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For Alumni, Parents, and Friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF
JACK IMHOLTE

OUR
PLACE
IN THE
WORLD

Our difference
is our
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STRENGTH

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As spring finals week 2014 rolled around students relieved stress by playing on a set of college-sized bouncy games in Oyate Hall.

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Cover photo: Keni Zenner '12 and Paul Cortes pose for *Estar in el Prairie*, a student-led photo project that documents Latino migration and fosters communication in west central Minnesota. See page 14 for more information. Photo by Nic McPhee, professor of computer science.

Message from Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson

My inaugural remarks from April 2007 were titled “In the middle of everywhere, on the edge of tomorrow.” In part, I intended these remarks to counter the apologetic way in which people who live in small towns distant from urban centers refer to their communities, describing them as “in the middle of nowhere.” In the seven years that have passed since I made those remarks, Morris has taken its place even more fully in the middle of everywhere.

This issue of *Profile* speaks to the ways in which campus members are interacting with the world and illuminates our active participation in the 21st-century global community. It includes a story on the ways in which Morris students, faculty, and staff have reached out to and benefited from their interactions with the local and growing Latino community. It also features recent recipients of the David C. Johnson Award for International Service Learning.

In her 2001 book, *Middle of Everywhere*, Mary Pipher documents the transformation of Lincoln, Nebraska, and small towns in the Midwest by the arrival of new Americans. These recent immigrants, like their 19th-century counterparts, believe in the American Dream and bring their own particular interpretation of it to their new homes. Just so, we are witness to this transformation here in western Minnesota, in communities like Morris and Hancock and Willmar. And it's no surprise that Morris students, faculty, and staff, with their interest in community involvement and engagement, have reached out to these new immigrants to facilitate their transition and, in turn, to be enriched by what they learn from them. You will learn more about that here in the piece on Morris's Jane Addams project.

Morris students participate in the global community in another way with help from generous donors like Chancellor Emeritus David C. Johnson, whose gift supports students in international travel geared toward service. Using their own ambition and ingenuity, Morris students travel to distant parts of the globe to live, learn, and expand their horizons beyond this college campus. These international experiences sharpen students' knowledge of their own culture as well as their understanding of self and other and prepare them well for their futures.

And Morris students can encounter the diversity of the global community simply by staying in place. Today nine percent of Morris students are international, coming from around the world to live and learn on this campus on the edge of the prairie. The world of tomorrow is here today on the Morris campus—present in the students who come here and present in the journeys they take while they study here. Far from being on the edge of global experiences, Morris students are, in fact, in the middle of them.





Amy; Sienna '14, Saint Anthony Village; and Todd Nesser. Sienna received the Scholar of the College Award, the Natalie Benoit Memorial Award, and the Sustainability Award.

Celebrating Student Accomplishments

In May family and friends gathered to recognize outstanding students at the annual Honors and Awards ceremony. Held each year on the evening prior to Commencement, the event has become an esteemed tradition on the Morris campus.

Honors span the breadth of student achievement at Morris. Representing each of the academic divisions as well as the areas of athletics, public service, cultural contribution, and community engagement, many of the awards given are made possible by generous philanthropic support.

Providing an opportunity for faculty and staff members, families, friends, and donors to commend extraordinary Morris students, Honors and Awards is just one of several celebratory occasions that culminate the academic year. For more photos of this event and other Commencement activities, please turn to page 11.

“Dear friends,
look at what
you have made
possible.”

—Maddy Maxeiner '76,
vice chancellor for
external relations



Elizabeth Pappenfus '14, Farmington, recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, with Sherie Brand.



Recipients of the Brion Dalager Memorial Award pose with donor Vicki Dalager. From left to right: Philip Golde '15, Alexandria; Ellen Henningsgaard '15, Rosemount; Dalager; Brittani Klaverkamp, '15, Saint Augusta; Anthony Bannach, '14, Lomira, Wisconsin.

Giving to Morris

In partnership with the University of Minnesota Foundation, 100 percent of all gifts designated to Morris are received by and invested in the Morris campus. The Foundation serves as the legal, charitable entity for the University system.

The Morris campus welcomes all forms of financial gifts in any amount in support of its mission and in pursuit of strategic goals. There are many ways to give, and we are happy to assist you in determining the best way based on your individual situation. Read “Ways to Give” at morris.umn.edu/givetomorris, then contact a development team member for a personal consultation.

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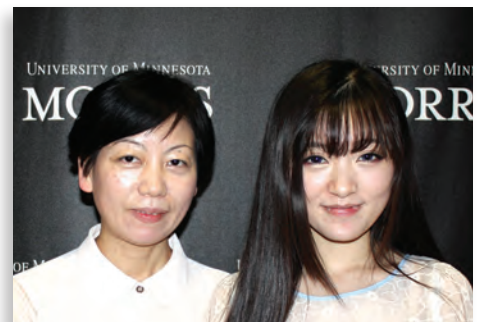
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Fan Yang '14, Heifei, China, recipient of the Scholar of the College Award, with Caoziao Feng.

EMPOWERED TO ACT ON A GLOBAL STAGE

In 2000 Chancellor Emeritus David Johnson established the David C. Johnson Award for International Service Learning to help deserving students participate in meaningful volunteer opportunities in developing countries around the world. Last year three students received the award; their goals and discoveries serve as testaments to the spirit and significance of the scholarship.



AMANDA HOUSE '13

Destination: Shiwakucha, Ecuador

Project goals: Teaching English to Kichwa children in the Amazon Rainforest

"I had to change the ways I lived; by doing this I changed my views on life, and I look at the life I grew up with as a luxury. I have also become an activist for the rainforest...With my experience in Ecuador, I am able to help my students now from a more global perspective."



MICHAEL PETERS '14

Destination: Shanghai, China

Project goals: Working with residents of an assisted living home, instructing migrant children, and volunteering at The Renewal Center for Shanghai's homeless population

"These experiences each gave me a unique view of different sides of life in Shanghai that I might not have seen otherwise. Interacting with everyday people in different settings from the classroom gave me a different perspective on life in China, and I hope to use that when I go back."



MARCI SANCHEZ '14

Destination: Nanyuki, Kenya

Project goals: Putting a stop to child sexual assault and promoting female autonomy in a culturally sensitive way

"I worked as an advocate for [girls'] basic human rights and needs, and in many instances, had to change my worldview quite a bit. With my experience in Kenya I am impassioned to go forward and apply my degree in anthropology to activism and human-rights development."

Editor's Note: Based on the accomplishments of the 2013 recipients, one can only expect great things from those who accepted the award late this spring. Congratulations, Grace Lindblad '15, Morris; Ellery Wealot '15, Dodge Center; and Jordan Wentz '15, Dodge Center.



Saying Goodbye to a Native Son

“History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it.”
—Winston Churchill

For 40 years Chancellor Emeritus John (Jack) Q. Imholte played an integral role in the creation and operation of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Imholte was instrumental in establishing Morris as a celebrated public liberal arts institution, and he remained a proponent of the campus until his death in April 2014. Both his easy demeanor and unwavering support are missed by the campus community.

One of Morris’s 13 original faculty members, Imholte was later named division chair, dean, and chancellor. Among his many accomplishments were the creation of the Minority (now Multi-Ethnic) Student Program, the development of study abroad opportunities, and the integration of student voices into campus governance. Under Imholte’s leadership, the campus also attracted outstanding faculty and secured national recognition. Perhaps most importantly, ideals now considered tenets of the Morris experience—excellent undergraduate academics and a friendly, egalitarian campus community—can be traced back to Imholte’s tenure.

Imholte also reinforced Morris’s position within the larger University of Minnesota system. As a fledgling liberal arts college (and a public one at that), Morris was plagued with budget constraints and limited visibility early on. Yet Imholte strove to create an effective setting for the kind of undergraduate education he and his colleagues envisioned by refining idealistic aspirations for the new campus and grounding those aspirations in the economic realities of being a small part of a large university. To do so he focused local resources while drawing on extensive University connections to advance campus causes at the highest system-wide levels.

“The years during which he kept the campus on a steady course toward excellence allowed Morris to mature into the

outstanding undergraduate liberal arts college that it is today,” says Elizabeth S. Blake, dean and vice chancellor emeritus. “However much he would like his own contributions to remain out of the limelight, the fact is that Morris thrives today on principles nurtured under his direction.”

As Imholte’s close colleague, Blake knew him better than most. In her eyes, there was a striking contrast between his low-key scholarly style and the senior administrative position he occupied. His consistent, amiable leadership, however, served the campus well in its formative years.

“Jack was a modest, loyal son of Minnesota, an unselfish human being of the utmost integrity who served without ambition or ego involvement, devoting himself utterly to making Morris the finest undergraduate college it could possibly be,” she says.

If Imholte was the rock upon which Morris stood, Imholte’s rock was his wife, Lucy. As his closest confidant and constant companion, Lucy was at her husband’s side as he guided the campus through its development. She believed wholeheartedly in the mission of the college and in Imholte’s ability to realize it.

“It was so unique to have 13 little, lonely [academic] people out here on the prairie, but they all wanted the same thing: for the campus to succeed,” says Lucy. “It worked out, though, and a lot of that was because of Jack. His patience, attitude, and personality helped immensely.”

