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## Featured Events

### News

Military Friendly

### Announcements

#### This Week in Photos:

- [International Service Learning Day 2015](#)
- [Pizza Ranch Night 2015](#)

Campus Will Gather to Remember and Celebrate Laura Schwendemann

Members of the campus community are invited to join student leaders, friends, and family of **Laura Schwendemann '19, Starbuck** to remember her and to celebrate her part in our community. The gathering will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 5 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall Alumni Room. Schwendemann passed away on October 26. Purple ribbons of remembrance will be available in the Student Center with a card for her family throughout the day on Thursday.

Murphy Thanks Campus Community

**Rose Murphy**, associate administrator of the Center for Small Towns and instructional support for Summer Term, would like to extend her thanks to the campus community "for all of [its] support as [she] bid farewell to [her] Mom." "The plant was beautiful," she writes. "Your kindness has warmed my heart!"

### Accomplishments

Cushman Invited to Coach Team Stars & Stripes

**Robert Cushman**, head football coach, has been invited to coach Team Stars & Stripes in the seventh annual Tazón de Estrellas (Bowl of Stars) on Saturday, December 19, in Baja, Mexico. Cushman will be one of five coaches on staff for Team Stars & Stripes, which will be comprised of NCAA Division III players.

Students and Faculty Present Research in Colombia

**Tarlynn Tone-Pah-Hote '18**, Uncasville Connecticut, and **Natalia Batchenkova '16**, Morris, presented their research in Manizales, Colombia, over Fall Break. Batchenkova's talk was entitled "Brown-Rot Fungi as Potential Biotic Pretreatments for Cellulosic Ethanol Feedstocks." Tone-Pah-Hote's talk was entitled "Bamboo from the Island of Borneo (Malaysia): Species Characteristics and Cultural Implications of Bamboo Preservation." **Michael Ceballos**, assistant professor of biology, also delivered two talks in Colombia: one at La Universidad EAFIT in Medellin and a keynote address at La Universidad de Manizales in Manizales. All were invited by the Astrobiology Institute of Colombia (El Instituto de Astrobiología de Colombia).

### In the News

Burks Quoted by the *Huffington Post*

**Stephen Burks**, professor of economics and management, is quoted in a *Huffington Post* article, "[The Trucking Industry Is Struggling, But Maybe Not For Long.](#)" Burks speaks to the implications of a driver shortage on the United States trucking industry.

Kolaya Profiled by *Morris Sun Tribune*

**Chrissy Kolaya**, assistant professor of English, discusses her novel *Charmed Particles* in "[Family and physics part of debut novel from Morris author.](#)" Kolaya's novel is out this week from Dzanc Books.

Ng Featured on University and Faculty Senate Website

**Peh Ng**, professor of mathematics and chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics, is featured in a spotlight on the [University of Minnesota University and Faculty Senate website](#).