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## News

[Morris to Host Innovate! Teaching with Technology Conference](#)

## Announcements

### This Week in Photos

- [Winterfest](#)
- [Spring Festival 2017](#)
- [Governor's Town Hall Water Summit](#)

### University Responds to Executive Order on Immigration

University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler has issued a [response to President Trump's executive order on visas and immigration](#), which has generated confusion and fear as it impacts immigration procedures for students, refugees, immigrants, and permanent residents from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The situation continues to evolve, and University leaders will monitor it closely to determine its impact on members of the University community and to outline actions aligned with its distinctive mission and values of inclusion and diversity. If you have concerns for yourself or others, please contact [Hilda Ladner](#), associate vice chancellor for equity, diversity and intercultural programs, or [Ray LaGasse](#), assistant director of international programs.

### Call for Nominations: Spring Awards

The Functions and Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards. To learn more, please [contact Elena Machkasova](#), chair of the Functions and Awards Committee.

Bill and Ida Stewart Award for Ethnic Diversity

Who can nominate: faculty, P&A/USA staff, and students

Deadline: February 13

#### [Scholar of the College](#)

Who can nominate: faculty and P&A staff

Deadline: February 20

#### [Curtis H. Larson Award](#)

Who can nominate: faculty, P&A staff, and graduating seniors

Deadline: March 10

#### [Allen W. Edson Award](#)

Who can nominate: faculty, P&A staff, and Morris Campus Student Association leadership

Deadline: March 10

Morris Student Sustainability Champion and Leader Award

Who can nominate: faculty, P&A/USA staff, and students

Deadline: March 10

#### [Mary Martelle Award](#)

Who can nominate: faculty, P&A/USA staff, and students

Deadline: March 10

#### [Edith Rodgers Farrell Memorial Award for Undergraduate Research](#)

Who can nominate: faculty and P&A staff

Deadline: March 10

### You Are Invited: Growing Good Apples

The next Come Grow with Us class will be held on Wednesday February 15, at 12:15 p.m. at West Central Research and Outreach Center. Attendees will learn the basics of how to grow good apples in this region. Admission is free, and donations accepted.

#### **This Week on *Prairie Yard and Garden*...**

*Prairie Yard and Garden* will explore the latest science behind the design and function of shelterbelts on Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. on Pioneer Public Television. The 30-minute episode will be repeated on Saturday, February 4, at 4 p.m. and Monday, February 6, at 1 p.m. *Prairie Yard and Garden* is produced by Instructional Media Technologies in association with Pioneer Public Television. [Learn more](#)

#### Accomplishments

##### **Forty-five Cougars Earn Academic All-Conference Awards**

The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) announced its Academic All-Conference awards on Wednesday, January 25. [Forty-five Morris student-athletes earned the honor for their work in the classroom during the fall semester.](#)

#### In the News

##### **Governor Dayton's Town Hall Water Summit Makes Headlines**

Media outlets across the state—including the [Star Tribune](#), [Minnesota Farm Guide](#), [KMRS/KKOK](#), and the [Morris Sun Tribune](#)—covered the [Governor's Town Hall Water Summit](#), which took place on campus on Friday, January 27. Morris welcomed more than 400 local government leaders, farmers, students, environmental groups, and businesses, to focus on water challenges and solutions in Greater Minnesota.