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October Soup and Substance To Explore Disable Bias

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 22, 2015)—The University of Minnesota, Morris will host its second Soup and Substance discussion of the semester on Thursday, October 29, at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Moccasin Flower Room. This discussion, “Disable Bias: Creating a Positive Culture for Disabilities,” will honor Disability Awareness Month. The event is designed to provide an open forum for members of the Stevens County and campus communities to discuss issues of local, regional, national and international importance.

The October Soup and Substance will explore how people’s disabilities are seen as inspiration to those who do not have a disability. This topic stems from Stella Young’s Ted Talk that focuses on the stigmas surrounding disabilities. The campus Disability Alliance will partner with the Office of Community Engagement to facilitate a conversation on how stigmas impact those with disabilities, whether on this campus or society in general. There will also be a discussion on actions people can take within the community to face this issue head on.

Soup and Substance—so named for its pairing of a delicious free meal with meaningful dialogue—is open to all members of the community to share their experiences and perspectives. The event is intended to provide a space in which all voices can be heard, including those that are sometimes marginalized. The discussions are facilitated by a group of community and campus experts who have direct experience with the discussion topic. Soup and Substance is sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Engagement at 320-589-6457 or engagmnt@morris.umn.edu.

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