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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, November 25, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Asking the Big Questions
Wednesday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

Careers in Biology: Maggie Baldwin ’09
Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.
Science 2950 (Auditorium)

Dance Ensemble Recital
Friday, November 21, 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 22, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

John Berryman Reading
Monday, November 24, 10 a.m.
Student Center, Alumni Room

We Shall Remain: Wounded Knee Screening
Monday, November 24, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

University Units Partner To Create Interactive E-Book

The resource will help area strawberry growers cultivate a new breed of strawberries.

Buchanan Contributes to Global Summit

Her knowledge of Moroccan folk tales will influence an entrepreneurial summit.
New RFA to Support Research Projects with Commercial Potential

The new Translational Product Development Fund program is now accepting applications from investigators at the University and the Mayo Clinic and will award funded projects up to either $50,000 or $200,000. The program supports projects that intend to develop a novel therapeutic compound (i.e., drug, small molecule, or biologic), device, diagnostic, or IT product and have the potential to be commercialized. The Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and the Mayo Clinic Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCaTS) established the program in conjunction with the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics. Mandatory letters of intent are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 19 (Cycle 1) and Friday, May 1 (Cycle 2).

RFA to Support Research Conducted at the 2015 State Fair

The Clinical and Translational Science Institute's (CTSI) Driven to Discover Community Health Research Grants Program is now accepting applications. The program enables funded projects to use the Driven to Discover research building at the State Fair to enroll and collect data from fairgoers. Letters of interest (optional) are due Friday, December 5. Full proposals are due Friday, January 9.

This Week in Photos

Morris hosted the Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments, the Latterell Lecture and the Jooin Lee Lecture. Enjoy these photos and more!

Accomplishments

University of Minnesota, Morris American Indian Science and Engineering Society (UMM AISES) received the Outstanding Community Service Award at the 2014 AISES National Conference, held November 13–15 in Orlando, Florida. UMM AISES advisor Joe Alia, associate professor of chemistry, was named Advisor of the Year.

Sadie Klar '15 was awarded second place at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Student Auditions, which took place November 7–8 at St. John's University. Klar competed against singers from some of the top music programs in Minnesota. Therese Sutula, teaching specialist, was her collaborative pianist for the three rounds of singing. Zoey Cook '17, Duluth, Gunnar Molstad '18, Vining, and Emma Sax '17, Golden Valley, also participated in the auditions.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, spoke at the Second Conference on Climate Adaptation on November 6. The event was designed for local officials, planners, engineers, natural resource practitioners, and others who wanted to know more about climate adaptation strategies. Goodnough spoke about Morris's sustainability and clean-energy initiatives and efforts to adapt to climate-change impacts. He also spoke at a webinar hosted by Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and Jefferson Center on November 12. The webinar provided information about the first Rural Climate Dialogue held in Morris in June 2014. Goodnough discussed the role of the Office of Sustainability, Center for Small Towns, and community partners in helping to prepare for the event.

Morris Student Composting Coordinator Martin Zais '15, Cumberland, Wisconsin, organized the 5th Compost Summit at Morris. Sodexo and Dining Services, the Morris Recycling and Compost crew, custodial staff, and the Office of Conferences and Special Events were recognized for their work in reaching the sustainability milestone of 100,000 pounds of food scraps sent to composting. Troy Ostby, facilities management, was recognized as “Morris Campus Compost Guru” for his efforts to implement, maintain, and improve the campus compost system.

Work by Peter Ray '09 was featured on Minnesota Public Radio’s Wits. Ray’s short story, a winner of “The Bad Gaiman Challenge,” was read on-air by author Neil Gaiman.
In the News

Kate Hunt ’07 remembers the late Chancellor Emeritus Samuel Schuman in a letter to the Morris Sun Tribune. “I didn't know Sam half as well as so many other people,” Hunt writes. “Yet, I still feel that there is a lot more I could say about him and memories I have of him, which I think is a testament to just how great a person he was.”

Alicia Beattie ’13 was featured in the recent Chicago-Sun Times article “The muddpuppy mystery.” Beattie is studying the diet of Chicago’s lakefront mudpuppies as part of her masters thesis.

Hannah Hemen ’18 is featured in the Mille Lacs Messenger story “Making a difference on the world stage.” Hemen, a member of Minnesota Public Research Interest Group (MPIRG), took part in the recent People’s Climate March in New York.

According to the Lake Benton Valley Journal, Jim Nichols ’68 has been named 2014 Citizen of the Year for Lake Benton.