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**A weekly news digest for University of Minnesota, Morris faculty, staff, and students**

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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, July 8, at 4 p.m.

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- **Morris Will Hold its First 50th Reunion**
- **Morris Receives Prestigious Climate Leadership Award**
- **Vandenberg '03 Receives Distinguished Service Award for MACAC**
- **Burks Interviewed on SiriusXM's *Doctor Radio***

**Featured Events**

**[Class of 1964 50th Reunion](#)**

Friday, June 20–Saturday, June 21  
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Summer Session II Begins**

Monday, June 23  
Morris Campus

**Independence Day Holiday**

Friday, July 4  
Morris Campus  
No classes. Administrative offices closed.

**News and Announcements**

**[Morris Receives Prestigious Climate Leadership Award](#)**

Awards recognize higher education institutions for innovation and leadership in sustainability.

**[Morris Healthy Eating Changes Food Culture](#)**

MHE has increased access to and availability of healthy foods while reducing obesity.

**[Confucius Institute Coming to Morris](#)**

The institute promotes the study of Chinese language and culture in Minnesota communities.

**[Rudney Chairs Minnesota Teacher of the Year Panel](#)**

The experience enriches her career and those of current and former students.

### [Computer Science Students Research Programming Language](#)

The team is creating accessible programming environments for future students.

### [Morris Offers Cougar Camps for Youth Athletes](#)

Cougar coaches and special guests will help athletes improve their soccer, volleyball, and basketball skills.

### [Odello Receives Funding for Musicology Research](#)

Denise Odello, assistant professor of music, will research American marching bands.

### [Briggs Library Takes Part in Assessment in Action](#)

It is one of 73 institutions selected to take part in the program.

### [Education Students Accompany 8th Grade Science Trip](#)

Luciana Ranelli '14, Claire Goodrich '14, and Evan Beranek '14 gain experience as future educators.

### [Dean Receives Imagine Fund Award for Research at Marana Mound](#)

The work will focus on the use of animals in practices at the site.

### [Foss and Fragodt Named UMAC Scholar Athletes of the Year](#)

The honor recognizes graduating seniors who demonstrate a healthy balance by achieving excellence in academics, leadership, service, and athletics.

### [Call for Submissions: 2014 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments](#)

It's time to start thinking about the fourth annual Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments, an event sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean, Grants Development, and Briggs Library to showcase the outstanding scholarly activity of Morris faculty and staff members. The event will feature peer-reviewed (or equivalent) scholarly activity that took place between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

[Submissions](#) are due no later than Thursday, September 4. For more information, contact [Jayne Blodgett](#).

### [Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program Update](#)

The latest edition of Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program's (ESUP) *The Upgrade* is available now. In this issue:

- Chartfield Updates - A Change for the Better
- Navigating by Stars: HRMS kicks off advanced team strategy
- Q&A: What is "SEVIS"?

View this issue and more at [upgrade.umn.edu](http://upgrade.umn.edu).

## [This Month in Photos](#)

Campus Activities Council hosted a [Day of Fun](#), graduating students participated in [Commencement](#) and the [American Indian Honoring ceremony](#), outstanding students attended the [Honors and Awards Ceremony](#), WCSA alumni and friends [planted their garden](#), and the Center for Small Towns hosted the [2014 Symposium on Small Towns](#). Enjoy [these photos and more](#) today!

## Accomplishments

**Mike Vandenberg '03**, assistant director of admissions, received the [Distinguished Service Award for the Minnesota Association for College Admissions Counseling](#) (MACAC). This award is given to one candidate per year. Candidates who have spent more than five years in MACAC are chosen based on contributions to the organization and its programs and for making a difference in the lives of students.

**Barbara Burke**, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, presented at the [Forum on Higher Education](#) in Valmiera, Latvia. Burke spoke about how Americans promote the value of a university education for young people while meeting the needs of the future for regional communities. She also presented a paper titled "[Audience Interpretations Of Choices & Consequences: An Evaluation And Comparison Of Turkish And American Understandings Of Representations In Breaking Bad](#)" at the 12th International Symposium for Communication in the Millennium at Anadolu University in Eskisehir, Turkey, in June 2014.

[Fruits of the City](#), coordinated by **Jared Walhowe '09**, received a [2014 Environmental Initiative Award in Food Stewardship](#). The project is dedicated to addressing the lack of access to fresh fruit in the Twin Cities area.

## In the News

**Stephen Burks**, professor of economics and management, was interviewed on SiriusXM's *Doctor Radio* on Tuesday, June 10. Host Dr. Carol Bernstein asked Burks to discuss with her and her callers the relationship between health conditions, fatigue, and truck crashes.

**Mary Jo Forbord**, Morris Healthy Eating coordinator, is featured in a [video](#) created by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Center for Prevention. The video highlights Morris Healthy Eating's efforts to provide access to healthy food. This will be a part of Blue Cross Blue Shield's new media campaign on improving community health.

**Mike Cihak** and **Roger Boleman** of Instructional and Media Technologies produced an [episode](#) of Pioneer Public Television's *Postcards*. The episode explored the Oliver Kelley Farm near Elk River.

Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) featured an [essay](#) written by **Jordan Wente '15**, Dodge Center, and **Natalie Hoidal '15**, Forest Lake, about their photo project, *Estar in el Prairie*. The project chronicles changes in rural Minnesota's demographics and aims to bridge cultural gaps in the area.

**David Greer '14** was featured in a [post](#) by the *Twin Cities Daily Planet* and in a [story](#) by KARE 11. Greer received his high school diploma and a BA in the same year by utilizing post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO) opportunities.

**Katie Jacobson '14** was featured in an [article](#) by *Marketplace*. Jacobson used the job-search site Collegefeed to showcase her undergraduate accomplishments and experiences.

The *Morris Sun Tribune* ran a [story](#) on **Kevin Pope '09**, science teacher at Morris Area High School, and the donations he and his students sent to the Philippines in response to Typhoon Haiyan.

**Julie Ann Nevill '89** answers a [Q&A](#) by the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. The spotlight looks into Nevill's acting experiences and her perspective on her theatre career.