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

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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **President Kaler to Deliver 2015 State of the University Address**
- **Finzel Appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean**
- **Morris Names Robert J. Cushman Next Head Football Coach**
- **2014–15 Outstanding Support Staff Award Winners Announced**

Featured Events

The Upgrade Faculty Go-To Sessions

Thursday, April 2, 8:30–9:30 a.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 7

[State of the University Address](#)

Thursday, April 2, 3:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Learning Studio (Studio A)

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar

Thursday, April 2, 4:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

[World Touch Cultural Heritage Week Closing Dinner](#)

Thursday, April 2, 5 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

[Opening Reception: Senior Student Art Exhibit I](#)

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Baseball vs College of St. Scholastica

Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m.
at Morris

Baseball vs College of St. Scholastica (DH)

Monday, April 4, 12 p.m.
at Morris

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

News and Announcements

[Finzel Appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean](#)

A member of the Morris faculty since 1989, Finzel has served as interim dean since 2011.

[Morris Names Next Head Football Coach](#)

Robert J. Cushman has been selected as the 17th head football coach at Morris.

[Summer Term Provides Learning Options and Diverse Courses](#)

Degree- and nondegree-seeking students can enroll in a variety of flexible courses.

Upgrade News

Getting Closer to Cutover: Are You Ready?

The [Upgrade newsletter](#) will be delivered on a weekly basis until upgrade activities are complete. There you will find the latest news on what is changing as well as resources to help with the transition.

Faculty Learning Labs

The Office of the Registrar has scheduled the following Faculty Learning Labs during the cutover period:

Tuesday, April 14, 8:30–11:30 a.m., Science 2530

Wednesday, April 15, 1–3 p.m., Imholte Hall 11

Thursday, April 16, 1–3 p.m., Science 2530

Friday, April 17, 8:30–11:30 a.m., Imholte Hall 11

Learn More

To learn more about The Upgrade, contact a member of the [UM-Morris Advance Team](#) or visit [The Upgrade website](#).

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [Spring 2015 Elder in Residence Henry Boucha](#)
- [2015 Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Powwow](#)

Accomplishments

The following individuals are recipients of the 2014–15 Outstanding Support Staff Awards:

- **Melody Veenendaal**, project/program specialist, Student Affairs, AFSCME recipient
- **Gail Boe**, senior gardener, Facilities Management, Teamster recipient
- **Nancy Erdahl**, office supervisor, Post Office, Civil Service recipient

They will be recognized at the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner on Thursday, April 30.

Work by **Nicole Bailey '15**, Chanhassen, **Madeline Rauma '16**, Golden Valley, and **Daniel Tiernan '15**, Morris, has been accepted at the Undergraduate Communication Research Conference at the University of St. Thomas. The conference will take place on Friday, April 24.

In the News

The **University of Minnesota, Morris** is mentioned in the *Huffington Post's* "[Leadership Equity at Public Liberal Arts Colleges.](#)" The article discusses the disparity between the percentage of women students at American colleges and universities and the percentage of women in senior leadership roles at these institutions—and how this profile differs at the 29 member institutions of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, including Morris.

[Work](#) by **Jim Hall**, director of computing services, was featured by [Emerging Tech Accelerator News](#). Hall's article discusses focuses on anticipating new technologies.

Karen Wiese-Thompson '86 is featured in a [recent story](#) by the *Windom News*. The life-long actress, who will be inducted into Windom Area High School Fine Arts Wall of Fame, reflects on the role that started it all.