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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, August 25, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Morris Prepares for New Student Orientation**
- **Work by Marylyn Dintenfass to Grace Morrison Gallery**
- **Instructional and Media Technologies Produces Documentary**
- **Karl Retzlaff '73 Family Named Farm Family of the Year**

**Featured Events**

**NAMI: Mental Health First Aid Workshop**

Wednesday, August 12, 8:30 a.m.

Imholte Hall 112

**Fall Professional Development Day**

Tuesday, August 18, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Oyate Hall

**Opening Convocation for Faculty and Staff**

Wednesday, August 19, 3 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**Move-In Day**

Sunday, August 23, 8:30 a.m.

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**New Student Orientation**

Sunday, August 23—Tuesday, August 25

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**Fall Semester Begins**

Wednesday, August 26

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

**News and Announcements**

[Morris Is One of \*Sierra Magazine's\* Top 40 "Cool Schools"](#)

The listing ranks universities that lead sustainability initiatives and strive to protect and preserve the environment.

[Work by Marylyn Dintenfass to Grace Morrison Gallery](#)

*Marylyn Dintenfass: Painted Anthology* opens Monday, August 24.

### [Farmachinery Comes to Campus](#)

Tim Cassidy's outdoor sculptures will be on display beginning Friday, August 7.

### [Students and Faculty Research Prairie-Forest Border Dynamics](#)

Led by Peter Wyckoff, Morris students collect data to predict climate change in prairie and forest environments across western Minnesota.

### [Students and Faculty Study Stomach Bacteria](#)

The team will learn how certain proteins contribute to gastritis, ulcers, and gastric cancer.

### [Diamond '15 Looks at Small-Town Investments and Revenue](#)

Charlie Diamond '15, Saint Paul, worked with the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission.

### [STELLAR Will Welcome International Students](#)

The Summer Transition for English Language and Liberal Arts Readiness program introduces international students to life at Morris.

### [Gateway Program Turns Freshmen into Leaders](#)

Now in its 21st year, the program helps students develop skills for college success

### [Find Out What's Happening on Campus, Wherever You Are](#)

Wondering what's happening on campus? Check out Morris's [new events calendar](#).

### [This Month in Photos:](#)

- [Changes in Nature Workshop](#)
- [WCSA Reunion 2015](#)
- [Gateway 2015](#)

## **Accomplishments**

**Instructional and Media Technologies** (IMT) produced a short documentary about the Morris Fire Department and its history, people, technology, and challenges within its 125 years serving Morris. **David Ericksen**, assistant professor of English, researched, wrote and narrated the piece, **Mike Cihak**, director of IMT, produced and directed, and **Drew Ambli**, audio/visual media producer, shot and provided production assistance. **Bethany Gangestad '16**, Saint Cloud, and **Zach Copic '15**, Morris, provided production support.

**Aimie Mims '00**, a right of way project manager based in HDR's Minneapolis office, [has been elected to serve as secretary of the International Right of Way Association's \(IRWA\) International Executive Committee](#). With more than 10,000 members worldwide, IRWA is the right of way industry's main resource for education, credentialing, and professional development.

Last month **Sophie Bishop '17**, Zimmerman, **Kyle Klausung '16**, Saint Louis Park, **Austin Peterson '17**, Tracy, and **Rebecca Schrupp '17**, Milbank, South Dakota, participated in Horticultural Night at the University of Minnesota, West Central Research and Outreach Center. The students spoke to visitors about Morris campus sustainability and community engagement efforts around clean energy and extreme weather preparation. **Bishop** and **Faith Bradley**, Minnesota GreenCorps member, also collaborated with Morris Area Community Education to provide a week-long summer camp for more than 20 children. The camp focused on sustainability, climate and weather, clean energy, and food as part of the Summer Sizzle program.

### **In the News**

[According to KMRS/KKOK](#), the **Karl '73** and Linda **Retzlaff** family of rural Morris has been named Stevens County 2015 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota. After graduating from Morris and teaching for five years, Karl started farming and began purchasing the home place in 1978.

**Shawn Strom '18**, Mora, is quoted in a [story by the Duluth News Tribune](#). Strom, who attended the Bayfront Blues Festival, said of the event, "Recordings don't always do a band justice. Live sound is better."

**Instructional and Media Technologies (IMT)** was featured in a [story by the Pope County Tribune](#). The story discusses *Prairie Yard and Garden*, which is produced by IMT in association with Pioneer Public Television.