Life was not always easy for the campus or its community during the early days, but the journey from beloved agricultural high school to respected public liberal arts college was made less difficult, in part, by the steadfast leadership of Jack Imholte. He devoted his life to Morris and its mission of undergraduate education, and in so doing, secured its reputation for academic excellence, integrity, and individuality.



Jack on Morris:

“Overall, there’s absolutely no question in my mind that we’ve led... kind of a charmed existence within the University or within, perhaps, American higher education. If you think for a moment, Clarke, there really ain’t another animal like us.”

—interview with University of Minnesota Professor Clarke A. Chambers, August 20, 1984



University of Minnesota, Morris founding faculty. Seated, left to right: Ralph Williams, Rodney A. Briggs, Racheal Munson, Judy Schradel, Mildred Gausman.

Standing, left to right: Herbert G. Croom, Richard W. Burkey, Theodore Long, Calvin Pederson, Donald Gray, James Olson, Stephen G. Granger, John B. Heald, Bruce Nord, W. Donald Spring, Karl R. Bornhoft, Jay Roshal, James C. Gremmels, Glenn H. Daniels, John Imholte.

Alumni Remember Jack...

“Jack loved Morris and especially its students. He will be missed by many indeed!”—Steve Quiggle '79

“He always had a smile and took an interest in what individual students were doing.”—Beth Gillespie Hallauer '87

“If you are proud of what Morris has been, a lot of those thanks should be directed towards Jack.”—Jeremy Stimpson '99



Condolences submitted via Facebook.

Education

- The division fostered relationships with area-school partners through the Teacher Education Advisory Committee.
- Michelle Page, associate professor of secondary education, presented “Many Strands Are Not Easily Broken: A Portrait of LGBT Inclusion” at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.
- Claire Goodrich '14, Luciana Ranelli '14, and Evan Beranek '14 observed real Earth processes with middle school students in South Dakota.
- Gwen Rudney, professor of elementary education, concluded her 20th year as chair of the Minnesota Teacher of the Year selection panel.

Humanities

- Assistant Professor of English Chrissy Kolaya’s poetry collection, *Any Anxious Body*, was released by Broadstone Books.
- Bradley Deane, associate professor of English, received the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.
- Kari Hanson '15 was accepted to the Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology and to the 2014 Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy.
- Amy Grant '14, Katie Jacobson '14, Erica Mumm '14, and Ashley Thorpe '14 presented at the 96th Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Social Sciences

- Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, received the University of Minnesota, Morris Faculty Distinguished Research Award.
- Sheri Breen, assistant professor of political science, received the 2014 University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award.
- Jordan Wentz '15, Dodge Center, received a 2014 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. He was one of just 59 students selected from across the United States.
- Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, was named a 2014 Udall Scholar. She received one of only 50 scholarships awarded this year by the Udall Foundation.

Science and Mathematics

- Ellie Hofer '15, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was one of only a few students nationwide selected for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Exceptional Research Opportunities Program.
- Professor of Chemistry Nancy Carpenter's latest book, *Chemistry of Sustainable Energy*, was released by Chapman and Hall/CRC.
- The National Science Foundation awarded Michael Ceballos, assistant professor of biology, a research grant to help fund a Research Experience for Undergraduates program.
- Twenty-one students and 11 faculty members collaborated on HHMI Summer Research Opportunities projects.



Morris Commissions New Sculpture

In June Morris installed a new sculpture in the Welcome Center's Legacy Courtyard. Created by Chicago-based sculptor Plamen Yordanov, the piece commemorates two distinct eras of campus history.

The sculpture is part of a larger initiative to revitalize the courtyard space and to recognize two iterations of the campus. Representing continuity in the educational mission of the campus for both the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) and the University of Minnesota, Morris, it exemplifies the space's celebration of campus history.

"For me, this sculpture represents 'double richness' and continuation without end," says Carla Riley '85, director of external relations. "The Legacy Courtyard renovation project joins forever two eras of campus history and speaks to our hopes for the future of this place."

The Welcome Center's Legacy Courtyard was renovated last spring thanks to philanthropic commitments by the families of Lily and Walter "Slim" Hokanson '30 (WCSA), Hollis Dyer '51 (WCSA), the WCSA Alumni Association, and Morris's Class of 2013.

Morris Premieres New Sustainability Leadership Program

In June Morris began to establish an innovative leadership program in sustainability. The Sustainability Leaders for the Future program builds on the national reputation of the Morris campus to develop the next generation of leaders prepared to live in a carbon-constrained, more sustainable world.

The program will link experience, study, and research to classroom studies with a focus on sustainable living to create an integrated approach to developing and enhancing leadership qualities in undergraduate students. By May 2017 Morris will have

more fully embedded sustainability leadership opportunities throughout its curriculum and co-curriculum.

"The concept of promoting sustainable use of the environment is already woven into the fabric of our work at Morris," says Bart Finzel, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. "This new program will help us further weave sustainability in the classroom and beyond."

Sustainability Leaders for the Future is supported in part by a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.

Green Prairie Community Awarded LEED Green Building Certification

The Green Prairie Community is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certified. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings.

"This certification affirms our progress in extending Morris's model of sustainability to all of our core areas of student life," says Sandra Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Opened in fall 2013, the Green Prairie Community is an innovative living and learning environment that complements Morris's focus on environmental sustainability. It achieved LEED certification for conserving energy and water, providing natural day lighting, and using recycled, renewable, and locally sourced materials as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.



Confucius Institute Coming to Morris

A satellite office of the Confucius Institute at the University of Minnesota (CIUMN) is coming to Morris. As part of the University's outreach mission, CIUMN serves communities statewide by delivering educational programs that connect them to Chinese language and culture in meaningful ways.

"There's a demand here, particularly with our Chinese student population," says Pilar Eble, assistant director of equity, diversity, and intercultural programs. "If we can have more education about Chinese language and culture, we can bridge any intercultural gaps we have on our campus."

Beginning this fall a Chinese language instructor will teach an English-language elective course on Chinese culture as well as courses in beginning Chinese. These will be the campus's first Chinese-language offerings since 2012.

Morris Joins the Made in Minnesota Program

Morris has been accepted into the Made in Minnesota solar incentive program. As a member of this program, Morris will receive a 20-kilowatt photovoltaic (PV) system later this year. The energy it generates will help offset the campus's power use.

"Cedar Creek Energy is looking forward to working with a nationally recognized campus for their work in sustainability and renewable energy distributed generation," says Rob Appelhof, president of Cedar Creek Energy.

Morris's affiliation with the Made in Minnesota program is made possible in part by the Cedar Creek Energy Company. The company specializes in solar panel installations and lighting as well as aiding companies and individuals in utilizing renewable energy.

Accolades

BestColleges.com's "Greenest Universities"

Morris appears at #17 and is the only Minnesota school included on the list, which honors the 50 United States colleges and universities that have earned the highest Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System scores.

Fiske Guide to Colleges

Morris has been named one of the country's best and most interesting colleges and universities by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*. It is featured in the 2015 edition of the college guide.

Kiplingers

Morris has been named one of the "25 Best College Values Under \$30,000 a Year" and "30 Best Values in Small Colleges" by the editors of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. Among college values under \$30,000, Morris is listed at #2; it is ranked tenth among small public colleges.

Midwestern Higher Education Compact

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) named Morris the most effective public four-year institution in Minnesota for the second consecutive year. Founded in 1991, MHEC contributes to the vitality of the Midwest by enhancing member states' ability to maximize higher education opportunity and performance through collaboration and resource sharing.

The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges

Published just days before the celebration of Earth Day, the 216-page guide is the only free, comprehensive resource of its kind. For the third consecutive year it praises Morris's "deep roots in agriculture and land stewardship."



Photo by Laura Walton '08

Morris Receives Prestigious Climate Leadership Award

Awards recognize higher-education institutions for innovation and leadership in sustainability.

The University of Minnesota, Morris has been selected to receive a 2014 Climate Leadership Award by Second Nature, a national nonprofit that works to create a healthy, just, and sustainable society by transforming higher education. The awards are presented annually to American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) signatory institutions that display innovative and advanced leadership in education for sustainability and climate mitigation and adaptation.

This year, the award program's fifth, drew the most competitive pool of nominations to date. The winners were among 20 finalists chosen by Second Nature's board and represent the diversity of higher education institutions across the United States.

"There is much more work to be done as we prepare to live in the climate of the future," says David Hales, president of Second Nature. "More than ever, higher education has a critical role to play, as this year's Climate Leadership Award winners demonstrate with their leadership and exemplary actions."

Morris has sustainability commitments, investments, policies, research, and curricula in the areas of renewable energy, academics, research, local and sustainable food and healthy eating, community outreach and education, student leadership and participation, capital investments, conservation, building and renovation, program funding, and recycling. It also depends on the initiative and hard work of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and stakeholders to bring these efforts to fruition.

"A commitment to green energy and environmental sustainability is embedded in the philosophies and practice of what we do: our academics, our research, and the way we manage our initiatives on campus," said Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson. "These concepts are woven into the fabric of our work."

