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

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This is the final *Weekly Bulletin* of the academic year. The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, June 16, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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Featured Events

Final Exams

Wednesday, May 6–Thursday, May 7

Morris Campus

American Indian Honoring Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

Honors Recital

Friday, May 8, 5 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Honors and Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

[Commencement Ceremony](#)

Saturday, May 9, 1:30 p.m.

Campus Mall (Rainsite: P.E. Center Gymnasium)

May Session Begins

Monday, May 11

Morris Campus

Summer Session I Begins

Monday, May 18

Morris Campus

Come Grow With Us: Container Gardening

Wednesday, May 20, 5:15 p.m.

West Central Research and Outreach Center, Horticulture Display Garden

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 25

Morris Campus

May Session Ends

Friday, May 29
Morris Campus

[Rural Arts and Culture Summit](#)

Tuesday, June 2–Thursday, June 4
Morris Campus

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

News and Announcements

[Faculty and Staff Honored at 2015 Recognition Dinner](#)

The event provides an opportunity to congratulate award recipients and to thank retirees for their service.

[Morris Faculty Continue Academic Outreach](#)

Past and current Morris faculty stimulate academic discussion with adults and seniors.

Call for Posters and Save the Date: Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments

The fifth annual Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments, featuring scholarly accomplishments posters, will begin on Tuesday, November 10. This year's posters will highlight peer-reviewed (or equivalent) scholarly activity that took place between January 1 and December 31, 2014. Faculty, staff, and retirees are asked to choose a significant work from this time period that they would like highlighted and to [submit it for inclusion](#) by Thursday, September 3.

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [Recognition Dinner](#)
- [Spring Photos and Day of Fun](#)
- [MCSP Closing Dinner](#)
- [Celebration of Bill Stewart](#)

Accomplishments

Todd A. Olson '83 and **Dr. Richard Wehseler '91** have received the 2015 University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. The award honors alumni who make noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota, Morris will be listed on the [US EPA ENERGY STAR website](#) for its pledge to the ENERGY STAR Low Carbon IT Campaign. In addition to saving energy and money, the campus's commitment encourages others to save energy, ultimately reducing global warming.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, will meet with **Kathryn Sullivan Montovan '05** and her colleagues and students at Bennington College in Vermont. [Goodnough will deliver two public talks and host workshops](#) about the progress Morris has made to become a more sustainable campus and learn more about Bennington's efforts. He also will discuss models for changemaking and sustainability leadership.

Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, **Anna Pratt '15**, Shoreview, **Rachel Brockamp '17**, Bruno, **Megan Forcia '18**, New Brighton, **Sophie Bishop '17**, Zimmerman, Minnesota GreenCorps member **Faith Bradley**, and Sustainability Director **Troy Goodnough** attended the 2015 Student Engagement Leadership Forum on Sustainability, held April 24–25 on the Crookston campus. Students presented on their efforts to make sustainable change on campus and in the community.

In the News

The University of Minnesota, Morris is featured on the [Minnesota Pollution Control website](#). The campus is noted for its “winning approach to recycling” in sports facilities.

Morris also is mentioned in a recent [editorial](#) by the *Minnesota Daily*'s editorial board. The article discusses the Minnesota House of Representatives' higher education omnibus bill, which proposed to boost state funding for the University of Minnesota's Morris and Crookston campuses.

Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson appeared on [KMRS/KKOK's Community Connection](#) on Monday, May 4.

Sophie Bishop '17, Zimmerman, **Anna Pratt '15**, Shoreview, and **Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, are quoted in a [story by the Morris Sun Tribune](#). The story discusses work being done in Stevens County related to climate change and public awareness.

Jennifer Rothchild, associate professor of sociology, **Chris Butler**, teaching specialist, and **Satis Devkota**, assistant professor of economics, recently discussed the impact of the Nepal earthquake with the [Morris Sun Tribune](#). All three faculty members have deep personal and professional connections to the country.