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News
Morris Students Take Part in Support the U Day
Students from all five University of Minnesota campuses visited the Minnesota State Capitol to lobby the legislature for the U's 2017 budget request.

Morris Students Are “Leading the Renewables Revolution”
This spring William Kiehne ’17, Zachary Damond-Midnight ’18, Hannah Goemann ’17, and Theo Buysse ’17 visited Saerbeck, Germany, as part of the University of Minnesota's Leading the Renewables Revolution program.

Announcements
This Week in Photos
● STLF Spring Break Service Trip
● Community Coffee Receptions
● Performing the Liberal Arts: The Heretic

You Are Invited: DiversiTea
The Multi-Ethnic Experience Committee, the Multi-Ethnic Resource Center, and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee announce the annual DiversiTea event. This informal forum to discuss campus diversity issues will be held on Thursday, March 23, from 3–4:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall. Come for the whole time or to stop in for part of the conversation as your schedule permits. Light refreshments will be served.

Applications Sought: MAPs and MSAFs
● In recognition of the value of academic employment to the intellectual development of students and of the opportunities thus provided to assist faculty in their work, Morris will award non-renewable stipends to academically talented third-year students, naming them as Morris Academic Partners (MAPs); there also will be a limited number of MAPs that begin in the summer and continue through the student's junior academic year. MAP students are to undertake assignments that enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study. Applications must be submitted by Monday, March 27.

● In recognition of the value of academic employment to the intellectual development of students and of the opportunities thus provided to assist campus offices in their work, Morris also will award stipends to students who will serve as teaching assistants to sponsoring faculty or as interns in offices and programs on campus. Morris Student Administrative Fellows (MSAFs) will be awarded for substantive, academically enriching projects involving students in responsible managerial or technical positions working with faculty and staff mentors. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 10.

Contact Darla Peterson for more information.

MyU and Other Services Unavailable April 1–2
MyU, PeopleSoft applications, and other related online services such as APAS and Grad Planner will be unavailable due to system updates on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2. Service is expected to be restored by the afternoon of April 2. Receive details and updates during the outage at the Service Status website. For more information, contact Technology Help.

Feedback Requested: 2017 Information Technology Feedback Survey
Each year as part of the U of M IT Governance process the University seeks feedback on technologies used at the U of M and future technology needs. Please complete this short (5-10 minute) feedback survey and help shape the future of technology at the University of Minnesota.

New Catalog Available Online
The 2017–19 catalog is now available. Hard copies will be distributed to faculty and the academic divisions shortly.

Accomplishments
Kelsey Jopp ’16 Wins Kerlan Essay Award
Jopp’s "Creativity Gone to the Dogs: Rediscovering the Creative Process through Drafts of Kate DiCamillo’s Because of Winn Dixie" won her the prestigious prize.

SLAM Volunteers for the 2017 Pac-12 Women's Basketball Tournament
The Sport Leadership at Morris (SLAM) student group traveled to Seattle, Washington, to intern for the 2017 Pac-12 Women's Basketball Tournament. Mike Bryant, assistant professor of sport management, organized and accompanied Evan Guffey ’17, Jamaal Cummings ’17, Austin Peterson ’17, Taylor Burleson ’18, Meghan Foley ’19, Kia Kolbinger ’18, and Brandon Barras ’18 on the four-day trip. The group assisted with a variety of event management opportunities regarding support for participating teams, band and cheer squads, the media, fan engagement, and hospitality. In addition to working the event, SLAM also toured sport facilities and learned about sport graduate programs at the University of Washington as well as met and networked with several sport professionals representing both the college and professional levels of sport. The group earned high praise from some of the Pac-12's most influential leaders for their participation and efforts, which resulted in an invitation for Morris students to participate in future Pac-12 championship events in a similar capacity.

Critz ’83 Receives Kay E. Jacobs Memorial Award
The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) named Julie Critz ’83, superintendent of the Alexandria Public Schools, recipient of the 2017 Kay E. Jacobs Memorial Award. The award recognizes excellent leadership and involvement in MASA and other educational organizations by an administrator who is a woman with 10 or fewer years of school district central office experience. Critz was honored for her leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 9–10.

In the News
Morris is a “Top 10 School for History Buffs,” Says College Magazine
Morris is a “Top 10 School for History Buffs,” according to College Magazine. Editors note the campus’s Native American student population and tuition waiver as well as campus culture.

Work Co-Authored by Burks Cited in Quartz
Work co-authored by Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, is cited in Quartz’s “Companies benefit when their workers are cocky.” The working paper, it reports, “argues that worker overconfidence can benefit businesses, because workers who overestimate their own abilities are less likely to quit, which reduces turnover and saves on training and recruitment costs.”

Privratsky ’11 Appears on WCCO 4 News
Matt Privratsky ’11 discusses the benefits of electric cars in WCCO 4 News’s “Check Out The Only 2017 Chevy Bolt In The Upper Midwest.” Privratsky is the senior communications and government affairs specialist at Fresh Energy.

Larson ’72 Featured in the Star Tribune
Ron Larson ’72 is the subject of the Star Tribune’s “Reusse: Riveting stories abound with Anoka-Ramsey basketball players.” Larson is the head basketball coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

University Study Cited in Prairie Business
Grand Marais Mayor Jay Arrowsmith-DeCoux cited a **University of Minnesota, Morris** study when he discussed "**College loan aid as way to help Greater Minnesota**" with **Prairie Business**. Arrowsmith-DeCoux said the study shows "young people are desiring to move back to their hometowns."

**Olson-Skog '97 To Lead ISD 197**
Minnesota's Independent School District 197 announced that [Peter Olson-Skog '97](#) has been selected to lead the district as the next Superintendent of Schools. Olson-Skog had been the assistant superintendent for Roseville Area Schools, leading the district's Department of Teaching and Learning.

**Woods '05 Featured in Dental Professional Advisory Committee Newsletter**
LCDR Anna Haseman Woods '05 is featured in the latest Dental Professional Advisory Committee Newsletter's "Junior Officer Spotlight." Woods is a staff dental officer with the Indian Health Services.

**Olson-Loy Quoted in the Morris Sun Tribune**
Sandra Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs, is quoted in the **Morris Sun Tribune**'s "Residents gather to say time to end domestic violence." Olson-Loy took part in a March 7 gathering "to remind the region that domestic violence happens here and it needs to stop."

**Goodnough Talks Compost in the Morris Sun Tribune**
Troy Goodnough, director of sustainability, is quoted in a **Morris Sun Tribune** report about the county's search for a Minnesota GreenCorps member. The county is seeking a GreenCorps member to work on waste reduction strategies as part of the county's solid waste management plan; Goodnough discussed the campus's organic compost program at a meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners.

**Morris Projects Featured This Week on Pioneer Public Television**
Retired dance instructor [Ferolyn Angell](#)’s autobiographical dance film will be featured on **Postcards**—Pioneer Public Television's weekly regional art, culture, and history program—on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. The Venus flytrap and other specialty plants will be featured on the **Prairie Yard and Garden** on Pioneer Public Television on Thursday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 25, at 4 p.m.; and Monday, March 27, at 1 p.m. A 30-minute television show about gardening in the upper Midwest, **Prairie Yard and Garden** is produced by **Instructional and Media Technologies** in association with Pioneer Public Television.