Morris signed the ACUPCC in June 2007. Its nomination for the Climate Leadership Award was based in part on its renewable energy projects. Morris uses more than 5,000,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually and generates renewable energy from several on-site systems. Additional information on Morris's renewable energy initiatives is available at morris.umn.edu/sustainability/.



How To: Stand Up for the Planet



As an expert on sustainability and a leader among her peers, 2014 Udall Scholar Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, knows how to get people excited about the environment. Here are her suggestions for inspiring others to act on behalf of Earth!

Get involved in your community.

There are so many opportunities to become active in sustainability, she says. Pick one that interests you and jump right in!

Get involved in social justice.

By building more resilient and equitable communities, she adds, we can create a more sustainable future that will better conserve and protect our natural resources.

Get involved on a grander scale.

According to Hoidal, we need to think beyond recycling and planting trees to address the realities facing our climate. Working with our universities, communities, places of faith, political leaders, and peers is necessary to ensuring a truly sustainable future.



Senior Art Exhibits



Enjoying spring on the mall



Community Engagement Awards

The Rites of Spring



Undergraduate Research Symposium

With spring comes what is fondly referred to as “awards season” at Morris. Characterized by scholastic achievement and celebration, the weeks leading up to Commencement provide the campus community an opportunity to honor incredible undergraduates as well as faculty and staff members.



Grad Fest



American Indian Honoring Ceremony

As May 10 approached, students delivered senior seminar presentations and finished final papers. Fourteen graduating studio art majors shared their work at *Post Vortex*, the 2014 senior art exhibitions.

Eighty-two students from 28 disciplines discussed their creative and scholarly pursuits during the 14th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Faculty and staff thanked new retirees for their years of service and congratulated award-winning colleagues at the annual Recognition Dinner.

American Indian graduates were recognized at the annual American Indian Honoring Ceremony the day before Commencement. Scholarship and award recipients were commended at the Honors and Awards ceremony later that evening.

After gathering with classmates for a final farewell, more than 375 graduates processed onto the floor of the P.E. Center Gymnasium. They listened as 2014 Curtis H. Larson Award recipient Molly Donovan '14, Minneapolis, and author/community leader Peter Bell urged them to speak up—for themselves and for the people and places they love. Once their degrees were conferred, the newest members of Morris's alumni family were welcomed by UMM Alumni Association President Donnay Green '05.

Photos and video are available at morris.umn.edu/commencement and flickr.com/photos/ummorris.



Student Leadership Awards

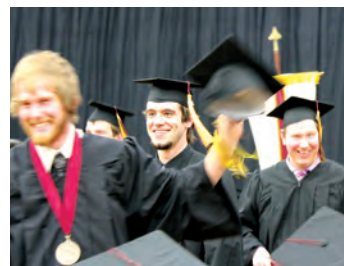


Honors and Awards Ceremony



Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner

Back: Judy Kuechle, associate professor of secondary education; Jennifer Zych Herrmann '00, associate director of student retention and success, Academic Staff Award; Dale Michealson, lead copy center operator, Outstanding Support Staff Award (Teamsters); Tom Rach, carpenter; Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, University of Minnesota, Morris Faculty Distinguished Research Award. Front: David Rath, building and grounds worker; Jane Harstad, senior building and grounds worker; Lisa Harris '09, associate administrator of facilities management, Outstanding Support Staff Award (Civil Service); Sandy Bouta Kill '86, interlibrary loan manager; Outstanding Support Staff Award (AFSCME); Roger Boleman, director of instructional and media technologies, Mary Martelle Staff Award.





Morris Jane Addams founders. Left to right: Dani Brown '14, Edina; Katie Jacobson '14, Bloomington; Sarah Singsank '14, Minnetonka

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

As the Morris community becomes more diverse, the campus responds by reaching out to its new neighbors.

In just over ten years the Latino population of Morris has risen more than 274 percent, prompting University of Minnesota, Morris students, staff, and faculty to pilot initiatives designed to facilitate intercultural connections. These efforts began in 2008 when students started offering English classes to new immigrants. Their classes grew into what is now the Community English as a Second Language (ESL) program, which provides English classes to almost 100 immigrants annually in addition to literacy activities for children in the ESL Tutoring, Reading, and Empowering Children (TREC) program.

Drawing on their ESL experiences and lessons learned at the Jane Addams School for Democracy in West Saint Paul, students next initiated Morris Jane Addams. The organization unites Hispanic and non-Hispanic members of the community through bilingual meetings and activities aimed at building bridges between these groups.

“Jane Addams takes a culturally diverse community and brings it together,” says Morris Jane Addams founder Katie Jacobson '14, Bloomington. “Everyone is on the same playing field.”

Within a year of Morris Jane Addams's inception the University set out to assess community outreach efforts. In 2012 its Center for Small Towns worked with students to discover if and how access to various resources impacted the lives of new and established immigrants. It was one of the first attempts to analyze the Latino experience in Morris.

“We wanted to see if the events and programs we were providing were actually working,” says Jordan Wente '15, Dodge Center, one of the students involved in this effort.

Last fall University- and student-led outreach efforts intersected when alumna Keni Zenner '12 filled a new AmeriCorps VISTA position that fosters pre-K–12 programs impacting Latino children. Zenner first became involved with Morris's Latino community as an undergraduate through ESL and Morris Jane Addams. The chance to revisit relationships she had made enticed her to apply for the post.

“I had become attached to the Latino community, and I wanted to continue that,” says Zenner.





Baldelomar and Ortiz



AFTER ALL

Among her projects is a new offering of the TREC program. She also is coordinating a community needs-and-assets assessment to determine how Morris can better accommodate the needs of pre-K–12 second-language learners. The assessment was implemented by Nina Ortiz, assistant professor of anthropology, who integrated the research in one of her courses. Ortiz and Oscar Baldelomar, assistant professor of psychology, also are collecting data on how children’s and parents’ perceptions of ethnic identity compare to those of teachers. These studies will be included in Zenner’s needs-and-assets assessment along with other data collected during the first year of the VISTA project.

“This will be a comprehensive look at how we can best meet the needs of a growing immigrant population in terms of education,” says Argie Manolis, coordinator of community engagement.

While the campus’s outreach efforts are, in some respects, still developing, at least one thing is clear: what began as a humble student-led attempt to offer a few classes has grown into a campus-wide commitment to supporting area newcomers. Through the combined efforts of faculty, staff, and students, the University is embracing its role within an increasingly multicultural community.



Estar in el Prairie

Started by Morris students Jordan Wentz '15, Dodge Center, and Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, Estar in el Prairie is a project pairing photographers in the Morris area with Latino members of the community. There are two goals associated with the project.

1. Document the migration. Wentz and Hoidal ask participants to share positive experiences in the community and write about them in both English and Spanish. Photographers then take photos of the participants with each phrase.

2. Create a space for communication. Wentz and Hoidal hope that this project can begin to create relationships between photographers and participants that extend into the greater community and future.

Participants include University professors, students, families, and workers in the Morris area.

Shown above:

Fabian, Fabian Jr., and Nelly.
Photographer: Naomi Wentz '14,
Dodge Center

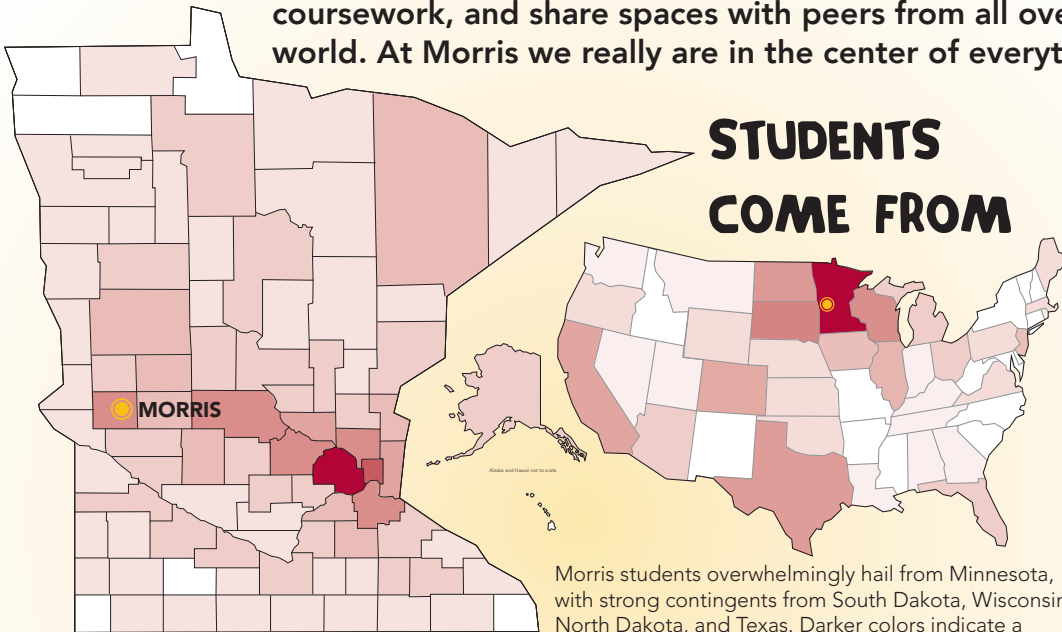
“Podria haber venido solo..pero hicimos la fuerza para estar juntos” / I could have come here alone to work...but we all worked hard to stay together”—Fabian

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MORRIS?

