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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, January 20, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Morris Receives Carnegie Community Engagement Classification**
- **Four Morris Faculty Members Receive Grant-in-Aid Awards**
- **Salisbury '69 Bids Adieu to the Saint Paul *Pioneer Press***

**Featured Events**

[Opening Reception: \*Memory of Water and Delicate Stranger\*](#)

Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts, Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

**Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

Monday, January 19

Morris campus

No classes. Administrative offices closed.

[Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service](#)

Monday, January 19, 1:30–7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

**Come Grow With Us**

Wednesday, January 21, 12 p.m.

West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC)

**Diversi-tea**

Wednesday, January 21, 2 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall—Alumni Room

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

**News and Announcements**

[Morris Receives Carnegie Community Engagement Classification](#)

The elective classification documents an institution's mission, identity, and commitments.

[Morris Named a 2015 Best Value Public College by Kiplinger's Personal Finance](#)

Morris was praised for its strong academic record and great economic value.

[Morris Named a Best College Value under \\$30,000](#)

Morris is the only Minnesota college included on this Kiplinger's list.

### [Social Networks Bring Big Names to Classrooms](#)

Skype and Twitter allow students to connect with experts and celebrities.

### [Cafe Scientifique Looks at Oilseeds and Bees](#)

Matt Thom, research entomologist at the USDA-ARS Soils Lab, will lead the discussion.

### [Ragamala Dance Comes to Morris](#)

The company will perform a traditional style of South Indian dance.

### [New RFA to Support Child Health Research](#)

The [Clinical and Translational Science Institute](#) (CTSI), in partnership with the Department of Pediatrics and Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, is now accepting applications for the new [Child Health Collaborative Grant Award](#). Applicants can request budgets of up to \$200,000 to support projects that address important, unmet child health issues in Minnesota and involve at least two co-principal investigators: one from Children's, and one from the University of Minnesota. Mandatory letters of intent are due by January 30.

### [Upgrade Program Update Available](#)

The [latest edition of The Upgrade](#) is available now. In this issue:

- Rollout Timing Update
- Questions from the U Community
- Student Experience Previews

### **Accomplishments**

[Four Morris faculty members received awards](#) in the fall grant round of the University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship Program (GIA): **Nancy Carpenter**, professor of chemistry, **Michael Eble**, associate professor of studio art, **Bradley Deane**, associate professor of English, and **Daniel Demetriou**, assistant professor of philosophy. Administered through the Office of the Vice President for Research, GIA funds are awarded in the belief that the quality of faculty research and artistic endeavors is a major determinant of the overall vitality of the institution.

**Keith Brugger**, professor of geology, is coauthor on a paper titled "[Dye tracing for investigating flow and transport properties of hydrocarbon-polluted Rabots glaciär, Kebnekaise, Sweden](#)" that appears in *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*. The paper presents seminal work detailing the transport of jet fuel and other contaminants under, through, and over the surface of the glacier following the fatal crash of a Norwegian Air Force C-130 aircraft in 2012.

**Carrie Hennessey '96** will appear in the [operatic adaptation of A Streetcar Named Desire](#) at the Gallo Center for the Arts on January 23 and 25.

**Anika Kildegaard '13** performed with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Chorale in Handel's *Messiah* at St. Mary's Basilica in Minneapolis.

### **In the News**

**Bill Salisbury's '69** [final column for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press](#) appeared this week. Salisbury is retiring after 40 years as a political correspondent.

**PZ Myers**, associate professor of biology, is quoted in Pricipia Scientific International's "[So Is Cancer Mostly 'Bad Luck' or What?](#)" Myers discusses the stability of different tissues within the body and how that correlates with the likelihood of several cancers.

According to [KARE 11](#), the band at Brooklyn Center Secondary Arts and International Baccalaureate World School, which is directed by **Chris Porter '00**, has earned a \$26,000 grant from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. The grant will fund the purchase of new instruments to replace those that have been in use since the 1960s.