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Alpha Lambda Delta chapter wins national Order of the Torch Award

Morningside College was one of five schools in the nation to have its chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta win a 2007 Order of the Torch Award. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first-year college and university students.

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta selects winners of the annual Order of the Torch Award on the basis of outstanding chapter work in programming, internal communication, campus visibility and overall scrapbook presentation.

"It's a very big deal for Morningside to present itself that well," said Glenda Earwood, executive director of Alpha Lambda Delta. "We have 254 chapters across the country. To be one of the top five chapters in the nation, it's a big deal."

Other winners of a 2007 Order of the Torch Award were Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, University of California – Los Angeles, Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and the University of Texas at El Paso.

Tarah Sagedahl, a junior from East Bethel, Minn., served as president of Morningside's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter during the 2006–2007 academic year.

College celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day with guest speaker and radio presentation

Morningside celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a presentation by guest David Dixon on the religious foundations of the Civil Rights Movement, and also with a day-long radio presentation.

Dixon co-edited "Rhetoric, Religion and the Civil Rights Movement," a book which compiles more than 130 speeches with religious impact that were given by ministers, rabbis and the laity during the Civil Rights Movement. As he compiled the speeches, Dixon contacted the families of major civil rights leaders to acquire their permission and cooperation on the book.

An associate professor of political science at Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., Dixon holds a doctorate in comparative politics from the University of Notre Dame. His visit was co-sponsored by Morningside College and the Sioux City chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Also on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the college radio station broadcast memories of the Civil Rights Movement as shared by college and community leaders. The recollections were broadcast intermittently throughout the day.

Morningside participates in national recycling competition

Morningside was one of nearly 400 colleges and universities in the United States that participated this spring in the 2008 RecycleMania contest, which recognized schools for achievements in recycling and waste reduction.

During a 10-week period, Morningside students, faculty and staff engaged in a friendly competition with other schools across the country to see which institution could collect the largest



amount of recyclables per capita and the largest amount of total recyclables.

Morningside has an ongoing recycling program on campus that involves all residence halls, classroom buildings, administrative offices and other facilities.

During a recent nine-month period, the college collected more than 14 tons of paper and cardboard for recycling.

RecycleMania started in 2001 on the campuses of Ohio University and Miami University. The competition has grown to include colleges and universities from across the United States. RecycleMania is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program and the National Recycling Coalition.

Roger Harry Martin gives annual Wright Lecture

Roger Harry Martin was on campus in February to present this year's Wright Lecture, "Whose Idea Was Morningside College Anyway? – The Methodist Genius Behind an Iowa College." It explored John Wesley's influence on American higher education.

Martin has a divinity degree from Yale University in New Haven, Conn., and a doctorate from Oxford University in England. He has served as president of the country's oldest Methodist-related college in continuous operation, Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., and president of America's sixth oldest college, Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa.

Martin also has served as associate dean of the Divinity School and a lecturer on church history for Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

The Wright Lecture series, which started in 1981, brings outstanding preachers, religious leaders and prominent religious studies scholars to Morningside College. The lectures are funded by an endowment established by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wright.



Photo by Jenny Weip

Rangira Béa Gallimore visits Morningside as part of the R. Franklin Terry Women's Studies Lecture and Faculty Development Series

Rangira Béa Gallimore, an academic and activist who lost many of her family members during the genocide in Rwanda, visited Morningside in February as part of the R. Franklin Terry Women's Studies Lecture and Faculty Development Series.

Gallimore lost her mother, three brothers and one sister in the 1994 Rwandan genocide, where nearly a million people were killed in a little over

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three months. Since then, she has dedicated herself to speaking out – and helping others speak out – about unspeakable human suffering.

While at Morningside, Gallimore gave a lecture examining how women who survived the genocide have struggled to find words to explain their experience. She also led a faculty workshop exploring how to teach about such challenging topics as rape, incest, genocide and war, making the reality of the horrors vivid but also encouraging creative and empowering human responses.

Morningside responded to Gallimore's visit by raising more than \$1,000 for Step Up! – a nonprofit organization created by Gallimore to help Rwandan women find jobs, food and school supplies and to meet mental health needs resulting from the genocide.

Gallimore is an associate professor of romance languages and literature at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati.

Gallimore was the second guest speaker resulting from Morningside's effort to bring a renowned women's studies scholar to campus every semester for three years. Her visit was sponsored by the academic affairs office, the former Siouxland Center for Women, the Terry family, a three-campus women's studies committee and Grace United Methodist Church.

The women's studies series is named for R. Franklin Terry, who joined the Morningside faculty in 1967 and served the college for 25 years.

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Students volunteer to work on hurricane relief project over spring break

About 20 students traveled to Louisiana over spring break to help repair and reconstruct homes still damaged from 2005's Hurricane Katrina.



RaeChael Zabokrtsky (left) and Jeffrey Serbousek sand a doorway. Submitted Photo.

Led by the **Rev. Kathy Olson 2000**, chaplain and director of church relations, the student group left the college campus on March 14 and drove to Metairie, La., which is adjacent to New Orleans. The students spent about a week working through the Volunteers in Mission program of the United Methodist Committee on Relief to repair or rebuild homes in the New Orleans area.

