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17 UMN Morris Faculty and Staff Honored

Seventeen University of Minnesota Morris faculty and staff members were honored at the annual Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, April 23. Hosted by Chancellor Michelle Behr, the event provided the campus community a chance to congratulate faculty and staff award recipients and to thank retirees for their service to the campus.

Award Winners

Faculty Distinguished Research Award

Keith Brugger, professor of geology, Division of Science and Mathematics

University of Minnesota Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award

[Stephen Gross, associate professor of history, Division of the Social Sciences, and UMN Morris archivist](#)

Morris Academic Staff Award

Tim Grove, head women's basketball coach and assistant director of athletics

Mary Martelle Memorial Award

Angie Senger, transfer specialist, Office of the Registrar

Outstanding Support Staff Awards

AFSCME Recipient

Laura Thielke, gift accounting specialist, Office of Advancement

Civil Service Recipient

Angela Berlinger, wellbeing health coach, Office of Human Resources

Teamster Recipient

Michael Kopel, gardener, Facilities Management

Minnesota Campus Compact Awards: Faculty/Staff Community Engagement

Tom Genova, assistant professor of Spanish, Division of the Humanities

University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service

Tammy Berberi, interim director, Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs

Retirees

- William Eiler (Bill), operations supervisor, Facilities Management
- Pieranna Garavaso, professor of philosophy, Division of the Humanities
- Marilyn Gremmels, principal accounts specialist, Dining Services
- Nancy Helsper, director of institutional research, Institutional Effectiveness and Research
- Diane Kill, student services specialist, One Stop Student Services

- Deb Mahoney, Food Service worker and pianist, Dining Services
- Leslie Meek, professor of psychology, Division of the Social Sciences
- Darla Kay Peterson, dean's assistant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean

Retirees were welcomed into the UMN Morris Retirees Association (UMMRA). Learn more at ummra.morris.umn.edu.

Pictured, back row, left to right: Bill Eiler, Laura Thielke, Tim Grove, Leslie Meek, Keith Brugger, Michael Kopel, Stephen Gross. Front row, left to right: Tammy Berberi, Angela Berlinger, Darla Peterson, Nancy Helsper, Pieranna Garavaso, Diane Kill, Deb Mahoney, Angie Senger

[See photos from the event](#)