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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, August 11, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

In This Issue:

- Campus Hosts WCSA All-School Reunion
- Morris Names Director of Admissions
- Team Presents at Cambio de Colores Conference
- CST Featured in *MinnPost* and *Minneapolis Star Tribune*

Featured Events

[Changes in Nature Workshop](#)

Continues through Friday, July 17
Morris Campus

[WCSA All-School Reunion](#)

Saturday, July 18
Morris Campus

Gateway Program

Monday, July 20–Friday, August 14
Morris Campus

STELLAR Program

Monday, July 20–Friday, August 14
Morris Campus

Fire Alarm Testing

July 20–23
Morris Campus

[Horticulture Night](#)

Thursday, July 30, 5–9 p.m.
West Central Research and Outreach Center

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

News and Announcements

[Morris Names Director of Admissions](#)

Ben Iverson brings to Morris extensive experience in student recruitment and advising.

[Morris Names Next Athletic Director](#)

Jason Herbers has been selected as Morris's third director of intercollegiate athletics.

[Fiske Guide to Colleges 2016 Includes Morris](#)

This is the fifth consecutive year in which Morris has been included.

[Local Scout Partners with Campus to Build Bat Homes](#)

The project will help Jacob Grunklee meet his Eagle Rank requirements and provide homes for nearby bats.

[Alumnus Advocates for Art Space](#)

Andrew Sletten '14 opens new music and art venue in Morris.

[Butler, Schwietz, and Bhandari Volunteer in Nepal](#)

In the aftermath of recent earthquakes, members of the campus community have joined relief efforts.

[Young '17 Develops Salary Survey](#)

Her work will ensure community action organization employees are fairly compensated for their work

[Students and Faculty Partner on Immunology Research](#)

A Morris lab researches how tumor cells suppress the body's immune system.

[Symphonic Winds and Jazz Ensemble Earn Acclaim in the UK](#)

Performances from Manchester to London prompted glowing praise from British audiences.

[Bishop '17 Advocates for Extreme Weather Preparation in Morris](#)

Bishop works as an intern in the Office of Sustainability and the Center for Small Towns.

Morris Hosts Australian Students

This week Morris is hosting 10 Australian college students for the Innovations in Environmental Sustainability Program. This new program was launched in partnership with the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, Institute on the Environment, Will Steger Foundation, and other partners. The students visited several community partners sites, including the University of Minnesota, West Central Research and Outreach Center, USDA-ARS North Central Soil Conservation Research Lab, Riverview, LLP, Prairie Horizons Farm, Denco II, and more. Margaret Kuchenreuther, associate professor of biology, and Stephen Gross, associate professor of history, delivered content for the course. Dakota Wicohan shared information about Dakota lifeways, language, and culture.

This Month in Photos:

- [1965 50th Reunion](#)
- [Alumni in the Archives](#)
- [Cougar Alumni Classic Golf Championship](#)

Accomplishments

Assistant Professor of Anthropology **Christina Ortiz**, Minnesota Literacy Council VISTA **Michael Peters '14**, **Ena Martinez '17**, Morris, and **Yessica Zuniga-Tepango '17**, Minneapolis, presented work at the 14th annual Cambio de Colores conference, hosted by the University of Missouri Kansas City. Their presentation, "Home on the Prairie - Service Learning as Inclusive Practice," explored campus partnerships with the Morris-area Latino community.

Mike Cihak, director of instructional and media technologies, was elected chairperson of the Southwest/West Central Higher Education Organization for Telecommunications and Technology (SHOT) during its annual meeting in June. SHOT is part of the six-region Minnesota Learning Network that serves 13 campuses of the University of Minnesota, Minnesota West and Community and Technical College, and Ridgewater College. Technology and services provided through this consortium include interactive television, desktop conferencing, and IP telephony.

In the News

The **Center for Small Towns** (CST) is the focus of stories in [MinnPost](#) and the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#). Reporter Greg Aamot discusses work done by CST to disprove the myth of rural decline in Minnesota.

Rebecca Dean, associate professor of anthropology, was featured on [KARE 11 News](#). Reporter Jay Olstad spoke with Dean about the work she and her students are doing to [restore the Boerner family cemetery](#) near Herman.

Cyrus Bina, distinguished research professor of economics, appeared on [The Real News Network](#) late last month. Bina joined producer Jessica Desvarieux and National Iranian American Council Policy Director Jamal Abdi to discuss the implications of moving deadlines in the context of the Iranian nuclear deal.

Joey Pirillo '09 is featured in a [story by the Manteca Bulletin](#). A former Cougar football player, Pirillo now coaches varsity football at Lathrop High School in Lathrop, California.

The [Pope County Tribune announced](#) **Bill Rutledge '86** will be inducted into the Minnewaska Laker Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2015.