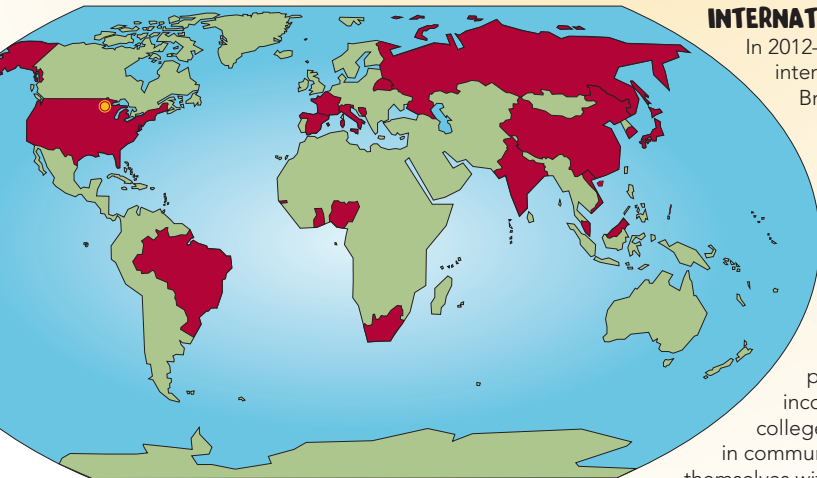
"Morris? Where is that?"

More like where isn't it! People who start here end up everywhere. Our students learn foreign languages, participate in activities with a global focus, broaden their minds through liberal arts coursework, and share spaces with peers from all over the world. At Morris we really are in the center of everything!



STUDENTS COME FROM

Morris students overwhelmingly hail from Minnesota, with strong contingents from South Dakota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Texas. Darker colors indicate a higher concentration of students.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In 2012–13 Morris hosted 179 international students from Belarus, Brazil, China, France, The Gambia, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, and Vietnam. Each year international students arrive in Morris from different parts of the globe.

STELLAR How does a student arrive from the busy city of Shanghai and assimilate into life on the prairie? The Summer Transition for English Language and Liberal Arts Readiness (STELLAR) program on the Morris campus helps students prepare for the upcoming school year. STELLAR is designed to provide incoming international students with a holistic approach to living and attending college in an English-speaking country. Participants take academic classes, participate in community volunteering, and visit places of interest around Minnesota to familiarize themselves with the culture.

STUDENTS GO TO

50%
OF MORRIS GRADUATES STUDY ABROAD

15% IS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

BRINGING THE WORLD TO MORRIS



1,543.75 HOURS

Number of volunteer hours contributed in 2013–14 by Morris students and community volunteers to teaching six levels of English as a Second Language in the Community ESL program. Turn back the page to learn more about ESL at Morris!

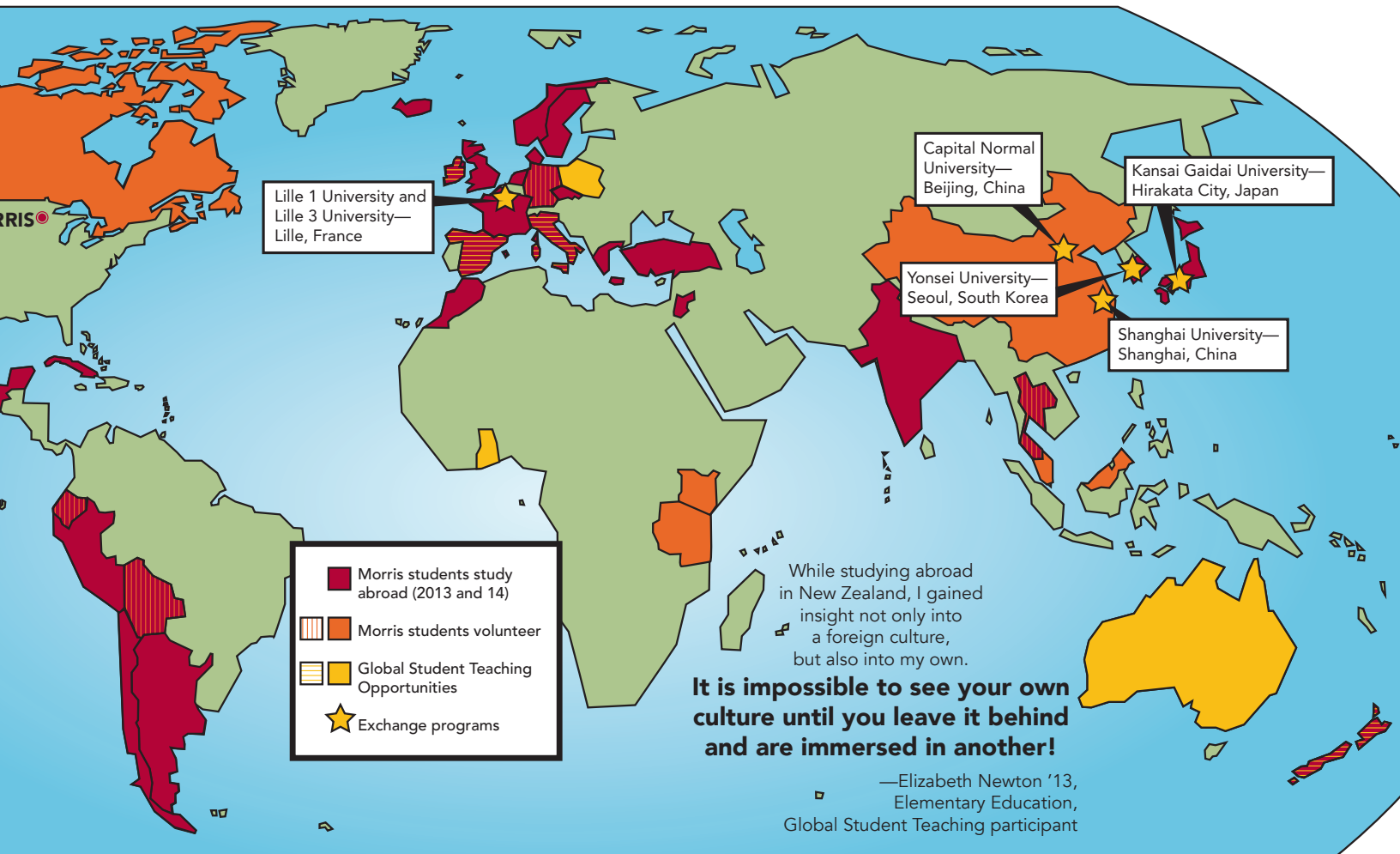
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Number of student organizations dedicated to international perspectives or diversity in 2013–14.



World Touch Cultural Heritage Week (WTCWH), established in 1973, is an annual event that brings world cultures to students in Morris.

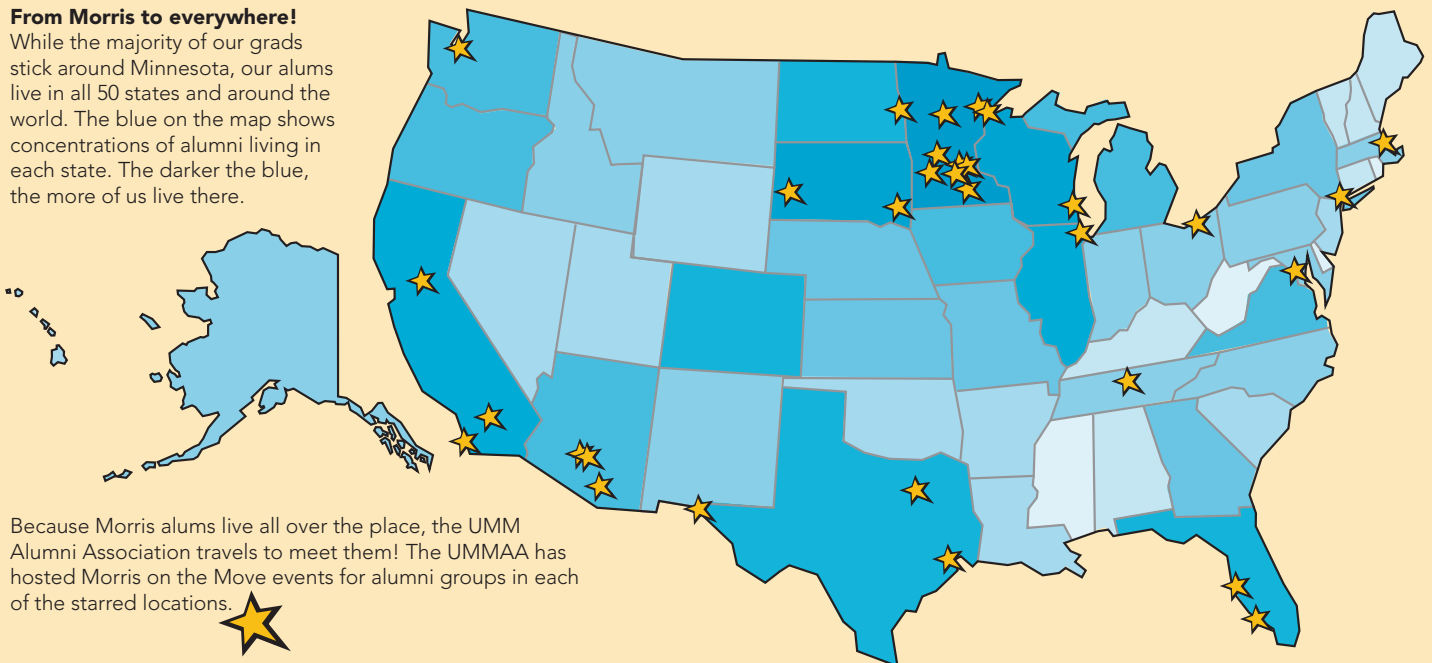
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MORRIS ON THE MOVE: BRINGING ALUMNI TOGETHER, NEAR AND FAR

From Morris to everywhere!

