

SUCCESSSTORIES

NOTEWORTHY HAPPENINGS FROM ACROSS THE COLLEGE

September 2012

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News you can use and other interesting tidbits.

Speak out!

Business executive, entrepreneur and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn will be featured as this fall's Orator Series speaker on the Moorhead campus. WuDunn is the author of three books, most recently *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, about the challenges facing women around the world. She will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Oscar Bergos Center; the presentation is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Contact Angela Mathers at angela.mathers@minnesota.edu for tickets.

Spartans, show your spirit

M State celebrates Homecoming Sept. 27-29 with coronation, volleyball and football games and a tailgate party hosted by President Peggy Kennedy at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Spartan football field in Fergus Falls. The tailgate party, featuring brats, chips and beverages, will benefit Fergus Area College Foundation. It should be noted that the 60-voice M State Concert Choir will sing the national anthem at the start of the volleyball (1 p.m.) and football (2:30 p.m.) games, and both the choir and band will present a 1980s pop culture theme performance at coronation on Sept. 27.

No horsing around

The Equine Science program is co-sponsoring the Regional Horse Education Program in Fergus Falls on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Red Horse Ranch. The program is a cooperative effort between the M State program, Red Horse Ranch and the University of Minnesota.

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Winners by design

Two students in Moorhead's Graphic Design Technology program were recent winners in design competitions. Sophomore Mary Youngs was the winner among 21 entries in a t-shirt competition sponsored by the Moorhead Police Department for its Summer Youth Program. If you spotted a local youth wearing a program

Depression awareness

The Fergus Falls campus will again host the Depression & Suicide Prevention and Information Awareness Night from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. From 6-7 p.m., an Expo will feature more than 20 information resources. Keynote speaker Maria Willits will share her personal story, "Shatter the Silence," from 7-8 p.m., followed by breakout sessions on a variety of suicide-related topics from 8-9 p.m.

Time for a (career) change?

The Moorhead campus is hosting its third career workshop from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25. The workshop is open to M State students and the general public and is designed for anyone who is uncertain about career plans or considering a change in careers. It's free, but attendance is limited so registration is required. For more information, contact Maronda Robertson at maronda.robertson@minnesota.edu.

Pottery and Moore

Renowned ceramic artist and M State alum Robert "Boomer" Moore returned to the Fergus Falls campus for an art show that runs through Friday, Oct. 26, in the Charles Beck Gallery. Moore is currently an assistant professor of art at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va., and his artwork has been displayed nationally and internationally and is featured in numerous publications. He also conducted two ceramic workshops earlier this month. Entry to the Charles Beck Gallery is free and open to the public. Read about his thoughts on M State and teaching in the [Daily Journal](#).

t-shirt this summer, that was her design. Rebecca Quiggle, a spring 2012 graduate, won an American Advertising Federation District 8 silver Addy Award for her photograph Ursa Major. She previously won a state gold medal for the entry, advancing it to the district level (which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota).



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Buzzing about THE HIVE

Beth Pridday, executive director of Business & Entrepreneurial Services, has been invited – for the fourth time – to speak at the annual convention of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship. Pridday will be talking about BES' development of THE HIVE, an innovative incubator marketing agency for creative professionals on the Detroit Lakes campus. The conference is Oct. 6-10 in Chicago.

Setting the standards

M State English instructor Paul Carney will be among the speakers at The College Board's national Investing in Education Forum in late October in Miami, where he will be part of a panel entitled "The Common Core Standards and What's Next for Higher Education." Carney, who teaches on the Fergus Falls campus, has worked in the development of the Common Core Standards, a set of national standards designed to help prepare high school students for college or careers.

eCampus in good company

M State's eCampus was among the many exhibitors on hand during the *In Good Company* Women's Expo in Fergus Falls on Sept. 22. M State staff provided information about eCampus, which Dean Jill Abbott says is seeing growing interest from students in their mid-20s and older who want to earn a college degree while they fulfill their other important life obligations.

