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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Bina Book Publication Celebration
Wednesday, May 1, 5 p.m.
LaFave House

Dakota Iapi Teunhindapi: We all Cherish the Dakota Language
Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Christopher Cole, "Forest Genomics: Growth, Defense, and the Evolution of a Major Biochemical Pathway"
Thursday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Choir Concert
Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Hall

Last Day of Instruction
Friday, May 3
Morris Campus

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Friday, May 3, 5-8 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church (108 West 8th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

University Choir Concert
Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Masquerade Dance
Friday, May 3, 10 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Study Day
Saturday, May 4
Morris Campus

**Breakfast for Dinner Improv Show**
Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Final Exams**
Monday, May 6, through Thursday, May 9
Morris Campus

**Commission on Women Spring Celebration**
Tuesday, May 7, 11:30 a.m.
LaFave House

Check out all of the campus events.

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**News and Announcements**

**Morris Campus to Celebrate its 50th Commencement**

Nearly 350 students will receive their degrees during the 50th Commencement on Saturday, May 11. The ceremony will take place on the campus mall at 1:30 p.m. United States Senator Al Franken will provide the graduation address.

**Studio Art Students Collaborate with Wetlands District**

Students in Associate Professor of Studio Art Michael Eble’s painting class have worked with Styron Bell of the Morris Wetland Management District to better understand both the Minnesota prairie and the grasses that compose it. These students will collaboratively produce a series of paintings for the Wetlands District as their final project of the semester.

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**Accomplishments**

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Board of Directors has selected three individuals to receive the 2013 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award. These recipients are: **James “Doc” Carlson ’65**, professor emeritus of music, **Mathew J. LeFebvre ’87**, professor of costume design at the University of Minnesota, and **Ann Michels ’93**, actress/singer with The George Maurer Group.

**The Spanish Discipline** has been approved for a charter membership in **Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate
Hispanic Honor Society. **Fourteen students** were inducted as active members, while **four faculty members** were inducted as honorary members. **Thomas C. Turner**, professor emeritus of Spanish, was initiated into the Order of the Discoverers, one of the highest honors of Sigma Delta Pi.

**Ray Schultz**, associate professor of theatre arts, will perform Steve Lawson's solo performance piece *Blanche and Beyond: The Selected Letters of Tennessee Williams* on Friday, May 10, in the University of Minnesota Rarig Center’s Xperimental Theatre. The performance is sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study (AIS) and is made possible through generous funding by the University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship program, the University of Minnesota Imagine Fund Annual Faculty Award program, and the University of Minnesota, Morris Faculty Research Enhancement Funds program. Schultz is an AIS residential faculty fellow this spring.

**Laura Thielke ’95**, executive accounts specialist, External Relations and Fund Development, received a scholarship from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's Labor Education Service to attend their Minnesota Union Women's Retreat, held April 24-26. Guest speakers included Karen Lewis of the Chicago Teachers' Union and Sohely Rua from National Union School, Medellin, Colombia. Thielke networked with leaders in a variety of careers and visited with friends, including **Amy Selvius ’98**.

**In the News**

The **University of Minnesota, Morris**’s energy advances were discussed on Minnesota Public Radio’s *The Daily Circuit* on Monday, April 29. Massoud Amin, professor of electrical and computer engineering and director of the Technological Leadership Institute at the University of Minnesota, commended Morris for its use of on-site wind turbines to generate electricity.