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Morris Named to Victory Media’s 2017 Military Friendly® Schools List

Campus-Community Partnership Models Sustainable Innovation

Niigaan Sinclair to Discuss “How Indigenous Knowledge Will Save the World”

Announcements
This Week in Photos
  •  A Midsummer Night’s Dream
  •  MOCC

Accomplishments
Sotirova Earns “Top Dissertation” Honors
Nadezhda Sotirova, assistant professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, was recognized for writing the “Top Dissertation” for the Language and Social Interaction Division at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Work by Cihak and Ericksen Airing on Pioneer Public Television
The documentary When the Call Comes is airing this week on Pioneer Public Television. When the Call Comes is a production of the University of Minnesota, Morris and was produced, directed and edited by Director of Instructional and Media Technologies Mike Cihak and researched, written, and narrated by Assistant Professor of English David Ericksen. Interested audiences may tune in for this “story of volunteerism, commitment, and personal sacrifice of our community members to help those in time of need” on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

Morris Model Team Accepts Clean Energy Community Award
Morris Mayor Sheldon Giese, City Manager Blaine Hill ’87, Sustainability Director Troy Goodnough, and students Sophie Bishop ’17, McKenzie Dice ’19, and Sydney Bauer ’19 attended the Minnesota Clean Energy Community Awards ceremony on Thursday, November 10, at the Science Museum of Minnesota. The city of Morris, in close partnership with the University of Minnesota, Morris, was recognized with one of the five Achievement Awards given to communities across Minnesota. This was the inaugural award ceremony for this program.

In the News
Office for Public Engagement Profiles Morris Model
The University of Minnesota systemwide Office for Public Engagement profiled the Morris Model in its recent “Modeling Success” feature. According to Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, “the Morris Model is about our shared aspiration to be a model community in Minnesota and an international destination for clean energy and agriculture.”

Lindberg Talks Election 2016 with Politics in Minnesota Capitol Report
Tim Lindberg ’10, assistant professor of political science, responded to 2016 election results in the Politics in Minnesota Capitol Report feature “Election 2016: What does it all mean?”. One of six political science instructors from around Minnesota to give their take the morning after, Lindberg spoke to the trend of Minnesota’s rural districts turning more conservative over time.

Ahern to Be Remembered in Park Rapids
According to the Pilot-Independent, the CHI St. Joseph’s Hospice Care Light Up A Life Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in Park Rapids will honor the memory of Professor Emeritus Bert Ahern.