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Campus Responds to Orlando Shooting

In a [message following the June 12 Orlando shooting](#), Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson encouraged the campus community “to model and to create here the kind of community we aspire to.”

A community vigil is planned for Wednesday, June 15, in Louie's Lower Level, Student Center, at 4:30 p.m. to honor the lives lost in the shooting. During the gathering members of the campus community will share a few brief words, a statement from members of Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality, and a reading of the victims' names. Counseling personnel will be available to provide support for those wanting to process.

Chancellor Update

University of Minnesota President Eric W. Kaler has announced the immediate re-launch of the search for Morris's next chancellor. Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson, who was expected to step down July 1, has agreed to remain in her role through at least the fall 2016 semester.

Volunteers Needed: Twin Cities Pride Festival

The Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs will again host a booth at the annual Twin Cities Pride Festival, June 25–26 in Loring Park. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to help at the booth during the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, [register online](#) or [email Hilda Ladner](#).

This Month in Photos

- [WCSA Garden Planting](#)
- [Saints 2016](#)
- [Commencement 2016](#)
- [Honors and Awards 2016](#)
- [American Indian Honoring Ceremony](#)
- [International Graduate Reception](#)

Accomplishments

Sleep Apnea Study Continues to Attract Attention

[A recent study led by Morris faculty, staff, and student researchers](#) was selected by the [American Thoracic Society \(ATS\)](#) as the subject of the June 8 discussion of its monthly [online journal club for its membership group devoted to Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology](#). A junior medical member of ATS presented the paper, after which there was discussion and a question-and-answer session with study authors Professor of Economics and Management **Stephen Burks**, Professor of Statistics **Jon Anderson**, and Charles Czeisler (Baldino Professor of Sleep Medicine, Harvard Medical School).

McPhee Publishes Book Chapter

Nic McPhee, professor of computer science, published the book chapter “Lexicase selection for program synthesis: a diversity analysis” in *Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XIII* with co-authors T. Helmuth and L. Spector.

Pappenfus, Bashir '14, Gerold '16, and Granaas '16 Publish Paper

Ted Pappenfus, professor of chemistry, published “Synthesis, characterization, and electronic properties of a thermally-labile isoindigo” in the *Journal of Molecular Structure* with alumni **Abdala Bashir '14**, **Blake Gerold '16**, and **Paul Granaas '16**.

Waye, Smith '16, and Dalman '16 Publish Paper

Heather Waye, associate professor of biology, and alumni **Zachary Smith '16** and **Nathan Dalman '16** published “*Ambystoma tigrinum* (Eastern Tiger Salamander Diet)” in the *Journal of Herpetological Review*.

Roberts Publishes Collaborative Research

David P. Roberts, professor of mathematics, published “Mixed degree number field computations” and “Serre weights and wild ramification in two-dimensional Galois representations” from his collaborative research with colleagues from Imperial College London, University of Warwick, and Arizona State University.

Robotics Team Places First at MICS 2016

The Computer Science Discipline's robotics team—**Sean Stockholm '16**, **Joseph Thelen**, and **Thomas Harren '16**—shared first-place honors at the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium (MICS) 2016 robotics competition in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in late spring.

Israels-Swenson is an ACUI Regional Director

David Israels-Swenson, director of student activities, has been elected the Association of College Unions International Region V director. One of [four newly elected volunteer directors](#), he will officially take office at the regional conference later this year but will join the team of current regional directors to begin training and planning in July.

In the News

Morris Mentioned on White House Blog

According to the [White House blog](#), **Morris** is “leading the clean-energy transformation.” The campus is one of 12 inaugural participants in Campus Cleantech Pilots, a new effort by the Climate Leadership Network, Clean Energy Trust, and Second Nature to accelerate clean-energy technology commercialization by opening universities as first-of-a-kind testing and demonstration platforms for startups.

Truckers & Turnover's OSA Paper Continues to Draw Press Attention

[A recent study by Morris faculty, staff, and student researchers](#) is the lead story in the [Spring 2016 edition of Roadway Safety Institute News](#). This is the 44th news-related story in the press and on the web about this paper.

Norman '98 Makes Twin Cities Metro Headlines

Ravi Norman '98 is making headlines throughout Twin Cities media. [The Minneapolis Star Tribune ran a story on his Smart Homes development project](#), and [the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal named him a member of its inaugural class of Most Admired CEOs](#).

Schliep '07 Talks Water Quality with MPR

Minnesota Health Department Compliance Engineer **Anna Schliep '07** was quoted in a series of Minnesota Public Radio stories on Minnesota's drinking water. She speaks to the [complexity of removing lead pipes from city streets](#) and [safety-guideline compliance in Minnesota's public schools](#).

Morris's Model for Renewable Energy Progress Discussed in *Midwest Energy News*

Midwest Energy News reports on the [collaboration between the City of Morris, the Morris campus, and Eutectics LLC to make Morris fully powered by renewable energy within a decade.](#)

Chancellor Johnson to Discuss Liberal Learning on *Compass*

Chancellor **Jacqueline R. Johnson** will discuss the role liberal arts colleges play in the formation and development of communities throughout Minnesota on [Pioneer Public Television's *Compass*](#) on Sunday, June 19, at 12:30 p.m. Chancellor Johnson will speak to some of the unique scholarship programs that are available to students at Morris.

Morris Mentioned in *Muenstersche Zeitung*

Morris is mentioned in [Muenstersche Zeitung's "Virtual conversation with Morris."](#) Members of the campus community will join a delegation to Saerbeck, Germany—with whom the city of Morris has a signed cooperation agreement—in early July.

Asche Appears in Opinion Piece

Kelly Asche, program coordinator for the Center for Small Towns, is mentioned in an opinion piece in [Rochester's *Post-Bulletin*](#) and the [Crookston *Times*](#). Asche recently told an economic summit that “most of our rural areas are actually gaining population.”

Faribault Daily News Reports Shiels '82 Induction into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

The *Faribault Daily News* reports that [Tim Shiels '82 has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.](#)

Duluth Budgeteer News Reports that O'Leary '01 Received Gold Star Teaching Award

The *Duluth Budgeteer News* reports that [Aaron O'Leary '01 has received the Goldfine Gold Star Teacher Award for his work at Lincoln Park Middle School.](#)

Holum '95 Wins Star Excellence Award According to *Hudson Star-Observer*

The *Hudson Star-Observer* reports that [Jami Holum '95 has received the Star Excellence Award](#) from the Education Foundation of Hudson for her work as a biology teacher at Hudson High School.

Advocate Tribune Says Sarah Howes '02 Performs with YME Choir

The *Advocate Tribune* reports that [Sarah Howes '02 performed with the Yellow Medicine East High School Chamber Choir.](#)

Chancellor Johnson's Final Commencement in the *Morris Sun Tribune*

The *Morris Sun Tribune* ran a story on [Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson's last commencement at Morris.](#)

DuHamel the Subject of a Story on “Symphony from Scandinavia”

The *Morris Sun Tribune*, the *Pope County Tribune*, and Alexandria's *Echo Press* featured a [story on Ann DuHamel, head of keyboard studies, and her involvement with the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra's “Symphony from Scandinavia.”](#)

Morris Sun Tribune Profiles International Students

The *Morris Sun Tribune* highlights [the experiences of graduating international students Huiting Ma '16, Shingo Yamane '16, and Alex Kachan '16.](#)

Lehmann '16 Tells her Story in the *Morris Sun Tribune*

[Karisa Lehmann '16 writes about the unexpected benefits of studying and working in Morris.](#) Her story was featured in the *Morris Sun Tribune*, where Lehmann interned during her final semester on campus.