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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](#).

In This Issue:

- **37th Annual UMM Jazz Fest Will Begin April 10**
- **URS Showcases Student Scholarship and Creative Activity**
- **Grant '14 Awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant**
- **Coach Cushman Mentioned in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune***

Featured Events

“Beasts and Brooches: Pinning Down Gender Identity in Early Anglo-Saxon England”

Thursday, April 9, 4 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts 6

Piano Private Lessons Student Recital

Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Softball vs University of Northwestern

Friday, April 10, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

at Morris

[Jazz Fest](#)

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Chasing Ice

Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m.

Morris Theatre (12 East 6th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

Taste of Asia Dinner

Sunday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

National Undergraduate Research Week Brown Bag Presentations

Truckers and Turnover

Monday, April 13, 12 p.m.

Humanities 111

Microbiological Research

Tuesday, April 14, 12 p.m.

Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Chemistry Research

Wednesday, April 15, 11:35 a.m.

Imholte Hall 109

Undergraduate Research Story Night

Monday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

[Celebration of Community Engagement](#)

Tuesday, April 14, 10 a.m.
Stevens County Historical Museum (116 West Sixth Street, Morris, MN 56267)

Come Grow with Us: Low Input Lawn Care

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.
AgCountry Auditorium, West Central Research and Outreach Center (46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN 56267)

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

News and Announcements

[Undergraduate Research Symposium Showcases Student Scholarship and Creative Activity](#)

The event celebrates student achievement across all disciplines.

[2015 RAC Summit to Explore Role of the Arts in the Rural Narrative](#)

Minnesota Public Radio's Dave Peters will facilitate conversation with national leaders and practitioners at the 2015 Rural Arts and Culture Summit.

Upgrade News: Prepare for Cutover

The latest issue of the [Upgrade newsletter](#) provides tools and resources to help faculty, staff, and students prepare for the upcoming transition. To learn more about The Upgrade, contact a member of the [UM-Morris Advance Team](#) or visit [The Upgrade website](#).

[Morris Student Administrative Fellowship Applications Due April 20](#)

In recognition of the value of academic employment to the intellectual development of students and of the opportunities thus provided to assist campus offices in their work, Morris will award stipends to students who will serve as teaching assistants to sponsoring faculty, or as interns in offices and programs on campus. Applications must be received in the Dean's Office by Monday, April 20. Please contact [Darla Peterson](#) for further information.

Nominations and Elections: Student Representatives for the Division of Science and Mathematics

Nominations for 2015–16 Discipline Student Representatives in the Division of Science and Mathematics should be submitted to the division office by Friday, April 10. Elections will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [French Poetry Reading Contest](#)
- [Senior Art Exhibition I](#)

Accomplishments

[Amy Grant '14](#) has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant for 2015. Grant is the second Morris alumna to receive a Fulbright award and the first since 2003. She will be placed in Costa Rica, where her primary role will be as an English language learning assistant.

Maia Dalager '15 has been selected for the [Minnesota Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(MNASCD\)](#) Hooper Award. Each year MNASCD honors exceptional students in the field of education. The award is inspired by and named for Stan Hooper, a powerful force in Minnesota education for more than 30 years.

Nicholas Heck '15 and **Maia Dalager '15** accompanied **Wendy Emo**, assistant professor of elementary education, to the Storyline International triennial conference in Glasgow, Scotland, last month. Dalager and Emo presented on the Morris Community Engagement Tutoring, Reading, and Enabling Children (TREC) program.

The Functions and Awards committee announces the following 2015 award winners:

- **Allison Wolf '15**, Curtis H. Larson Award - 2015 Senior Class Speaker
- **Jordan Wente '15**, Dodge Center, Allen W. Edson Award
- **Natasha Myhal '15** and **Anna Pratt '15**, Morris Student Sustainability Champion Award
- **Maia Dalager '15**, Mary Martelle Student Award
- Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator **Sarah Ashkar**, Mary Martelle Staff Award
- **Ellie Hofer '15**, Edith Rodgers Farrell Memorial Award for Undergraduate Research
- **Casey Liebhard '15**, Mimi Frenier Award in GWSS

The **Office of Sustainability** and the **Center for Small Towns** were recognized as finalists for the 2015 [Environmental Initiative Award Finalist for Community Action](#). The awards honor innovative projects that have achieved extraordinary environmental results by harnessing the power of partnership.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, is the 2015 Morris Academic Staff Award recipient. He will be recognized at the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner on Thursday, April 30.

In the News

The *Minneapolis Star Tribune* [reported on the appointment](#) of Head Football Coach **Robert Cushman**.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, will appear on KMRS/KKOK's Community Connection program on Thursday, April. Goodnough will discuss Morris's nomination for the [Environmental Initiative Award Finalist for Community Action](#) and the upcoming screening of *Chasing Ice*.

[Susan Hauger](#), former instructor in the Division of Education, passed away March 31. Hauger was a valued colleague and friend for the teacher education program. She taught ENGE 4121 Methods of Teaching Communication Arts and Literature in the Middle and Secondary School, the course taken by students who become English teachers. These students appreciated her knowledge, support, and wit. Hauger also worked with many students who completed practicum or student teaching experiences in her classroom, where she provided modeling, mentoring, and feedback to help them in their development to become excellent teachers.

Michael Rodriguez '89 was mentioned in University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler's [State of the University address](#) last week. Rodriguez, Campbell leadership chair in education and human development at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, is leading the University's coordinated achievement gap effort.

Patrick Mahoney '08 is profiled in the *Daily Globe's* ["To Bahrain and back."](#) Mahoney reflects on the year he spent teaching in Bahrain.