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News

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Announcements

This Week in Photos

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Accomplishments

Sotirova Earns "Top Dissertation" Honors

Nadezhda Sotirova, assistant professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, was recognized for writing the "Top Dissertation" for the Language and Social Interaction Division at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Work by Cihak and Ericksen Airing on Pioneer Public Television

The documentary *When the Call Comes* is airing this week on [Pioneer Public Television](#). *When the Call Comes* is a production of the **University of Minnesota, Morris** and was produced, directed and edited by Director of Instructional and Media Technologies **Mike Cihak** and researched, written, and narrated by Assistant Professor of English **David Ericksen**. Interested audiences may tune in for this "story of volunteerism, commitment, and personal sacrifice of our community members to help those in time of need" on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

Morris Model Team Accepts Clean Energy Community Award

Morris Mayor Sheldon Giese, City Manager **Blaine Hill '87**, Sustainability Director **Troy Goodnough**, and students **Sophie Bishop '17**, **McKenzie Dice '19**, and **Sydney Bauer '19** attended the Minnesota Clean Energy Community Awards ceremony on Thursday, November 10, at the Science Museum of Minnesota. [The city of Morris, in close partnership with the University of Minnesota, Morris, was recognized with one of the five Achievement Awards given to communities across Minnesota.](#) This was the inaugural award ceremony for this program.

In the News

Office for Public Engagement Profiles Morris Model

The University of Minnesota systemwide Office for Public Engagement profiled the **Morris Model** in its recent ["Modeling Success" feature](#). According to **Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, "the Morris Model is about our shared aspiration to be a model community in Minnesota and an international destination for clean energy and agriculture."

Lindberg Talks Election 2016 with Politics in Minnesota Capitol Report

Tim Lindberg '10, assistant professor of political science, responded to 2016 election results in the *Politics in Minnesota Capitol Report* feature ["Election 2016: What does it all mean?"](#). One of six political science instructors from around Minnesota to give their take the morning after, Lindberg spoke to the trend of Minnesota's rural districts turning more conservative over time.

Ahern to Be Remembered in Park Rapids

According to the *Pilot-Independent*, the [CHI St. Joseph's Hospice Care Light Up A Life Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in Park Rapids will honor the memory of Professor Emeritus Bert Ahern.](#)