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News

[Three in Three: Morris Teaching Alumni Are Consecutive ISD 200 Teachers of the Year](#)
[University of Minnesota, Morris Teacher Education Program Nationally Accredited](#)
[VFW Creates Scholarship for Veterans and Families at the University of Minnesota, Morris](#)
[Pete Wyckoff and Timna Wyckoff Awarded Elite Science Policy Fellowships](#)
[Laura Borkenhagen Named UMAC Nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year](#)

Announcements

This Week in Photos

- [LGBTQIA2S+ Opening Reception](#)
- [EDI Opening Reception 2016](#)
- [First Day of Classes, Fall Semester 2016](#)
- [Activities Fair and UMMAA Ice Cream Social 2016](#)
- [Move In Day 2016](#)

Call for Submissions: Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments

Poster submissions are sought for the sixth annual Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments, a showcase of outstanding scholarly activity at Morris. Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, the Grants Development Office, and Briggs Library, this event is a popular tradition highlighting the activities of faculty, staff, and retirees. Scholarly accomplishments posters highlight peer-reviewed (or equivalent) scholarly activity that took place between January 1 and December 31, 2015. [Submit your poster information by](#) September 6. For more information, [contact Alisande Allaben](#), [Roger Wareham](#), or [LeAnn Dean](#).

Accomplishments

Morris Named a 2016–17 College of Distinction

The **University of Minnesota, Morris** has been named a [2016–17 College of Distinction](#). The campus is one of four Minnesota schools, and the state's only public institution, to be included on this year's list. According to editors of the college guidebook, Colleges of Distinction stand out for their "engaged students," "great teaching," "vibrant communit[ies]," and "successful outcomes."

Morris is a Finalist for 2016 Clean Energy Community Award

The city of Morris was selected as a finalist for the 2016 Clean Energy Community Award. The City as well as the collaborative "[Morris Model](#)" effort were recognized for statewide leadership in renewables and energy efficiency by the Minnesota Commerce Department. The Clean Energy Community Award recognizes work undertaken by Minnesota communities toward achieving the state's clean energy goals. The **University of Minnesota, Morris** has worked closely with the City and other local and statewide partners to help advance these efforts.

Kildegaard to Speak at Alumni Event

Arne Kildegaard, professor of economics and management and chair of the division of social science, will be a featured speaker at an all-university alumni event in Fergus Falls on September 27. Kildegaard will discuss "Technological Change, Competition, and Death Spirals: How the Renewable Energy Revolution Threatens Your Electric Utility."

Work by Kuchenreuther, Goemann, and Haverkamp Published in *The Loon*

"Secretive marsh bird surveys at Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge"—an article summarizing the research of **Margaret Kuchenreuther**, associate professor of biology, **Aaron Goemann '14**, and **Nathan Haverkamp '14** that estimated the population sizes and habitat uses of breeding marsh bird populations at Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge—was published in the most recent issue of *The Loon*. This publication is an outcome of their summer 2013 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program projects.

Wilson Takes Part in OU NSF Undergraduate Research Experience

Elsie Wilson '18, Mound, was one of 10 students nationwide to participate in The National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Program in Structural Biology at the University of Oklahoma. This summer program teaches students skills in laboratory research.

Fuller '17 Named Honorable Mention to CSDCAA Scholar All-America Team

Carissa Fuller '17, Zimmerman, was selected as an Honorable Mention to the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America team. Fuller stands out for her grade point average and athletic performance at the national level.

Work by Stermer '16 Stands Out at Audience Awards Adventure Shorts Film Festival

Pioneer intern **Brendan Stermer '16**, Montevideo, assisted Pioneer Public Television's *Postcards* team in making *Adventure Unknown*, an action-packed story about national wakeboard champion Alexa Score that became the top vote-getter in the 2016 Audience Awards Adventure Shorts Film Festival. The film will now be shown at the International Audience Awards Film Festival in April 2017. [Watch the video](#)

Athletics Announces 2016 Cougar Hall of Fame Inductees

Cougar Athletics is proud to announce inductees to the Cougar Hall of Fame Class of 2016:

- **Mari Sandom Destache '05**
- **Donnay Green '05**
- **Rebecca Witters Gunn '04**
- **Roger Schnaser '67**
- **Brad Svea '73**

This year's class will be inducted on Friday, October 7, at the 2016 [Distinguished Alumni Award and Cougar Hall of Fame Banquet](#), held in conjunction with [Homecoming](#).

Anderson and Gades Present at 2016 Minnesota eLearning Summit

Chlene Anderson, online learning coordinator, and **Pam Gades**, technology for teaching and learning coordinator, presented "Piloting a Remote Proctoring Service—Lessons Learned" at the 2016 Minnesota eLearning Summit in Minneapolis. Their presentation reviewed Morris's spring pilot study of RPNOW, a remote proctoring solution from Software Secure.

Hein Celebrates Recent Accomplishments

Pat Hein, executive office and administrative specialist, has made a quilt for the Green Prairie Community that is now on display. She also recently completed 2,000 miles at the Regional Fitness Center.

The Sustainability Advance Meets in Morris

In August sustainability staff members from across the University of Minnesota system met in Morris for their annual meeting, the Sustainability Advance. The group included **Troy Goodnough** (Morris Office of Sustainability), Mindy Granley (UMD Office of Sustainability), Dan Svedarsky and Rose Clarke (UMC Center for Sustainability), Shane Stennes and Stacey White (UMTC Sustainability), and Beth Mercer-Taylor and Mary Oldham Hannemann (U of M Institute on the Environment). The purpose of the Advance is to increase systemwide sustainability planning and engagement efforts and to further support the [U of M Board of Regents Policy on Sustainability and Energy Efficiency](#). [Earlier in the summer the Morris campus and the Office of Sustainable also hosted a visiting group of Australian students](#) as part of a study abroad course on sustainability research in Minnesota.

In the News

Koslowski '81 Talks about the Olympic Experience in the Star Tribune

Dennis Koslowski '81 is the subject of [a recent Star Tribune story](#). Koslowski wrestled at Morris before going on to win an Olympic bronze medal in Greco-Roman wrestling as a heavyweight in 1988 and a silver in 1992.

Evolution of Hardy's '01 Kidblog Discussed in Star Tribune

[Matt Hardy '01 discusses the evolution of his company, Kidblog, in the Star Tribune.](#)

Michels '92 Talks Shop with the Pioneer Press

Ann Michels '92 talks about her rise to Twin-Cities theatre stardom and her latest role in the *Saint Paul Pioneer Press's* [“Paint Your Wagon’s’ Ann Michels doesn’t need a backup job anymore.”](#)

Myers Quoted in Alphr

PZ Myers, associate professor of biology, and his skepticism over a successful human head transplant are mentioned in an [Alphr article on the anticipated procedure](#).

Vulin '99 Talks Trajectory in the Brainerd Dispatch

[Heather Kappes Vulin '99 talks about her journey from “decent’ athlete” to Division I head coach with the Brainerd Dispatch.](#)

Corbett to Take the Podium at HSO

[The Brainerd Dispatch reports that Alexander Corbett, assistant professor of music, is the new conductor and music director for the Heartland Symphony Orchestra.](#)

Haman '12 Mentioned in the Mille Lacs County Times

[The Mille Lacs County Times reports that Megan Haman '12 is playing professional women’s football for the Minnesota Vixen.](#) The team was the runner-up in the Independent Women’s Football League version of the Super Bowl.