While the majority of our grads stick around Minnesota, our alums live in all 50 states and around the world. The blue on the map shows concentrations of alumni living in each state. The darker the blue, the more of us live there.



Because Morris alums live all over the place, the UMM Alumni Association travels to meet them! The UMMAA has hosted Morris on the Move events for alumni groups in each of the starred locations.



THE BIG PICTURE

1964 Homecoming Beanie King Herbert Roberts '68 and Queen Sandra Henneman '70 pose together. The Beanie King and Queen were selected from the freshman class.

Do you know more about this photo? Tell us about it!
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2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who make noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota. To learn more, visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/awards/alumni.



TIM GOODMANSON '86

Nominated by Tap Payne, professor emeritus of theatre arts

Goodmanson is a distinguished member of the New York City theatre community. He has been designing professionally for stage and television since 1993. His many stage credits include assistant scenic designer at the Public Theater and the Lyric Opera of Chicago and scenic designer at Westbeth Theatre Center and Waverly Place Theater. Goodmanson has been the art director for *House of Buggin'*, *The City*, *Another World*, and *As the World Turns*. He currently serves as production designer for *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*. Goodmanson holds a bachelor of arts in theatre arts from Morris and a master of fine arts from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. He has won eight Daytime Emmy Awards and has been nominated for 14.

"His numerous nominations and awards attest to the high regard his professional colleagues hold for Tim and his work. He has definitely distinguished himself in his profession."

—George Fosgate,
professor emeritus of theatre arts



BARBARA GUNDERSON STOWE '72

Nominated by Maddy Maxeiner '76, vice chancellor for external relations

Stowe has spent 35 years in the field of advancement. As an independent consultant, she has worked with clients such as the Aga Khan University, the University of Brighton, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the United Nations Foundation. Stowe also dedicated 20 years to the development team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is an adamant advocate for the Morris campus, having provided consultation regarding national and international funding opportunities, having served as a volunteer counsel to the chancellor and vice chancellor for external relations, and having established the Theodore S. and Tone H. Long Scholarship. Stowe holds a bachelor of arts in American studies.

"By her own example and by a lot of hard work in the development vineyard, Barbara has brought a new respectability to her guild. Barbara is herself the consummate resource development professional with the highest standards, and she has rightly earned her wonderful national and international reputation."

—Philip S. Khoury, associate provost and Ford International professor of history, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Alumni Revitalize Lifelong Friendships at Morris's First 50th Class Reunion

In June Morris celebrated its inaugural fifty-year class reunion. More than 50 alumni and friends attended, exploring the campus's many additions and revisiting memories from the past.

Alumni toured the grounds and renewable energy facilities throughout the day, taking in enhancements to the campus they once knew and loved. Attendees were able to reminisce with the help of archived materials from directories and catalogs to original Commencement programs, too. They also enjoyed an update on the state of the campus from Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson.

"The campus is still as beautiful and pleasant as it was then," says Patricia Hopkins Veum-Smith '64. "Everyone was so cordial and invigorated, and it made for an exciting and welcoming return."

Alumni not only reminisced about campus memories, but also shared their unique post-graduation stories, which included travels across the country and watching children go through college. As much as the Class of '64 has changed over the last 50 years, its sentimental exchanges in both shared and new experiences reinforced the lifelong friendships developed in the past.

"Each of these 50 years contains a whole breadth of experiences that show how far everyone has come from graduation," says Leonard Munstermann '64. "We had many stories that differentiated our lives from one another and afterwards, and Morris brought all of us back together again."

Photos from the events are available at flickr.com/photos/ummorris/.



Sharon Spain McPhillips '65 and LaDell Grote Cress '64 model their freshman beanies at the reunion.



Sylvia Sundquist Swenson '65, Victor Urbanowicz, Janet Lawler Urbanowicz '64, Dennis Nelson '65



—Pengxeu Thao '15, Roseville
Thao writes for the Office of University Relations and is Editor in Chief of *The University Register*.

Phi Mu Delta Brothers to Gather on Campus

This fall the Phi Mu Delta Fraternity will gather for its 50th reunion. Held in conjunction with Homecoming 2014, the reunion will bring former members together for a truly festive weekend.

Founded nationally in 1918, Phi Mu Delta upholds the ideals of democracy, brotherhood, and service; the Morris chapter lived by the "Three S Philosophy" of service, scholarship, and social contributions.

"Phi Mu Delta set a positive example for so many young men and women," says Carla Riley '85, director of external relations. "We are pleased to welcome them back to campus, especially during an important occasion like Homecoming."

The reunion begins with an evening gathering on Friday, October 3, and continues on Saturday with a tour of the former fraternity house and more. It concludes with brunch on Sunday, October 5. To learn more, visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/phimudelta.



PHI MU DELTA REUNION
Friday–Sunday, October 3–5, 2014
University of Minnesota, Morris
morris.umn.edu/alumni/phimudelta

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Curtis Teberg '70
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A Message from Carla Riley '85, Director of External Relations



“It’s a small world” is a phrase often used when people express amazement at discovering coincidental connections. I agree that coincidental connections are sometimes downright amazing, like alumni from Morris bumping into each other on airplanes all across the country, recognized perhaps by the Morris sweatshirt or lapel pin they are wearing. But what I don’t find coincidental is that Morris’s presence in our seemingly shrinking world grows larger and more impressive every year. Consider that our alumni, now numbering more than 20,000, were perhaps attracted to Morris as

students because they wanted to lead the way in creating a better world, a world of equal opportunity and social justice. They arrived at this somewhat geographically remote location prepared to learn and to hone their messages of equality and justice for distribution to the larger world when they moved on as alumni.

And in spite of the sometimes formidable geographical distances between them, connectivity with the campus and with each other remains strong. Tools like Morris Connect serve to connect alumni, current students, faculty, and staff, regardless of their physical locations, so it occurs to me that Morris’s place in the world can be anywhere. The circumference of the globe remains dauntingly consistent, but the “Morris Experience” can encircle it with lightning speed. We are indeed living in a very small world.

I encourage attendance at this year’s homecoming celebration, October 3–5. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association, the Phi Mu Delta 50th anniversary reunion, and a LGBT reunion. We will also remember Chancellor Emeritus John Q. Imholte at a celebration for all alumni and friends at LaFave House immediately following the Cougar football game on Saturday. For more information, turn to the inside back cover.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

- August 26 Freshman Ice Cream Social
- October 3 Alumni and Students Networking Event
- October 3–5 Homecoming 2014
- October 3–5 Phi Mu Delta 50th Reunion
- October 4 UMMAA Board Meeting
- November 6 Pizza Night for Alumni and Students, Downtown Morris
- December 12 Senior Banquet
- February 9 Alumni Gathering in Mesa, Arizona
- February 19 Midwinter, Minneapolis

For the most current event information, visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/events. Events take place on campus unless otherwise noted.



Connect online with current Morris students and alumni for mentoring, networking, and professional opportunities!

morris.umn.edu/alumni/morrisconnect

Donnay Green '05, President of the UMM Alumni Association



What an amazing time to be a Morris alum! The accolades keep rolling in for this institution that is near and dear to each of us, and the University of Minnesota, Morris continues to garner national attention for its commitment to high-quality education. From being ranked as a Top Value College to winning recognition for its focus on sustainability, Morris continues to shine, and I hope you are as proud as I am.

Morris alumni are all across the world, making contributions in all fields imaginable. This May we welcomed more than 375 new graduates into the UMM Alumni Association, and I had the honor to represent you during the Commencement activities. What a remarkable weekend! I attended numerous events and was blown away by the work of the graduating students and the paths that they were soon to embark on. Their studies at Morris reminded me of things I had long forgotten, like involved research work with various faculty and how some of my passions were born on that very campus. This proves how valuable we are as alumni. We are the bridge for new alums to use to continue their journey. Your time and contributions are needed more than ever!

This year we have a calendar full of events to support current students as they continue their academic pursuits and to engage our alumni. Be sure to check out the upcoming events—we hope to see you soon!



Morris Alumni at Chanhassen

A group of Morris alumni and friends attended a production of *Disney's The Little Mermaid* at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres in late April. 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Ann Michels '92 was a member of the cast.

