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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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Featured Events

Music at the Library

Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Morris Public Library (102 East 6th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

Čhaŋkpé Ópi: Using Indigenous Methodologies as Engaged Resistance to Climate Change at Wounded Knee

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

CST 20th Anniversary Reception

Thursday, April 23, 2–4 p.m.
Welcome Center, Second Floor

Softball vs Concordia College

Thursday, April 23, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
at Morris

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

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Men's Tennis vs Martin Luther College

Friday, April 24, 3 p.m.
at Morris

[Dance Ensemble Spring Show](#)

Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium.

CAC Films Presents: *Chasing Ice*

Friday, April 24, 9:30 p.m.
Science Auditorium (2950).

[31st Annual Tinman Triathlon](#)

Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.
Regional Fitness Center

Symphonic Winds and Jazz Ensemble Send-Off Concert

Saturday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

[Soup and Substance](#)

Monday, April 27, 5:30 pm
Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

James Lenfestey Reading and Conversation

Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, Lower Level

[Bread 'n Bowls](#)

Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.
Morris Area Elementary School (151 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

Science and Math Visiting Alumnus Lecture

Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.
Science Auditorium (2950)

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

News and Announcements

[Gill '16 Works with Morris Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

Sam Gill '16, Northfield, will help facilitate and organize upcoming programs and events.

[Odegaard '16 Works With Green Island in Wadena](#)

Benjamin Odegaard '16, Starbuck, is developing a plan for the new tourist destination.

Upgrade News: the Wait Is Over

The PeopleSoft systems upgrade (The Upgrade) launched on Monday, April 20. [Call centers](#) will be available to help with questions. [The Upgrade website](#) also features helpful resources, including a [Readiness Checklist](#) and a [Login Guide](#).

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [Jazz Fest 2015](#)
- [President Kaler Visit](#)
- [Chris Kluwe Visit](#)
- [Fashion Trashion](#)
- [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

Accomplishments

Managing Director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Christy Goldfuss and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced today that the **University of Minnesota, Morris** is among the 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Postsecondary Sustainability Awardees. Morris is one of nine postsecondary recipients this year, the first in which institutions of higher education have been eligible.

Work by **Satis Devkota**, assistant professor of economics, has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*. The article, "What Factors Change Education Inequality in Nepal?", also has been published on [Taylor & Francis Online](#). This research was done in collaboration with Professor Mukti Upadhyay of Eastern Illinois University.

Ray Schultz, professor of theatre arts, recently performed a leading role in T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* for Compass Rose Theatre in the Washington, DC, area. *The Capital Gazette* called his performance "powerful and true." Schultz also brought his solo performance as Tennessee Williams in *Blanche and Beyond: Letters of Tennessee Williams* to the Loudoun campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Since 2012 he has toured the production to various colleges and theatres throughout the country.

"[Cognitive Skills, Personality, and Economic Preferences in Collegiate Success](#)," an article from Morris's [Truckers & Turnover Project](#) (T&T), has been released online by the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. The paper analyzes the individual characteristics that predict the later graduation success in a sample of 100 Morris students on whom data was initially collected in 2007 (originally as a control group for a study of trainee truckers). Co-authors of the paper are **Stephen Burks**, professor of economics and management, **Connor Lewis '15**, Paul Kivi, Bemidji State University, **Amanda Wiener '14**, **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, Lorenz Goette, University of Lausanne, Colin DeYoung, UM-TC, and Aldo Rustichini, UM-TC.

In the News

Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for finance and facilities, is quoted in a recent [story](#) by the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Rasmussen discusses solar energy and its role in the future of clean energy. According to Rasmussen, "solar is now the new frontier."

Sandra Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs, and **Trey Goodsell '17**, Sisseton, South Dakota, are quoted in a [story by the Minnesota Daily](#). The two discuss Morris's tuition waiver for American Indian students.

Alyssa Herzog Melby '07 was profiled by [Southern Minn Scene](#). Melby discusses her return to Minnesota and her new position as executive director of the Northfield Arts Guild.

Sam Bruno '13 was interviewed by the [Saint Cloud Times](#). Bruno, Great River Arts program support specialist, is working with students to create tiles from re-purposed garbage, which will hang in the center's exhibit space. The exhibit also will feature a **Fashion Trashion** component, complete with **Morris students** and wears.

Both the [Morris Sun Tribune](#) and [KMRS/KKOK](#) reported on last week's [Celebration of Community Engagement](#). There members of the campus and greater community joined Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson and University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler to honor a long tradition of Morris community-university partnerships and this year's community engagement award winners.