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## News

### [Community Meal Brings Morris Together](#)

In 2009 Matthew Johnson '10 came up with the idea of hosting a community meal in Morris. The now-monthly event has been unifying the community ever since.

### [David Roberts to Study Unusual Polynomials with NSF Grant](#)

Roberts is in the early stages of his research for the NSF grant and is working with the intention to publish one or two papers on these special polynomials per year.

## Announcements

### **This Week in Photos**

- [Winter '16–17](#)
- [Yule Ball 2016](#)
- [English Senior Seminar Presentations](#)
- [Senior Banquet, Class of 2017](#)

### **Feedback Wanted: Campus Committee Alteration or Elimination**

[The Constitution Review Committee continues to solicit broader campus input on possible campus assembly committee alterations or eliminations.](#) The committee is seeking further input from Campus Assembly members and nonmembers before making any formal proposals regarding the number of committees in Morris's current governance structure. Please [submit your thoughts and responses](#) by December 31.

### **Save the Date: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**

The Office of Community Engagement will host the campus's 8th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a day to honor Dr. King's legacy of service, on Monday, January 16. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to join the Offices of Community Engagement and Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs, along with student organization and community partners, in this Day of Service. The day includes service projects as well as a march, program, community meal, and facilitated conversations about hopes for the Morris community. [Learn more and register](#)

### **Tech Fee Applications Sought**

Students, staff, and faculty members are invited to submit [technology fee applications](#) by Wednesday, February 15, at 4:30 p.m. Those submitting proposals may be asked to present at hearings on Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4. For more information, please [contact Ashiqul Alam](#). [Tech fee submission guidelines](#)

## Accomplishments

### **Loo Selected for AASHE Advisory Council**

**Clement Loo**, assistant professor of environmental studies, has been selected for a seat on the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Advisory Council. This council promotes and supports AASHE's growth and development and consists of leaders from higher education, business, nonprofit, and government sectors.

### **Anderson Named Firefighter of the Year**

[Jon Anderson, maintenance carpenter, has been named the 2016 Firefighter of the Year.](#) The honor acknowledges "performance beyond normal duties, appreciation of the work, having a positive impact, and being an all-around good person." Anderson has been a member of the fire department for nine years and currently serves as Ladder Captain.

In the News

**Olson-Loy Is “an Inspiration from the Minnesota Prairie”**

[Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy was recently profiled on Lauren Oujiri's blog.](#) Oujiri calls Olson-Loy “an inspiration from the Minnesota prairie.”

**Asche Talks Shopping Local with the *Morris Sun Tribune***

In the *Morris Sun Tribune* 's “[Shopping local pays off in community](#)” **Kelly Asche**, Center for Small Towns program coordinator, comments on a recent that explores the economic impact of increasing local buying.

**Esterling '78 Appears in “Board-Libs”**

**Tim Esterling '78** was featured in the latest installment of [the National Propane Gas Association \(NPGA\) Board of Directors' “Board-Libs.”](#) Esterling is responsible for trade show management at Westmor/Superior Industries and is NPGA's Conventions Committee chair.