Above left: Laura Anne Hunt '13 and Stan Hunt.

Above: Breanne Suter Lunemann '09 and Jake Lunemann '07.



Morris on the Move to Bemidji

Alumni and friends enjoyed an intimate dinner with Professor Emeritus Jim Togeas in April.

Pictured: Ken Traxler '89, Marty Wolf '85, Richard Schaefer, Alan Colliander '71, Kailee Fredrickson Fretland '02, Mike Fretland, Wayne Tieman '72, Director of External Relations Carla Riley '85, Professor Emeritus Jim Togeas, Liana Aube Schaefer '05, Susan Colliander, Pat Tanner, Jim Tanner, Chief Development Officer Susan Schmidgall, Darren Olson '97, Linda Wallisch Wolf '85, Carolyn Pickett Olson '96. Other alumni and friends in attendance included Marcus Grubbs '09, Gail Rixen '77, Tim Kroeger '79, Erika Bailey-Johnson '99, Matt Johnson, Reed Johnson, Noah Johnson, Dorothy Lange Greiner '00, and Kory Greiner.



Midwinter at Mission American Kitchen and Bar

Even a fierce winter storm couldn't keep alumni from getting together for the annual Midwinter event in Minneapolis.

Above, left to right: Bill King '73 and Mary Mooney '76, Chad Dolly '97 and David Richardson '88, Sue Hendricks Basiago '87 and Shauna Rosen '09. Left: Dan Moore '07, Tony Schuster '02, Larry Traversie '00, Jon Lipp '98.



Palm Springs Gathering

In March alumni savored fine dining and warm weather in Palm Springs, California. University of Minnesota Regent Richard B. Beeson, wife Mary Don Beeson, alumni, and friends were hosted by E. Dennis Zahrbock '69 and Susan Guter Zahrbock '71. **Pictured:** Kathleen Gjerdingen Ehrhardt '65, Ron Nelson '71, John Ehrhardt, Dana Crosby '84, Michelle Crosby, Chief Development Officer Susan Schmidgall, Tammy Bergstrom, Lee Bergstrom '73, Neil Schmidgall (WCSA) '63, Susan Guter Zahrbock '71, Linda Schmidgall, E. Dennis Zahrbock '69, Mary Don Beeson, Regent Richard B. Beeson, Delores Johnshoy Huebner '65, Warren Huebner.



Morris in the Big Apple

Alumni took to Times Square in July for a dinner sponsored by the UMMAA.

Left side of table: Thomas Martin, Michael Goettig '93, Director of External Relations Carla Riley '85, Chief Development Officer Susan Schmidgall. Right side of table: Manjari Govada '12, William Lo '11, Tim Goodmanson '86, Elizabeth Bray '01, John Driscoll '71.

LOOK WHO'S BACK!

We always enjoy greeting members of our alumni family on campus! No matter what brings them back here, our alumni are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon!



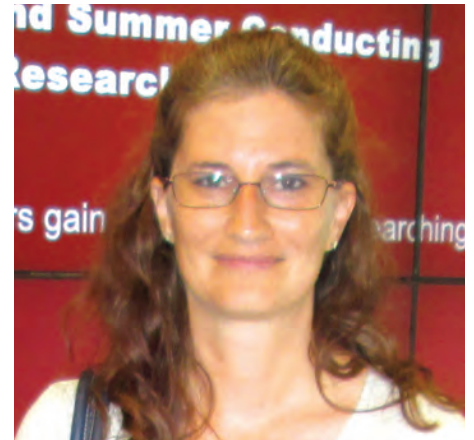
Tom Hennen '66



Christine Hoffman '13



Valorie Stavem Arrowsmith '73



Kristine Yakesh Niznik '95



Gary A. Johnson '64



Ashley Johnson '08



Ruth Hamberg '09



Larissa Anderson Mottl '96 and Erik Mottl '96



Susan Seim Listberger '07 and Addison Bona '16, Delano



Jeffrey Ledermann '87 and Assistant Professor of Biology Rachel Gibbons



Cory Wagner '92, Madison Wagner, and Juli Yauch Schneider '92



Barb, Wade '81, and Lowell Tornquist



Dianna, Jennifer, and David Fisk '77



Austin Vikander, Anna Carrington Vikander '94, and David Vikander '91



Andrew LaGrange, Charlene Hilbrand LaGrange '89, Paul LaGrange '87, and William LaGrange

Class of '64

Paul A. Stark (WCSA '60), Kensington, passed away March 2014 as the result of a farm accident. His obituary reads, "Paul was a true steward of the land, passionate about the farm." He is survived by his wife, Wanda, daughters **Mary Stark Asche '95** (Eric) and **Paula Stark Haroldson '01** (**Ryan Haroldson '01**), brothers, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Class of '67

Laura Stock Carrington, Morris, passed away May 2014. Carrington taught in the Morris Area Independent School District for 30 years. She served on the Morris Area School Board and as co-chair of the Republican Party. With her four sisters, she was co-owner of the Stock Shoppe in Correll. She is survived by her husband, Thomas; two children, **Anna Carrington Vikander '94** (**David Vikander '91**) and **Matthew Carrington '91** (Holly); six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Class of '68

Ron Goff, Benson, passed away February 2014. He played football all four years at Morris. After graduating he taught high-school history and coached several sports, including basketball, football, baseball, softball, and track. He is survived by his daughters and other friends and family.

Russell B. Nelson Jr., Waterloo, Iowa, passed away February 2014. After attending Morris he graduated from Brown College with a degree in broadcasting. He worked for Northwestern University; Saint Paul Radio; KNWS Radio, Waterloo; Professional Insurance Planners and Consultants; and for Advantage Administrators in marketing, retiring in 2012. He was ordained as a pastor in 1981 and served as interim at several area churches. He is survived by his wife, sons, and many friends and family.

Class of '69

Diane R. Gaffaney Mrnak, Glenwood, passed away February 2013. Following graduation she taught in the Bloomington school system. She married Roger Mrnak, and they made their home on a farm north of Glenwood. She continued to teach until 1975, when she dedicated herself to the farm and as a full-time mother for her two children. She returned to teaching in 1992 as the director of religious education at Sacred Heart Parish. She is survived by her husband, children, friends, and family.



Mona Syverson Gregersen '70 and David Gregersen welcomed their first grandchild, Hannah Lee Good, born to Cassie and Trevor Good in Fargo, North Dakota, on March 18, 2014.

Class of '71

Elizabeth Braaten, Cyrus, passed away February 2014. Liz taught grades 1–8 at several country schools before teaching elementary school in Lowry and Glenwood until her retirement in 1985. She is survived by her two children, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and all nine of her siblings.

Class of '72

Raymond Karels writes that he "retired from Nevada State Bank in June of 2012 and moved back to [his] old stomping grounds. Living at Willmar and enjoying not having to set an alarm clock."

Ellenmae Foslien, Benson, passed away April 2013.

Class of '73

Faith Anderson and **Paul Anderson '74** write: "Paul currently serves in the Minnesota Legislature as a state representative, having been elected in 2008. He is a fourth-generation family farmer. The couple lives on the farm where Paul was raised near Starbuck. Faith is the director of communications/public relations for American Solutions for Business, a nationwide company based in Glenwood. The couple has three grown children and three grandchildren. Their oldest son, **Luke '02**, works as manager of nuclear emergency preparedness at the nuclear power plant in Monticello."

Class of '76

Bruce James Kelly, Elbow Lake, passed away May 2014. From his obituary: "Most people will remember Bruce doing what he loved most, playing music. The list of bands he was a part of is a long one. Starting at a young age, he and his brother Norman had their first gig...when Bruce was 14. What followed was nearly 50 years of playing, singing, and having fun doing what he loved."

Class of '78

Monica Wilmes Wepking writes: "I'm now working for the State of South Dakota Department of Labor as a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) specialist. Youngest child, Jennifer, [was] married June 14, 2014. On June 23, 2014, Monica [has been] married 30 years to her husband, Jeff. Their other child, Jonathan, is assistant athletic director at Minnesota State University Moorhead."

Class of '79

Ellyn Hosch, chief information officer at Prime Therapeutics in the Twin Cities, was honored by The Women's Health Leadership TRUST. She was one of 35 women from across the state of Minnesota recognized for exemplifying leadership excellence in the health care industry.

Class of '84

Cherly Light Shriner writes: "Hi, all! I am excited to announce that I received my Board Certified Behavior Analyst—Doctoral (BCBA-D) credential this year. I now have a board certification in applied behavior analysis at the doctoral level. I continue to teach courses on special education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and work with and provide support to individuals with autism-spectrum disorders, their families, and teachers."



Alumni and friends celebrated Rod Richter's '87 (third from left) 50th birthday party at Longfellow Grill Restaurant in Minneapolis. Alumni and faculty present include Lisa Gulbranson '92, Sandy Rausch '91, Jennifer Keating '85, Kelly Krebs '85, Steve Terhaar '85, Professor Emeritus Ken Hodgson, Marci Le Downs Anderson '85, Brenda Thorson '86, Tom Hanson '86, Cathy Condon Gudio '87, and Linda Winter Hodgson '86.

