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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, November 10, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).**

**In This Issue:**

- 5th Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments Opens
- Morris Leads the State in Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Three Cougar Teams Make It to UMAC Semi-Finals
- Cyrus Bina Interviewed by The Real News Network

**Featured Events**

**[Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar](#)**

Thursday, November 5, 4:30pm

John Q. Imholte Hall, 109

**[Morris Alumni and Students Pizza Ranch Night](#)**

Thursday, November 5, 5 p.m.

Morris Pizza Ranch

**[Performing Arts: Black Pack \(SELLOUT\)](#)**

Friday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**[CNIA Round Dance](#)**

Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

**[Employee Health and Benefit Fair](#)**

Monday, November 9, 11 a.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

**[David and Jean Johnson International Service Learning Scholarship Presentations](#)**

Monday, November 9, 5:30 p.m.

John Q. Imholte Hall, 109

**[Careers in Biology](#)**

Monday, November 9, 7 p.m.

John Q. Imholte Hall, 109

**[Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments](#)**

Tuesday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

**News**

**[Morris Leads the State in Effectiveness and Efficiency](#)**

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact has named the campus the statewide leader in both areas.

### [Barber Lecture Addresses Relationship between Education and Capitalism](#)

David Tse-Chien Pan, professor of German at the University of California, Irvine, will deliver the lecture.

### [Theatre Season Opens with \*The Normal Heart\*](#)

Directed by Professor of Theatre Arts Ray Schultz, the production runs November 12–14.

### [Enderton '02 Named Latterell Visiting Alumnus](#)

Daniel Enderton '02 will return to campus to discuss “A Career in Clean Energy Start-Ups.”

## Announcements

### Open Enrollment Begins

The Open Enrollment period for UPlan benefit-eligible employees continues through Monday, November 30. Benefit changes are effective on January 1, 2016. Plan to make your changes online through the MyU portal.

[Contact Sarah Mattson](#) for assistance and more information.

### Call for Nominations: UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award

UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award [nominations](#) are due Friday, November 27. The purpose of this award is to honor individual University of Minnesota, Morris faculty members for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. For more information, [keep reading](#) or [contact Elena Machkasova](#).

### You Are Invited: Deck the Halls with Nature

Take part in the next Come Grow with Us education class on bringing nature into the home for the holidays on Wednesday, November 18, from 12–1 p.m. in AgCountry Auditorium at the U of MN West Central Research and Outreach Center (46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN 56267). Admission is free.

### [This Week in Photos:](#)

- [2015 Jooinn Lee Lecture](#)
- [AIDS Quilt Opening Reception](#)
- [President Kaler Visit](#)

## Accomplishments

Three Cougar Athletics teams made it to Upper Midwest Athletic Conference Semi-Finals on Wednesday, November 4: [women's soccer](#) faced [St. Scholastica](#) in the morning, [men's soccer](#) took on [Wisconsin-Superior](#) in the afternoon, and [volleyball](#) hosted [Wisconsin-Superior](#) at 7 p.m. For the latest in Cougar sports news, check out [ummcougars.org](#).

**Jacob Gindt '16**, Woodbury, was named to the 2015 CoSIDA All-District Men's Soccer Team. Gindt has a 3.99 GPA and is majoring in political science, philosophy, and economics. Last season he was an All-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference First-Team player.

## In the News

**Cyrus Bina**, distinguished research professor of economics, participated in an [interview with The Real News Network](#). Bina discussed his most recent book.

**PZ Myers**, associate professor of biology, weighs in on *Humans Are Not from Earth* this week in [Metro UK](#).

The *Morris Sun Tribune* [discussed this year's enrollment](#) with Director of Admissions **Ben Iverson**. "The fact that we're holding pretty steady in a rural place like Morris is cause for celebration," he says.