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

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- **Michael Lackey's Latest Books Released**
- **Women's Basketball Earns UMAC Championship**
- **Jason Squinobal Receives Artist Quick Start Grant**

Featured Events

Jane Addams Project

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

Spanish Conversation Table

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Russian Conversation Table

Fridays, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Artist Lecture: Kevin Flicker/Gary Wahl

Thursday, February 27, 12 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 150

Microbiology Lecture

Thursday, February 27, 6:05 p.m.
Science 1020

Morris Campus Student Association Debate

Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Chamber Concert

Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

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

News and Announcements

[Lamberty Helps With Traveling Science Exhibit](#)

Kristin Lamberty, assistant professor of computer science, provided STEM-focused lessons to the International Falls community.

[Lackey's Latest Books Released](#)

The prolific scholar recently came out with both *The Haverford Discussions* and *Truthful Fictions*.

[Morris to Host UMAC Basketball Semifinals](#)

On February 27, the women will host Martin Luther at 5:30 p.m., and the men will host Crown College at 7:30.

[Benefits Advisory Committee Seeks Feedback](#)

The Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) is responsible for monitoring the quality of services on UPlan health benefits programs, and it is requesting comments about employee experiences with UPlan administrators since January 2013. The deadline for comments is March 12, 2014. Please go to [BAC 2013-14 UPlan Comments](#) by March 12 to enter your comments on these plans. Comments are confidential and are de-identified before BAC member volunteers receive them to summarize for the Benefits Advisory Committee.

[Student Leader Award Nominations Sought](#)

Nominations are now open for the [Outstanding Student Leader award](#), the [Outstanding Faculty or Staff Support of Student Leadership Award](#), and the [Outstanding Student Organization Award](#). More information is available [online](#).

Reminder: Spring Award Deadlines

The Functions and Awards Committee will still accept nominations for the following spring awards: [Scholar of the College](#), the [Curtis H. Larson Award](#), the [Allen W. Edson Award](#), the [Mary Martelle Award](#), and the [Edith Rodgers Farrell Memorial Award for Undergraduate Research](#). For more information, contact committee chair [Alisande Allaben](#).

[This Week in Photos](#)

[Morris alumni gathered in Mesa, Arizona](#), and [Susan Seim Listberger '07 delivered a Careers in Biology alumni lecture](#). Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

Accomplishments

The **women's basketball team** earned the outright [Upper Midwest Athletic Conference \(UMAC\) Championship](#) on Friday, February 21. This is the Cougars' fifth straight conference championship under **Head Coach Tim Grove**. The team begins UMAC Tournament play on Thursday night.

[Ellie Hofer '15](#), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is one of only a few students nationwide selected for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) [Exceptional Research Opportunities Program](#) (EXROP). EXROP provides outstanding summer research experiences to bright, motivated undergraduate students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

Ray Schultz, professor of theatre arts, recently performed with Montana Shakespeare. He played the role of Henry IV in a concert version of *Henry IV Parts I and II* called "Fathers and Son."

In the News

The [Morris Sun Tribune](#) reported that members of **Meiningens Student Theatre** met with the Swan Lake 4-H Club to discuss careers in theatre and that **Jason Squinobal**, head of jazz studies and assistant professor of music, received an Artist Quick Start grant from the Lake Region Arts Council.