Class of '89

Steve Lang, Alpine, Texas, welcomed granddaughter Aria Joy Vogel, born to Alexis Lang Vogel '06 and Misha Vogel, also of Alpine, on December 13, 2013.

Class of '90

Harvey Nelson, Olivia, passed away May 2011. Born in Willmar, he was raised on the family farm. Before attending Morris he graduated from Willmar Community College with an associate's degree in human services. After graduating from Morris he worked for the organizations Adult Client Training Services (ACTS) and REM in Olivia. He was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. Nelson is survived by many friends and family.

Darrell Pillen, Chokio, passed away May 2014. He is survived by his daughter, sister, and brother.

Class of '95

Lina Tucker Reinders writes: "After a decade away, Jon and I returned to the Midwest with our three girls, settling in the western 'burbs of Des Moines. The winds of Iowa are definitely reminiscent of Morris. Jon is a scientist with Pioneer, and Lina is a public health consultant."

Class of '96



Larissa M. Anderson Mottl returned to Morris in January as a Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker. She works as the Central Region Scientific and Natural Areas program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Larry Traversie '00 (far right) led Morris students on a tour of the Timberwolves facility in April 2014. The students also toured the Vikings preview center for the new stadium.



Jennifer Falzerano '02 and her husband were happy to announce the birth of their daughter Aurelia Claire in April.

Class of '03

Sarah Wilm Hunter writes that she “graduated with honors on May 13, 2014, from Alexandria Technical and Community College’s associate degree in nursing program. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Sarah is working as a registered nurse with Alternative Senior Care in Sauk Centre.”

Class of '05

Kristina Goebel has been working as a stage manager at the History and Park Square Theatres in the Twin Cities and the Barter Theatre in Virginia. She also joined Actors Equity Association, which is the national union for professional actors and stage managers.

Jake Grussing became the new director of the seven-branch Scott County library system at the end of 2013.

Class of '08

Alison Pehl Callahan writes: “I am now in my sixth continuous year of teaching and have almost finished my K–12 reading teacher certification with Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. Once I am finished I will start their English as a Second Language program and be the first person to graduate with dual licensure in those areas...**Daniel Callahan** and I married in 2011 and bought a home in Saint Paul in 2012. We are very blessed to have survived the recession by moving to Arizona for our first three years after college to gain continued job experience in challenging fields. Daniel went from having a strong career in newspaper as a managing editor to working for the state at the capitol buildings. I now work at Minnesota Transitions Charter High School as an English teacher...I have taken an opportunity to volunteer in South America to apply what I have learned about reading/literacy on a global level while also brushing up on my Spanish skills. This July I will spend two weeks at the Conapac Library in the Amazon jungle working with children and community members who visit the library.”



Joining women’s soccer in the annual 7 v 7 Friendly Games were **Katie Kestner '13**, **Leah Parker '12**, **Emily Croaston '08**, **Andrea Carroll-Franck '08**, **Melissa Denler '14**, **Emily Jacob '11**, **Rachel Harstad '11**, **Liz Vold '11**, **Sarah Goergen '13**, **Kali Cordes '12**, **Ree Metz '13**, **Crystal Zastrow '12**, and **Cree Foster '13** as well as **Amber Dziengel Gremmels '07** and **Abby Starzecki Johnson '05** (not pictured).

Class of '09

Erin Denman, **Victoria Pyan '07**, and other members of the theatre company Little Lifeboats opened their first full-length show in November 2013. They performed *Parhelion* by **Abby Swafford '09** and received a five-star review from Matthew Everett at the *Twin Cities Daily Planet*. **Clara Costello '12** served as stage manager.

Class of '10

Megan Mahoney Copeland and **Nate Copeland** are the proud parents of a baby boy, Flynn, who was born on January 3, 2014, in Morris. He was the first baby of the year to be born at Stevens Community Medical Center.

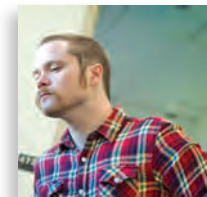
Sarah Duffy Pierson writes “I, along with my husband, Andy Pierson, would like to announce the birth of daughter Molly Ann Pierson on April 3, 2104.”

Class of '11

Sean Mooney-Leber is attending graduate school at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where he plans to get a PhD in behavioral cognitive neuroscience. He previously obtained his master’s degree in psychology from Northern Michigan University.

Class of '12

Drew Schield is now conducting research on reptile population genetics, phylogeography, and comparative genomics at the University of Texas, Arlington graduate school. His dissertation research analyzes population genomics of the North American rattlesnake population. This research has contributed to a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), the official journal of the United States National Academy of Sciences.



Keni Zenner was the 2013 winner of the Thomas McRoberts Human Rights Award, an honor given to outstanding Morris-area residents who have shown strong commitment to human rights locally. Zenner earned this award for her work with Morris’s Latino community while in her position with the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program. Her assignment includes an assessment of the community’s need for services for English as a Second Language (ESL) students at local schools. She hopes it will strengthen the community of Morris.



Class of '13

Ashley Koch won an essay contest that allowed her to attend and represent her company at the 2013 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference, where Sheryl Sandberg, Maria Klawe, and Telle Whitney were keynote speakers, reports Elena Machkosova, associate professor of computer science.

Faculty/Staff

Pearl Johnson, Morris, former clerical worker in the Career Center and Alumni Office, passed away in April. She was born in Evansville and grew up in the Farwell/Kensington area. She began her Morris career in Food Service, moved to the Alumni and Placement Office, and finished her career with the Career Center. She retired in 1990 after 20 years of service.

Leroy “Bud” Krueger, Morris, passed away January 2014. From the late 1950s until his retirement in 1983 he worked as a plumber at the West Central School of Agriculture and, later, the Morris campus. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and other friends and family.

Joy McIntosh, wife of **Aubrey McIntosh**, professor emeritus of chemistry, passed away January 2014.

Donna Scarborough, Hudson, Wisconsin, passed away in November of 2013. Scarborough was the wife of **William Scarborough**, professor emeritus of education and chair of the Division of Education until his death in 1979.

Leona Classen, Willmar, passed away May 2014. She was a member of the education faculty from 1970 until her retirement in 1990.

Education Alumni Accompany 8th Grade Science Trip

Education alumni Luciana Ranelli '14 and Claire Goodrich '14 took part in the May 2014 South Dakota Field Investigations Trip. They helped 40 eighth-grade students with hands-on geological investigations throughout Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Devil's Gulch, and Black Hills Formation.

“When going through the elementary education program at Morris, I learned so much about creating hands-on, minds-on, and inquiry-based lessons,” says Goodrich. She had the opportunity to put these lessons into practice during the trip by “ask[ing] questions that would lead the students to determine the answers on their own.”

“[The trip] reinforced and rekindled my motivation for going into science education,” adds Ranelli.

The South Dakota Field Investigations Trip is a collaboration between the University of Minnesota, Morris and the Parkers Prairie community. For more information, visit sites.google.com/a/morris.umn.edu/sdtrip2014/.

—Pengxeu Thao '15, Roseville



Send us your Class Notes. Please include high-resolution photos!

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Next Class Notes Deadline: January 3, 2015



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Cougars finished 16-10 on the year and 10-4 in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) to finish second in the conference. They hosted a UMAC semifinal game for the first time since 2010. Morris was 9-4 at home this year with a pair of wins over Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) schools to start the year.

Brendon Foss '14, Hancock, was named to the All-Conference First Team and All-Defensive Team. Evan Reller '14, Melrose, picked up Honorable Mention All-Conference. Foss led the team with 12.7 points per game, shooting over 50 percent from the field on the year. He also had 7.3 rebounds per game, including 132 defensive rebounds. He added 37 steals and 34 blocks defensively. Reller was second in UMAC with a 57.1 percent shooting percentage. He led the team with 7.5 rebounds per game, including 2.4 offensive rebounds a contest.

Five Cougars averaged more than 10 points per game last year, and the team hit 180 threes this season. The team averaged 71.7 points per game and shot 45.4 percent from the field. It ranked 67th nationally in scoring defense, allowing less than 66.5 points per game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

For the fifth straight season the Cougars won the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) regular season, going 13-1 in conference play. In the last five seasons Minnesota Morris is 68-4 during UMAC play.

Rebounding distinguished the Cougars, and they ranked 30th in the country with an 8.2 rebounding margin. Abby Fragodt '14, Benson, a UMAC Second Team and All-Defensive Team player, ranked 21st in the nation in blocked shots and 45th in the nation in rebounds per game.

Kendra Wycoff '15, Montrose, was named first team All-UMAC after scoring 15.3 points per game during the conference season. She scored 360 points on the year, the ninth most in school history for single-season scoring. Wycoff also joined the 1,000-point club this past season.

Tori Holt '17, Rapid City, South Dakota, earned UMAC Freshman of the Year, becoming the third Cougar to win the award since 2009-10. She ranked in the top 15 in UMAC in both rebounding and scoring during the year. Emily Auch '15, Benson, was named to Honorable Mention and Cori Becker '16, Sauk Rapids, was named to the All-Defensive Team. Auch shot an amazing 56.8 percent from the field on the year, fifth-best in school history. Becker averaged 3.1 rebounds, 1.2 blocks per game, 0.6 steals, and 1.7 assists per game in 2013-14.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Minnesota Morris women's swimming and diving team finished in third place at the twelve-team, season-ending Liberal Arts Championships with 418 points—33 more than in last year's third-place showing. Over the course of the three-day event, eight school records were toppled, on top of the 57 individual season-best swims or scores of which 80 percent were lifetime best marks.



