the annual [Recognition Dinner](#) on Tuesday, April 25. The event provided the campus community a chance to congratulate faculty and staff award recipients and to thank retirees for their service to the campus.

**Faculty and Staff Award Recipients:**

- [Pieranna Garavaso, professor of philosophy, UMM Faculty Distinguished Research Award](#)
- [Becca Gercken, associate professor of English and American Indian studies, Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education](#)
- [Rebecca Dean, associate professor of anthropology, UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award](#)
- Mohamed Farah '13, student personnel coordinator, Office of Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs, Bill and Ida Stewart Award for Ethnic Diversity, Staff Recipient
- Lynn Johnson, custodian, Facilities Management, Mary Martelle Memorial Awards Staff Award
- Sandy Kopel, executive office and administrative specialist, Campus Police, Outstanding Support Staff Awards, AFSCME Recipient
- Rita Bolluyt, grants/contracts professional 2, Grants Development, Outstanding Support Staff Awards, Civil Service Recipient
- Phil Hengemuhle, building and grounds worker, Residential Life, Outstanding Support Staff Awards, Teamster Recipient
- Kevin Flicker '74, teaching specialist in studio art, Morris Academic Staff Award

Seven retirees were honored and welcomed into the University of Minnesota, Morris Retirees Association: Flicker; Rose Murphy, associate administrator; Carla Riley '85, senior director of external relations; Ron Rosen, senior electronic technician; Elizabeth Spohr, theatre costumer/publicist; Robert Thompson, facilities management project manager; and Mick Rose, general maintenance, fleet operations, and recycling supervisor.

Photos from the event are available at [flickr.com/ummorris/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/ummorris/).

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