Picking up the pace

A record number of runners and walkers participated in the Sept. 22 Spartan 5K on the Fergus Falls campus. Paul Shol finished first among the 180 competitors at 16:35, followed by second-place finisher Brittin Roberts, a student on the Fergus Falls campus who ran the course barefoot and completed in 16:58. The annual race is a fundraiser for Fergus Area College Foundation and directed by the campus student life director, David Jensen. Roberts also finished second – out of 7,077 runners – as he crawled under barbed wire and through the mud in the challenging 5K Warrior Dash Minnesota II on Sept. 8 in Hugo.

Expertise on display

M State's Paul Drange and Paul Carney will be presenting information on the Ready or Not Writing program during a Poster Session at the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Las Vegas in November. Drange is the director of the Center for College Readiness at M State, and Carney is an English instructor on the Fergus Falls campus and the developer and coordinator of Ready or Not Writing.

A work of art

M State alumni Sam Norman is one of 100 artists chosen to participate in the 20th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National Showing that is under way in Petersburg, Penn. Norman, who earned his Associate of Fine Arts on the Fergus Falls campus, is currently working on his Bachelor of Fine Arts at Minnesota State University Moorhead. More than 1,000 artists applied to participate in the high-profile national show.

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A salute to M State

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named M State to its Military Friendly Schools list, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. Check it out at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com.

Accredit to the college

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the Dental Hygiene program without reporting requirements for the next six years – the highest level of accreditation for any program in the country. The program is offered on the Moorhead campus and directed by Dr. Thomas Boe.

Staying afloat

Congrats to the Moorhead crew whose float won second place in the Greater Moorhead City Parade on Sept. 7. It was a true collaboration, with help from Student Services, Admissions, Student Life, Public Relations, Diesel, Carpentry, CMC, the Art Committee and the Library. The artwork displayed on the float was reproduced during spring semester in three of instructor Jo Titus's art classes.

Easy to Bear

Moorhead English instructor K.C. Hanson had two poems published in the Blue Bear Review over the summer. [Check them out here.](#)

Community spirit

September brought good news for the community of Wadena and Mayor Wayne Wolden, who is M State's business manager. The proposed Wadena Regional Wellness Center was awarded \$4.2 million from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Capital Projects Grant. Additional private fundraising is planned for the project, which has a total estimated

cost of \$10 million. Wadena's original community center was destroyed by an EF4 tornado in June 2010. The community, Wolden says, "is ecstatic."

Long-term approval

The North Dakota Department of Health recently reviewed and approved the Medication Assistant II Training Program offered by M State's Custom Training Services. The course is offered in Moorhead and at long-term care facilities in the region, preparing certified nursing assistants to work in long-term care as Medication Assistants in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Concurrent honors

Two of the concurrent enrollment instructors mentored by Roberta Freeman were honored for their concurrent coursework with the Outstanding Individual in Communication and Theater Award at the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota fall conference. Sandra Wieser-Matthews teaches concurrent classes at Perham High School, and Kathy Martin teaches M State classes at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School. Freeman is an English and communication instructor on the Fergus Falls campus.

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Family matters

A crowd filled the Oscar Bergos Center on the Moorhead campus on Sept. 19 to hear [Zach Wahls' presentation](#) on "What Makes a Family." Wahls, an Iowa college student with two lesbian mothers, became a spokesman for the marriage equality issue after his comments to the Iowa Legislature were posted on YouTube. His presentation was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Powering the workforce

Monty Johnson, senior dean of academic affairs in Wadena, touted the success of the Electrical Line Worker program's expansion to Baudette during a presentation to the Minnesota

Governor's Workforce Development Council in August. Check out the program's in coverage in [The Baudette Region](#). And check out this link for a mention of the Line Worker program in a story on long-term job projections by the [Minnesota Department of Economic Development](#).

Petal to the metal

The Detroit Lakes Tribune's back-to-school round-up featured news of the Detroit Lakes School District's partnership with M State, which is enabling the district to offer a metals fabrication class for the first time. "It gives us an opportunity to prepare our kids for our community and what we need in the workforce here in our own area," said High School Principal Steve Morben.

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