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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, January 27, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Morris Receives NSF Funding for STEM Education**
- **Work by Ng Published in *Discrete Mathematics***
- ***Niche* Names Morris One of the 10 Best Colleges in Minnesota**

Featured Events

Diversi-tea

Wednesday, January 21, 2 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall—Alumni Room

[CAC Performing Arts Series Presents: Ragamala Dance](#)

Friday, January 23, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Careers in Biology: Chelsea Alexander '06

Monday, January 26, 7 p.m.
Science Auditorium

GWSS Lecture: “Nexus of Gender, Childhoods and Development: Cases from Nepali Children’s Homes”

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

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

News and Announcements

[Morris Receives NSF Funding for STEM Education](#)

The grant will support Morris's Improving Undergraduate STEM Education program.

[Attend Legislative Action Kickoff](#)

The 2015 Legislative Action Kickoff (formerly the Legislative Briefing) will take place on Tuesday, February 3. Attendees will learn about issues that will impact the U of M during the 2015 Minnesota Legislative Session and discover ways to help. [Learn more and RSVP for the event.](#)

Accomplishments

Work by **Peh Ng**, professor of mathematics, was published in the January 2015 issue of *Discrete Mathematics*. The title of the paper is "Polyhedral Study of the Connected Subgraph Problem."

Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, presided over a Transportation Research Board (TRB) lectern session on "Shortening Supply Chains" at the TRB's annual meeting in Washington, DC, on January 12. He presented research results on the historical evolution of productivity and vehicle use in the United States trucking industry, which were from joint work with K. Boyer (Michigan State University), K. Monaco (Bureau of Labor Statistics), and **J. Myers-Kuykindall '06**. The session was sponsored by TRB standing technical committee AT060 Trucking Industry Research, which Burks chairs.

In the News

Morris has been named one of the [ten best colleges in Minnesota](#) by Niche. Morris is ranked #7 in Minnesota and #243 nationwide. The campus also was ranked #94 on Niche's [Top Public College](#), #77 on the [Top Liberal Arts Colleges list](#), #71 on the [Best Colleges in Small Towns list](#), and #58 on the [Safest Colleges list](#).

A recent [article](#) by the *Morris Sun Tribune* details work being done by the **Office of Community Engagement**. The piece discusses the office's history, current success, and future goals.

The [Morris Sun Tribune also reports](#) that **Coach Paul Grove** earned his 99th and 100th Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) victories last weekend when he and the mens' basketball team defeated Bethany Lutheran College and Martin Luther College. With these victories, the Cougars improve to 3–0 in the conference.

[NEC Display Solutions of America announced](#) last week that **Richard Ventura '96**, vice president of business development and solutions, has been elected treasurer/secretary of the Digital Signage Federation's (DSF) Executive Committee. Ventura brings 14 years of experience within the NEC sales organization, focusing on display solutions, display technologies and projectors.