Carissa Fuller '16, Zimmerman, and Kaitlin Kamm '16, Kasota, were named to the All-Championship Team. Fuller was second in the 3m dive and third in the 1m dive. Kamm took fourth in the 50y freestyle and second in the 100y free during the three-day Liberal Arts Championship meet.

BASKETBALL



TENNIS

The men's tennis team finished 3-7 on the year, winning all three games in conference play. It was 2-1 on home soil in 2014.

Dakota Frazier '14, Montevideo, and Michael Maudal '16, New Ulm, finished 5-2 on the year in doubles matches together. Frazier was named to the All-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Team in 2014. Maudal himself finished 6-1 in singles matches at the number-two spot, winning his last six matches of the year.



The women's team was 6-7 on the year and 6-4 in the UMAC, taking third place. Abby Fragodt '14, Benson, completed one of the best seasons in Morris tennis history, going 10-3 in singles matches from the number-one spot in the lineup. She was 6-7 in doubles matches and was named to the First Team All-UMAC for the fourth time in her career. Christina Mollan '14, Menomonie, Wisconsin, was 7-6 in singles matches and 5-7 in doubles matches for the Cougars. Kayla Kraemer '16, Brainerd, and Kayla Hegna '17, Foley, were both 5-7 in doubles matches during the year and 6-7 in singles matches in 2014.



BASEBALL

The 2014 Cougar baseball team had its best season since 1996, winning 15 games, including 10 in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC). These are the most conference wins in the UMAC in school history, the most conference wins since 1996, and the 13th most wins in a single season for a Cougar baseball team.

The team started 4-0 in the UMAC season with wins over UMAC postseason teams Northland College and University of Northwestern. Eric Terres '15, Melrose, was named to the UMAC First Team after hitting .297, slugging .356, and having a .353 on-base percentage. He also added 16 stolen bases, second-most in the UMAC.

Devin Waldvogel '15, Osakis, and Cody Reinke '16, Waterville, were named UMAC Honorable Mention. Waldvogel led the league in saves in 2014. He was 2-0 with a 2.21 ERA in 20.1 innings. He allowed just one extra base hit on the season. Reinke hit .361, slugged .525, and had a .410 on-base percentage. He was third in the league with 13 doubles.

Mark Fohl, athletic director, updates and Cougar announcements

The Cougars succeeded inside the classroom and on various fields of play throughout the winter and spring, and Minnesota Morris had more than 30 athletes earn All-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) honors during these athletic seasons.



Women's basketball brought home a fifth straight UMAC regular-season title after going 13-1 in conference play. They went on to reach the UMAC Tournament Championship. Men's basketball hosted a UMAC Tournament game for the first time since 2011, after taking second place in the regular season. Swimming and diving had a school-best finish at the Liberal Arts Championships and scored 33 more points than in previous seasons. Our track and field teams were outstanding during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Chalmer Combellick '16, Chokio, was the Track Athlete of the Meet in both the indoor and outdoor conference meets. Linda Keller '14, Hawick, a three-time All-American, was the women's Track Athlete of the Meet during the UMAC Indoor Championships. The softball team had its best season in school history, winning a record 21 games and finishing second in the conference. The hitting streaks of Molly Olson '15, Lakeview, and Sam Hanson '14, Fergus Falls, were fun to watch all season long. Baseball had its best season since the mid 90s and set a school record for most wins during UMAC play.

We continue to make strides as an athletic department and are already getting ready for the fall. Finishing second in the Kruse Award with the most points in school history was a great way to confirm our growth and hard work over the past few years. Although fall sports seem far away, we are looking forward to student-athletes coming back to campus. We also are looking forward to welcoming five new members—Paul Martin '04, Beth Ann Ploof Cordes '94, Heather Pennie-Roy '94, Jim Tanner, and Pat Tanner—into our Cougar Hall of Fame during the 2014 homecoming celebration. It looks like this will be another exciting year for Cougar Nation.



SOFTBALL

Minnesota Morris set a new season-record for wins for the second straight year, going 21–17 this spring. The team also tied its mark for most wins in a conference season, going 15–6 in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC). It is now just four shy of 250 program wins.

Molly Olson '15, Lakeview, became the second player in the history of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) softball to have a second +25–game hitting streak in a career. This season Olson hit in 26 straight games, tied for the fifteenth-longest in NCAA Division III. It was the second massive hitting streak in her career. She hit in 28 straight during her freshman year. She and Olympian Natasha Watley are the only players to have such streaks in the span of a single career. Olson was named to the UMAC First Team and All-Defensive Team this season, hitting .474 on the year.

Sam Hanson '14, Fergus Falls, also had a long hitting streak this year, hitting in 21 straight games. She and Olson are the only known teammates in NCAA Division III to have a pair of 20–game hitting streaks going at the same time. Hanson was also named to the UMAC First

Team after hitting .569 during the conference season.

Mackenzie Weatherly '15, Morris, was named to the First Team this season thanks to a conference-high 14 wins. She was second in shutouts and first in strikeouts, with 111. Gina Downie '17, White Bear Lake;

Kristy Hoge '14, Aitkin; and Jordan Iverson '14, Hitterdal, were named UMAC Honorable Mention. Hoge; Iverson; and Meghan Pomeroy '17, Mounds View, joined Olson on the All-Defensive Team.

TRACK AND FIELD

Both Linda Keller '14, Hawick, and Chalmer Combellick '16, Chokio, were named Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Track Athletes of the Meet during the 2014 Indoor Track and Field Championships. Tony Ceroll '17 North Branch; Ryan DeRoeck '14, Sartell; and Nathan Harder '14, Longville, were individual champions for the men during the meet, earning them All-Conference Honors along with Combellick. In addition to Keller, Jennifer LaRoque '15, Monticello, was an individual champion and All-UMAC performer.

Minnesota Morris came within eight points of taking home the 2014 UMAC Championships this year. Morris had 11 individual champions at the UMAC Meet, and Combellick was named the UMAC Track Athlete of the Meet. He won three races on Championship Saturday: the 400m, 800m, and 1500m.

DeRoeck; Harder; Dower; Caleb Schneider '17, Northome; Alex Ukkelburg '16, Clitherall; and Leandro Dower '14, Minneapolis, were individual champions in 2014. The Cougars also won a pair of relays—the 4x100m and 4x800m—thanks to the help of Conor Garrity '17, Minneapolis; Otto Marckell II '17, Saint Paul; Mike Okeson '17, Detroit Lakes; Josiah Riemer '17, Winsted; Ben Shabb '14, Grand Forks, North Dakota; and Nicholas Solberg '15, Cambridge.

Ceroll; Combellick; DeRoeck; Dower; Garrity; Harder; Marckell; Okeson; Riemer; Schneider; Shabb; Solberg; Ukkelburg; and Evan Guffey '17, Nicollet, earned All-UMAC honors.

Women's Track and Field took second at the UMAC Championships while setting a lot of personal bests along the way. Minnesota Morris had three individual champions during the meet. The team also won the 4x800m and 4x100m relay events on the day.

Kaitlin Kamm '16, Kasota, won the 100m hurdles and the high jump and took third in the 400m hurdles. Keller was the 1500m-run champion at the meet. Carly Denler '17, Champlin, took the pole vault championship medal in her first UMAC Championship Meet.

Fourteen women were named to the All-UMAC Track and Field Team. Denler; Keller; Laura Borkenhagen '16, Truman; Tanna Boyle '17, Simla, Colorado; Teja Foy '16, Crete, Illinois; Hannah Goemann '17, Wells; Amber Hosie '14, Hosie; Kelsi Kolle '15, Sartell; Anna Peterson '14, Moorhead; Claire Sylvestre '17, Minnetonka; and Rachel Wingenbach '16, Mandan, North Dakota, earned UMAC honors in 2014.



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HOME COMING 2014

OCTOBER 3—5

Come back to Morris for football, food, and a whole lot of fun!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

All day Alumni and Student Networking Event
5:30 p.m. Alumni Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Cougar Hall of Fame,
Distinguished Alumni Award,
and Networking Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9 a.m. Cougar Homecoming 5K
9 a.m. Alumni Women's Basketball Game(s)
9:30 a.m. UMMAA Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. Tailgate Party
11 a.m. Bookstore Open (until 5 p.m.)
11 a.m. Cougar Volleyball vs. Northland College
12 p.m. Cougar Football vs. Westminster College
2 p.m. LGBT and Friends Alumni Reception
3 p.m. LaFave House Alumni Gathering
(Honoring the memory of John Q. Imholte)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

11 a.m. Alumni Softball Game
1 p.m. Alumni Baseball Game
2 p.m. Homecoming Band and Choir Concert

For a complete schedule of events, including Phi Mu Delta Reunion information, visit morris.umn.edu/homecoming.

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