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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, October 7, at 4 p.m.**

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**Featured Events**

**[2014 Barber Lecture](#)**

Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Julia Dabbs**

Thursday, October 2, 5 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 6

**Homecoming Powderpuff Game and Tug of War**

Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.  
Big Cat Stadium

**[Homecoming 2014](#)**

Friday, October 3–Sunday, October 5  
Morris Campus

**[Community Coffee with University of Minnesota Regents](#)**

Saturday, October 4, 8:30 a.m.  
La Fave House (305 College Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

**[Celebration Remembering John O. Imholte](#)**

Saturday, October 4, 3 p.m.  
La Fave House (600 East 4th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

**2014 Festival of Spanish Language Cinema: *Gloria***

Saturday, October 4, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, October 6, 9:15 p.m.  
Morris Theatre (12 E 6th St, Morris, MN 56267)

**[2014 Lee Lecture](#)**

Tuesday, October 7 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 109

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

## News and Announcements

### [Morris's Sustainability Teams Joins Climate Leadership Summit](#)

The team will accept Morris's 2014 Second Nature Climate Leadership Award.

### [Humphrey Intern Concludes Service to CST](#)

Tashna Silburn assisted with project development and management.

### [Award-Winning Pianist Comes to Morris](#)

Charlie Albright will perform on Saturday, October 11.

### [6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference](#)

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference will originate from the Morris campus on Friday, October 24. Its purpose is to make available quality continuing education about the particular practice issues involved in working with rural people and communities. For more information, contact [Kay Slama](#) or visit [mnpsych.org/3786-2](http://mnpsych.org/3786-2).

### [This Week in Photos](#)

Morris hosted [Nobel Laureate Dr. Peter Agre](#), [poet Yahya Frederickson](#), a Hispanic Heritage Month [student panel](#), and the annual [Pride of the Prairie Farmers Market](#). Enjoy [these photos and more](#) today!

## Accomplishments

**Paul Martin '04**, **Beth Ann Ploof Cordes '94**, **Heather Pennie-Roy '94**, **Jim Tanner**, and **Pat Tanner** will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame on Friday, October 3, at the [Cougar Hall of Fame/Distinguished Alumni Award/Networking Banquet](#). Martin had the rare distinction of being named an All-Conference Player of the Year in both the NSIC and UMAC. Cordes, who played volleyball for the Cougars, was a member of the 1992 squad that set a school record with 28 wins. Pennie-Roy was a two-sport athlete for the Cougars, earning All-Conference honors in both softball and volleyball. The Tanners were long-time volunteers in basketball operations for the athletic department and served on the Cougar Hall of Fame Committee for several years.

Fourteen Morris students attended the People's Climate March in New York last week: **Katy Evanson '17**, Saint Joseph, **Shelby Flanagan '17**, Eagan, **Rebecca Schrupp '17**, Milbank, South Dakota, **Hannah Tuomi '17**, Saint Paul, **Austin Tipper '18**, Palatine, Illinois, **Karen Budig '17**, Saint Louis Park, **Autumn Carlson '18**, Cottage Grove, **Megan Forcia '18**, New Brighton, **Lauren Lindquist '16**, Apple Valley, **Hannah McDonnell '18**, Saint Louis Park, **Zoey Cook '18**, Duluth, and **Mason Dockter '17**, Corona, South Dakota. Erik Hatlestad, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) organizer, was also in attendance. The students' participation was organized by MPIRG, with additional support from Clean Up the River Environment (CURE). It was the largest march for climate to date.

## **In the News**

**Cy Thao '95** recently was profiled by the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#). Thao was not only the first Hmong-American individual elected to the Minnesota Legislature, but also the artist behind a series of paintings based on the history of the Hmong community. He and his wife now own assisted-living facilities in Minnesota and Florida.

**Amy Doll-Wohlrs '90** will moderate debates between candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives Districts 16A and 16B. [Pioneer Public Television](#) will broadcast the debates live on Thursday, October 2.

The *Morris Sun Tribune* [reports](#) that the **University of Minnesota, Morris** will take part in the Minnesota Renewable Energy Tour on Saturday, October 4. The tour will be held in conjunction with 150,000 other renewable energy system installers and owners throughout America to showcase more than 5,000 alternative-powered sites in the 19th annual National Solar Tour.