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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, October 13, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

In This Issue:

- Gary Segura to Deliver Jooinn Lee Lecture
- Green Prairie Community Wins B3 Award
- Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Attend Prairie Festival
- Mike Vandenberg '03 Praised by *Trains Magazine*

Featured Events

[HHMI-REU Night](#)

Thursday, October 8, 7 p.m.
Science Building, 2190

[Home Free A Capella Workshop](#)

Friday, October 9, 1 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Building, 160

[Sold-Out Performance: Home Free](#)

Friday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

[2015 Festival of Spanish Language Cinema](#)

Saturday, October 10, 2 p.m.
Morris Theatre

[Women's Soccer vs University of Wisconsin River Falls](#)

Sunday, October 11, 2:30 p.m.
Morris, Minn.

[Campus Assembly](#)

Monday, October 12, 4:30 p.m.
Science Building, 2950

[Choir Popcorn Concert](#)

Monday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

[Men's Soccer vs Bethel University](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 3 p.m.
Morris, Minn.

[Guest Artist - The Rose Ensemble](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Building, 160

[Briggs Library Associates Book Sale](#)

Wednesday, October 14, 12 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

[Jooinn Lee Lecture](#)

Wednesday, October 14, 7 p.m.
John Q. Imholte Hall, 109

[Check out all of the campus events.](#)

News and Announcements

[Morris's Green Prairie Community Wins B3 Award](#)

The award recognizes eco-friendly initiatives in energy, water, and recycling techniques performed by state buildings in Minnesota.

[Internationally Renowned Artist Speaks at Morris](#)

On the eve of her visit, Marylyn Dintenfass reflects on her trip to Morris, its importance to the community, and her advice for emerging artists.

[This Week in Photos:](#)

- [Homecoming 2015](#)
- [Alumni and Students Networking Day](#)

Accomplishments

Morris students, faculty, staff, and alumni attended the The Land Institute's Prairie Festival in Salina, Kansas, September 25–27. They heard from scientists, theologians, artists, and activists about their shared vision to develop an agricultural system with the ecological stability of the prairie and a grain yield comparable to that from annual crops. Students traveling included: **Alexandra Benjamin '18**, Isanti, **Rachel Brockamp '17**, Bruno, **Sam Daniewicz '16**, Woodbury, **Abbey Dickhudt '19**, Mankato, **Katherine Duram '18**, Cambridge, **Megan Jacobson '17**, Bloomington, **Katie Ledermann '17**, Mahtomedi, **Marcy Prince '17**, Madison, Wisconsin, **Austin Tipper '18**, Palatine, Illinois, **Martin Zais '15**, Cumberland, Wisconsin. Faculty and staff included: **Margaret Kuchenreuther**, associate professor of biology, **Sheri Breen**, associate professor of political science, **Clement Loo**, assistant professor of environmental studies, **Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, and **Adrienne Conley**, LGBT programs coordinator and Residential Life. Alumnae **Grace Geier '14** and **Naomi Wente '13** also attended. The Sustainability Leaders for the Future program provided funds for Fellows Brockamp, Prince, Tipper, Breen, Loo, and Conley to attend the festival. The Sustainability Leaders for the Future program is supported by a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.

Melissa Swenson Baker '05, a Newport High School teacher, [was recognized as the 2015 Educator of the Year](#) at the Micro Nano Technology Conference held by Seattle's Hub for Industry-Driven Nanotechnology Education. Baker teaches nanotechnology at Newport.

In the News

Mike Vandenberg '03 was praised in [Trains magazine](#) and the [Morris Sun Tribune](#). According to *Trains*, Vandenberg "is credited with averting a potential collision between a BNSF Railway oil train and construction equipment fouling the track in a downtown [Morris] area."

Sister **Mara Rutten '94** is the focus of a [story by *Stryk*](#). Rutten recently joined the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic after making the decision to leave her position in federal law enforcement at the height of her career.