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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, September 16, at 4 p.m.

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**Featured Events**

**Jim Winter '68: "Lessons Learned from a Career in Biology/Science"**

Thursday, September 11, 5 p.m.  
Science 1020

**ACE Mocktail Party**

Thursday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Student Center, Louie's Lower Level

**[Sketchbook Project](#)**

Friday, September 12, 1–5 p.m.  
Morris Campus

**STLF Hero Run**

Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.  
Regional Fitness Center (626 East Second Street, Morris, MN 56267)

**[Open Source Workshop](#)**

Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Science 3650

**[2014 O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture in History](#)**

Monday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**What Wilford Didn't Know: 100 Years of Research Archaeology in Minnesota**

Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 109

**Jane Addams Project**

Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 111

**Constitution Day Panel**

Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m.  
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

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

## **News and Announcements**

### **[Morris Again Named a Top 10 Public Liberal Arts College](#)**

This is the sixteenth consecutive year in which the campus has been recognized.

### **[Peters Receives Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health Grant](#)**

Her research addresses American Indian health disparities in and around Minnesota.

### **[Pratt Receives National Wildlife Federation Fellowship](#)**

Anna Pratt '15 will lead community climate discussions and more.

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

Students attended an [outdoor concert featuring Avian](#), [Casino Night](#) concluded the campus's Welcome Weekend festivities, and [Framing the Field](#) graced the Morrison Gallery. Enjoy [these photos and more](#) today!

### **Careers in Biology Lecture Series Continues**

The next Careers in Biology lecture will take place on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109. Levi Simonson '10, a PhD candidate at the University of Oregon, is the featured speaker. Simonson's presentation is titled "What a UMM student should know about being a biology grad student (getting in and succeeding)." Careers in Biology is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program.

### **Founders Scholar Convocation To Be Held**

The next Founders Scholar Convocation will take place on Thursday, September 18, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109. Jennifer Deane, associate professor of history, will present "Freeing Minds, Minding Freedoms: history, liberal arts, and UMM." The Founders Fund was established with gifts from a private donor in honor of the founding faculty of the University of Minnesota, Morris on the occasion of its 40th birthday.

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

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

- New UM Reports List Webpage
- Save the Date: Student Systems Preview Sessions
- Key Topics of August HR Stars' Meeting

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

### **Upcoming Education Events**

**Elementary Education Students**—Elementary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the elementary education program will be held on Wednesday, October 8, at 5 p.m. in Science 3610 and

on Thursday, October 23, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111. During the meetings, questions will be answered as to the prerequisites required, when students should apply to the program, when they should begin the program, student teaching, graduation, etc. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

**Secondary Education Students**—There will be secondary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the secondary education program on Monday, September 29 at 2:15 p.m. in Imholte Hall 11, and on Thursday, October 30, at 2 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts 6. The meetings will provide information on recommendations, interviews, and deadlines for applying for admission to the program. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

### **Stevens County Premieres New CodeRED Alert System**

Stevens County Emergency Management has moved to a new alert system, CodeRED. Registration is available [online](#).

### **Accomplishments**

Approximately **50 Science and Mathematics students and faculty members** presented research findings from their summer projects on Tuesday, September 9. These projects were funded by a variety of internal and external sources, including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, National Science Foundation, Morris Academic Partners program, Chemistry Undergraduate Research Fund, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program, Faculty Research Enhancement Funds, and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

### **In the News**

**Kim Johnson Kasl '06** will be featured on the next episode of *Tiny House Nation*. Kasl and her husband, **Ryan '06**, will trade in their traditional house for a 207-square-foot mobile prairie cottage. “This isn't a decision of sacrifice,” she writes, “but rather a decision to choose freedom [and] to follow and live out our values.” The [episode](#) premieres tonight at 9 p.m. on *FYI*.

The *Saint Cloud Times* profiled three-time Thomson Reuters Rising Star **Julie Fisk '99**. In the [interview](#), Fisk reflects on her undergraduate career at Morris. “What I liked about Morris was it was one of the top 10 liberal arts colleges in the Midwest,” she says. “It was an excellent price. It fit my personality.”