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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, May 5, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Morris Featured in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges 2015***
- **Six Students Present at National Conference on Undergraduate Research**
- **Chris Butler Interviewed by Raleigh's ABC 11**

Featured Events

Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner

Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Mixed Student Recital

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

Combined Choirs Concert

Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Study Day

Saturday, May 2
Morris Campus

[Celebration of Bill Stewart](#)

Saturday, May 2, 5 p.m.
McNamara Alumni Center (200 Southeast Oak Street, Minneapolis, MN 55455)

Final Exams

Monday, May 4–Thursday, May 7
Morris Campus

Commission on Women Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 5, 11:30 a.m.
LaFave House

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

News and Announcements

[Morris to Celebrate 52nd Commencement](#)

More than 365 Morris students will receive their degrees.

[Morris Featured in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges 2015*](#)

The guide profiles colleges with the most exceptional commitments to sustainability.

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [CST 20th Anniversary](#)
- [Senior Art Exhibit II](#)
- [TinMan Triathlon](#)
- [Lowell Rasmussen's Retirement Celebration](#)

Accomplishments

Ashley Satre '15, Hoffman, **Kelsey Butler '15**, Bowlus, **Natalie Hoidal '15**, Forest Lake, **Nicole Sandback '15**, East Bethel, **Amanda Wiener '14**, and **Nicholas Solberg '15**, Cambridge, presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Cheney, Washington, in April. Established in 1987, NCUR is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study

Morton Greenslit '16, Mound, **Saesun Kim '15**, Namyang-joo, Korea, **Michelle King '16**, Maple Grove, **Clare Miller '16**, Hudson, Wisconsin, Associate Professor of Physics **Michael Korth**, and Professor of Physics **Gordon McIntosh** attended the spring 2015 MAAPT meeting at St. Cloud State University on Saturday, April 25. The students presented their research (Greenslit, "Computational Analysis of Wake Field Flow between Multiple Identical Spheres," Kim, "Three-Particle Distribution Functions in the Hard-Sphere Model," King, "A New Method of Image Analysis for Measurement of Cirroform Clouds," and Miller, "A Long-term Analysis from the Velocity Centroid Data of SiO Maser Emissions.") Kim's poster was selected as the best student presentation at the meeting.

Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, has coauthored "[The Value of Hiring through Employee Referrals](#)," an article released online by the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* and jointly written with Mitch Hoffman, University of Toronto, Bo Cowgill, University of California, Berkeley, and Michael Housman, Cornerstone OnDemand. The paper utilizes data collected about truckers by [Morris's Truckers & Turnover Project](#) (T&T) as well as data from the call center and IT industries.

Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, and **Pamela Gades**, technology for teaching and learning coordinator, presented Technology Showcase topics at the [Academy of Distinguished Teachers Annual Conference](#) held at the McNamara Alumni Center on the Twin Cities campus on Wednesday, April 8. This year's conference theme was "Making Sense of Educational Innovation: Finding What Works for Today's Students." Burks presented "Improving Delivery of Technical Course Content through Incremental Use of Classroom 'Flipping,'" and Gades presented "Innovative Options for Recording Your Own Course Videos."

In the News

Chris Butler, lecturer in sociology, was interviewed by [Raleigh's ABC 11](#). Butler is in the Kathmandu Valley assisting with relief efforts after enduring the weekend's tragic earthquake. He was in Nepal doing work on a [Fulbright Scholarship](#) and helping to run [Sam's House Orphanage](#).

Postcards will feature emerging artists **Luci Riffel '15**, Virginia, **Kait Macheledt '15**, New Richmond, Wisconsin, **Nina Downer O'Leary '15**, Buffalo, **Isaac Johnson '15**, Stillwater, **Lauren Acosta '15**, Northfield, in an upcoming broadcast on Pioneer Public Television on Sunday, May 3, at 7 p.m. The episode will be repeated on Monday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. and on Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m. The program also will be available for online viewing on May 4 through the [station's website](#).

Kelly Fischer '17, Roseville, is the subject of a recent [Minnesota Daily story](#). Fischer is working with the Center for Small Towns to evaluate uses for solar energy in western Minnesota's public pools.

Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art, will be featured on Pioneer Public Television's [Postcards](#) on Sunday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Eble will discuss "his paintings, his gumbo and connection to the Mississippi River watershed."

Alumnae **Ashleigh Thompson '14** and **Rachel Balzar '14** are featured in a *Morris Sun Tribune* [story](#) on the Minnesota Reading Corps program. Thompson and Balzar are serving as literacy tutors with the Morris Area Pre-K program.