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A weekly news digest for University of Minnesota, Morris faculty, staff, and students

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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Hosts 31st Annual Powwow**
- **Morris Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**
- **Buchanan and Pappenfus Receive Horace T. Morse Award**
- **Morris Microgrid Mentioned in *IEEE SmartGrid***

Featured Events

[Spring Children's Show: *Many Moons*](#)

Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts, Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre

[31st Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Powwow](#)

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

P.E. Center Gymnasium

Baseball vs Bethany Lutheran College (DH)

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.

at Morris

Baseball vs Bethany Lutheran College (DH)

Saturday, March 28, 4 p.m.

at Morris

Baseball vs Bethany Lutheran College

Sunday, March 29, 12 p.m.

at Morris

Softball vs Crown College (DH)

Monday, March 30, 3 p.m.

at Morris

Softball vs Crown College (DH)

Monday, March 30, 5 p.m.

at Morris

Celebrating Our Community Connections and Community Meal

Monday, March 30, 5–7:30 p.m.

Morris Area Elementary School (151 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

Concert Choir Concert

Monday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Baseball vs Crown College

Tuesday, March 31, 3 p.m.
at Morris

Cafe Scientifique

Tuesday, March 31, 6 p.m.
Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

French Poetry Reading Contest

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

World Touch Cultural Heritage Week Keynote Speech: “Who will walk the talk on climate justice? What comes after the Paris Climate Talks?”

Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

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

News and Announcements**[Morris Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#)**

This is the highest federal recognition an institution of higher education can receive for its community service work.

[Senior Exhibitions on Display in the Morrison Gallery](#)

The exhibits promise artwork covering a broad range of subject matter in a wide variety of media.

[Morris Hosts Elder in Residence Henry Boucha](#)

Morris is hosting retired NHL player Henry Boucha as the spring 2015 Elder in Residence. The Elder-in-Residence program is designed to foster the cultural, academic, and social support of American Indian students at the University of Minnesota, Morris. For more information on Boucha’s visit schedule, please [contact Gabe Desrosiers](#).

Upgrade News: Need to Know and Next Steps**What You Need to Know**

The Upgrade of PeopleSoft HR, Finance, and Student Systems will affect everyone University-wide. PeopleSoft and related systems will be unavailable or view-only April 10–20. Be prepared for limited or no access to these systems. Upgraded systems will launch on April 20. To prepare, please:

- take appropriate [education and training](#)
- review [The Upgrade Readiness Checklist](#)
- document favorite items and bookmarked [reports](#) in PeopleSoft

Faculty Go-To Sessions

The Morris campus has been invited to participate remotely in University-wide Faculty Go-To Sessions. There will be two opportunities to attend: Friday, March 27, (9–10 a.m.) or Thursday, April 2, (8:30–9:30 a.m.) in Humanities Fine Arts 7. Each session will cover:

- preparing for the cutover, April 10–20
- user support when The Upgrade goes live
- post go-live communications
- the Faculty Go-To toolkit

Faculty Learning Labs

The Office of the Registrar has scheduled the following Faculty Learning Labs during the cutover period:

Tuesday, April 14, 8:30–11:30 a.m., Science 2530

Wednesday, April 15, 1–3 p.m., Imholte Hall 11

Thursday, April 16, 1–3 p.m., Science 2530

Friday, April 17, 8:30–11:30 a.m., Imholte Hall 11

Learn More

To learn more about The Upgrade, contact a member of the [UM-Morris Advance Team](#) or visit [The Upgrade website](#).

[Nominations Sought: Student Leader Awards](#)

The deadline for student leader awards is approaching quickly. If you would like to nominate a student leader, please [submit your nomination](#) by Friday, April 3.

[2015–16 MAP Applications Due April 7](#)

In recognition of the value of academic employment to the intellectual development of students and of the opportunities thus provided to assist faculty in their work, the University of Minnesota, Morris will award non-renewable stipends to academically talented third-year students, naming them as Morris Academic Partners (MAPs). MAPs are to undertake assignments that enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study. Project [applications](#) must be submitted by Tuesday, April 7.

Nominations Sought: 5th Annual Alumni and Students Networking Event

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving seeks names of alumni to participate in the 5th annual Alumni and Students Networking Event on Friday, October 2. For more information, please [contact Erin Christensen](#).

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [CAC Convocations Presents: Piper Kerman](#)
- [Palm Springs Alumni Event](#)
- [2015 Juried Student Art Exhibition](#)
- [F-Word Conference 2015](#)

Accomplishments

[Sarah Buchanan](#), associate professor of French, and [Ted Pappenfus](#), professor of chemistry, are recipients of the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. The award honors faculty who excel in teaching, research, creative activities, advising, academic program development, and educational leadership. Buchanan and Pappenfus are the forty-second and -third Morris faculty members to receive the Horace T. Morse Award and two of eight recipients systemwide this year.

Work by **Michael Eble**, associate professor of studio art, will showcased by MacRostie Art Center next month. The gallery will host Eble's *Finding Flow* beginning Friday, April 3. These paintings reflect the complex dialogue between humans and natural bodies of water.

Ellery Wealot '16, Dodge Center, has been elected president of the Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) for the 2015–16 academic year. **Samuel Gill '16**, Northfield, has been elected MCSA vice president.

In the News

Massoud Amin, director of the University of Minnesota's Technical Leadership Institute, mentioned the construction of a microgrid at the **Morris campus** in a recent [interview with IEEE Smart Grid](#). "The project essentially serves as a living laboratory of our efforts to make the university a 'net zero' Smart Grid, one that produces as much energy as it consumes," Amin says.