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The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the editor.

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- Black History Month Concludes with *Half of a Yellow Sun*
- Joyce Sutphen to Serve as 2015 Commencement Speaker
- Women's Basketball Named a UMAC Conference Champion
- Morris Campus to be Featured on tpt's Minnesota Channel

Featured Events

Women's Basketball vs. College of St. Scholastica
Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.
P.E. Center Gymnasium

**BSU Presents: Half of a Yellow Sun**
Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.
Science 1020

Men's Basketball vs. North Central University
Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
P.E. Center Gymnasium

**French & Francophone Film Festival: The French Minister**
Thursday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.
Science Auditorium (2950)

**Jazz Ensemble Concert**
Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**CAC Concerts Presents: Jeremy Messersmith**
Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Chamber Concert**
Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

**Joyce Sutphen to Serve as 2015 Commencement Speaker**

Sutphen is Minnesota's second Poet Laureate and a professor of English at Gustavus Adolphus College.
Morris Students Traveled to Support the U Day

Students discussed affordable higher education with Minnesota legislators.

Spring Award Nominations Sought

The Functions and Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:
- Allen W. Edson Award
- Curtis H. Larson Award
- Edith Rodgers Farrell Memorial Award for Undergraduate Research
- Mary Martelle Award
- Morris Student Sustainability Champion Award

For more information, please contact Elena Machkasova.

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) seeks nominations for the Community Engagement Awards by Monday, March 2. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact OCE.

The Office for Equity and Diversity seeks nominations for the Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Awards by Monday, March 2. For more information, please contact Hilda Ladner.

Upgrade Program Update Available

The latest edition of The Upgrade is available now. In this issue:
- Why We Upgrade
- What’s Changing: Pay and Vacation
- Upgrade Readiness Checklist
- Changes to Class Registration Dates

This Week in Photos
- UMMAA Annual Midwinter Event

Accomplishments

For the sixth straight season, the women's basketball team can call itself an Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Champion. The Cougars, who share the title with Northwestern, are the #2 seed in the UAMC Tournament.

Laura Sims ’12 curated Reflections on a Collection: The UWM Icons Revisited Fifty Years Later, a new exhibit at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (UWM). Sims discussed the history, assemblage, and donation of the Rogers Family Collection of Greek and Russian icons to the UWM Art Collection at the opening reception earlier this month.

Ann Michels ’92 is playing the title role in Chanhassen Dinner Theatres’ upcoming production of Mary Poppins. The production opens on Friday, February 27.

In the News
The University of Minnesota, Morris will be featured on the Twin Cities Public Television’s (tpt) "Integrated Energy Solutions". The program will premiere on Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m. on tpt's Minnesota Channel.

Peh Ng, professor of mathematics, is quoted in Wired’s “The Mathematics Behind Getting All That Damned Snow Off Your Street.” Ng refers to an algorithm she applied in the 1990s to optimize snowplowing in Morris.

Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for finance and facilities, Tammy Berberi, associate professor of French, and Cory Schroeder ’16, Bloomington, are quoted in a recent Minnesota Daily article. The article explores the costs and complications associated with increasing accessibility in Morris’s mall buildings, several of which are on the National Historic Register.