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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

[Alumni Networking Breakfast and Aveda Tour](#)

Thursday, June 20, 7:30 a.m.

Aveda Corporation Headquarters (4000 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449)

[Summer Session II Classes Begin](#)

Monday, June 24

Morris Campus

Independence Day Holiday

Thursday, July 4

Morris Campus

No classes. Administrative offices closed.

Check out all of the campus [events](#).

News and Announcements

[Leah Hoyt '13 Builds Connections while Student Teaching with Alumna](#)

Leah Hoyt '13 spent the spring semester student teaching with Katie Graham LaPointe '01, an English and reading teacher at Brooklyn Junior High School in Brooklyn Park. With the common ground of a Morris education, the two were able to build their lesson plans on like concepts and strategies.

[Green Prairie Community Art Committee Seeking Artwork for New Residence Hall](#)

The Green Prairie Community Art Committee is looking to purchase original artwork for display in the new Green Prairie Living and Learning Community. The committee will soon be reviewing portfolios of two- and three-dimensional artwork for purchase. Selected pieces will become part of the University's permanent art collection.

[Morris to Offer Green Summer Opportunities for the Community](#)

Morris will be hosting a youth camp and renewable energy tours again this summer. Green Summer staff have designed hands-on experiences that will help people of all ages develop a deeper understanding of renewable energy technologies and sustainability practices. Registration is now open.

[French Farmers Visit Morris](#)

On Monday, June 3, a group of farmers and agriculture advisors from France [visited Morris](#) to learn more about sustainable farming research. The group toured the biomass gasifier facility as well as the West Central Research and Outreach Center and the North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory. This visit provided an opportunity to learn about new farming techniques and future developments.

Increase to Official Transcript Fee

The University of Minnesota will be implementing a new pricing structure for transcripts beginning Monday, July 1. All transcripts, regardless of ordering method or format, will be \$15. Paper transcripts will continue to be processed within one business day. Certified PDF transcripts can be processed and delivered within minutes of being ordered, regardless of the time of day. For more information, see the [University of Minnesota update](#).

Accomplishments

Eight faculty members received awards in the spring grant round of the University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship Program. Administered through the Office of the Vice President for Research, Grant-in-Aid Program funds are awarded in the belief that the quality of faculty research and artistic endeavors is a major determinant of the overall vitality of the institution. Morris campus recipients and projects include:

Sheri Breen, assistant professor of political science, *The Ownership of Seeds: A Political Analysis of Seed Sovereignty*

Stephen Crabtree, assistant professor of geology, *A Mapping and Thermodynamic Study of Magmas forming the Continental Crust*

Michael Lackey, associate professor of English, *The American Biographical Novel*

Jessica Larson, professor of studio art, *Being Dick-ish with Jane: Textual Landmines and Backlash Shenanigans in "Postfeminist" America*

Ted Pappenfus, associate professor of chemistry, and Nancy Carpenter, professor of chemistry, *Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry for Use in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biology*

Jennifer Rothchild, associate professor of sociology, *Sandeep Has Four Mommies: Life Histories of Women Caretakers in Nepali Orphanages*

Dennis Stewart, associate professor of psychology, *Self-Reference Effect and Group-Reference Effect in Brand Recall*

James Wojtaszek, associate professor of Spanish, *The Galician Revival: Women, Emigration and Cross-Cultural Connections*

The Office of Community Engagement presented a series of awards to students, faculty, staff, and community partners who have created or supported exemplary partnerships with the broader community. Citlali Ibañez de Obregón received the Community Partner Award. **Michael Eble**, associate professor of studio art, received the Faculty Award for Service-Learning, and **Bonnie Tipcke**, executive office and administrative specialist in the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs (EDI), received the Faculty/Staff Community Engagement

Award. **George/Anne Meyers-Welsch '13**, Menomonie, Wisconsin, was the recipient of the Student Community Engagement Award.

Michael Ceballos, assistant professor of biology, will present a [talk on developing sustainable indigenous communities](#) on June 14 at the Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) in Malaysia. During his talk at SBC, Ceballos will speak about his international work.

Barbara Burke, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, presented her research on 21st century media literacy at the International Symposium on Communication in the Millennium, where her work received the Top Paper and Top Presentation awards.

Associate Professor of English **Julie Eckerle's** recent book on life writings by early modern Englishwomen, [Romancing the Self in Early Modern Englishwomen's Life Writing](#), was released by Ashgate in June 2013.

Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art, is currently the featured artist at the Presentation College Wein Gallery. Eble's exhibit, titled "Honfluer Reflections," features a series of impressionistic paintings that focus on water and the environment. "Honfluer Reflections" will be on display from June 1 through July 19, 2013.

Tim Sheehan '16, Edina, was chosen for a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Campus Ecology Fellowship. He will be working with students and community groups to raise the renewable energy standard for Minnesota. Sheehan will also build connections among student leadership networks across Minnesota.

Kaylie Clark '14, Garden Plain, Kansas, was named an All-American at the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Outdoor Track and Field Meet. Clark hit a mark of 43.07m to take sixth place in the javelin, breaking her own school record and setting a new personal best.

Collin Tierney '11, a student at the University of California-Berkeley School of Law, took home the top prize at [Baylor Law School's 2013 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition](#) on June 9.

Jill Skwira '06 was named Douglas County Provider of the Year by the Lakes Area Professional Child Care Association (LAPCCA).

Megan Fowler Zachman '06 was named KS95's Teacher of the Week. Her Lego Robotics curriculum was also featured on KARE 11 "What's Cool in School."

In the News

Coverage of United States Senator Al Franken's **2013 Commencement** speech was featured on a number of news networks in the weeks following the ceremony. ABC's [This Week with George Stephanopoulos](#) aired a series of 2013 commencement speakers on May 22. ABC's *World News with Diane Sawyer* ran a "notable commencement speeches" piece on May 24. NBC *Nightly News with Brian Williams* ran its commencement segment on May 30. C-SPAN's coverage of commencements premiered May 24.

Ray Schultz, associate professor of theatre arts, is the focus of a recent [article](#) by *Minnesota Daily*. The article discusses Schultz's performance of Steve Lawson's [Blanche and Beyond: The Selected Letters of Tennessee Williams](#) on May 10, 2013, at the U of M Rarig Center's Xperimental Theatre.

Ashleigh Thompson '13 is profile in an [article](#) by the *Evansville Courier and Press*. She and **Alex Short '14** are taking part in a National Science Foundation-funded excavation at the Angel Mounds State Historic Site.

Dan Flies '04 and **Matt Hardy '01** are featured in an [article](#) by the *Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal* for the creation of their teaching resource, Kidblog. The two created Kidblog, Inc. as a platform for teachers to manage and monitor student blogs online. The program is now used in over 150,000 classrooms.