This is the fourth relief trip that Morningside students and staff have made to hurricane-damaged areas along the Gulf Coast. In the spring of

2006, a Morningside group helped with clean-up and reconstruction efforts in Picayune, Miss., which was devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. That trip was followed by other mission efforts in Lake Charles, La., during the spring of 2007 and in Beaumont, Texas, during Christmas 2007.

Rachel Zohar Dulin presents annual Goldstein Lecture

Rachel Zohar Dulin, a professor of Hebrew and the Bible at the Spertus Institute in Chicago, Ill., visited Morningside in March to give the annual Goldstein Lecture.

Dulin lectured on "Female Personalities in the Bible and Their Legacy for Modern Women."



Highlights included biblical women's struggles for civil rights, their political impact, social contributions they made to their culture and the lasting impact of biblical women on the belief system of the Western culture at large.

Dulin was born and raised in Israel and served as a teacher in the Israeli Army before she came to the United States to teach. She has more than 40 years of experience teaching in formal and informal education. Aside from her teaching position at the Spertus Institute, she has been a visiting professor at various universities throughout the Midwest.

She has a doctorate in religious and theological studies from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She has published books and articles on the subjects of women, aging and politics in the Bible. She has appeared on nationally broadcast radio programs, television, theatres, lecture halls and religious institutions across the country.

The Goldstein Lectures are made possible through a permanent endowment provided by the Harold and Bernice Goldstein Foundation.



Peter von Allmen is keynote speaker for Palmer Student Research Symposium

Peter von Allmen was the keynote speaker for Morningside's fifth annual Palmer Student Research Symposium, which took place in April.

His keynote address, "Pay vs. Productivity in the NFL," focused on his research that examines pay and productivity in the National Football League, especially as it relates to players in the option year of their contracts.

A noted author and professor of economics and business at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa., he is co-author of the books "The Economics of Sport" and "Economics; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics." He has published in the areas of family labor supply, compensation schemes in professional sports and post-secondary pedagogy.

Von Allmen has a doctorate in economics from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. He serves as vice president of the North American Association of Sports Economics and is a member of the American Economic Association, Atlantic Economic Society and Western Economic Association.



Pam Mickelson, professor of business administration, helps Amber Bohnker (left) and Natasha Wittmaack prepare for their presentation the next day at the Palmer Student Research Symposium. Photo by Jenny Welp.

During the Palmer Student Research Symposium, students presented about 75 research projects in the academic areas of biology, business administration and economics, education, English, history and political science, mass communication, mathematical sciences, modern languages, music, nursing, philosophy, psychology and religious studies.

The symposium is supported by an endowed gift from the Palmer family in honor of Edward C. and William E. Palmer. This year's event was coordinated by John Pinto, professor of psychology, and Jackie Barber, associate professor of nursing, with help from students.



Campbell



Lubbers



Johnson

Campbell, Lubbers, Johnson are recognized at ODK Honors Assembly

Faculty and staff members were recognized in April for their service to students during the 2008 Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honors Assembly. ODK is a national leadership honor society that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character.

Randy Campbell, associate professor of mathematical sciences, was voted by the student body to be the Faculty Person of the Year for his outstanding contributions to Morningside and its students. He teaches computer science and interdepartmental honors courses at Morningside.

Campbell has been at Morningside since 1995. He has been deeply involved in curricular development, both in computer science and in the general curriculum of the college as a whole. He has a master's degree in computer science from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Susanne Lubbers, visiting assistant professor of education, received the First-Year Teaching/Advising Award. The award, presented with assistance from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, is given to an exemplary teacher who has helped first-year students succeed in making the transition to college.

Lubbers just completed her second year at Morningside. She was previously a language arts teacher at Sioux City East High School. Lubbers has a master's degree in education from Southwest Minnesota State University.

Kirk Johnson, director of the physical plant, was named Staff Member of the Year. Johnson joined Morningside's maintenance department in 1991. He was promoted to maintenance supervisor in 1998 and to his current position in 2002.

Since becoming director of the physical plant, Johnson has overseen

several major campus renovation and construction projects, including construction of three apartment-style residence halls, renovation of the Rosen-Verdoorn Sports Center-Allee Gymnasium, completion of the new Yockey Family Community Room and renovations to the main dining room in the Olsen Student Center, and construction of the Hilker Campus Mall.

Morningside's Graduate Education Program celebrates 40th anniversary

Morningside's Graduate Education Program held an open house in April to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The first Master of Arts in Teaching degrees were awarded by the college in 1968.

"Since Morningside awarded those first graduate degrees, we have had more than 1,500 graduates receive a master's degree in teaching," said **Glenna (Erickson) Tevis 1970**, director of graduate studies. "The majority of the graduates are from Iowa and are full-time teachers earning their advanced degrees."

In 1968 only two master's degrees were awarded. This year the college awarded almost 150 master's degrees.

Morningside offers a graduate degree in either special education or general education. The college offers courses in off-campus locations throughout Iowa, including cities such as Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Burlington, Fort Dodge, Sheldon and Denison. Morningside also is developing and piloting an online master's degree option in Iowa.



Linda Purl performs at dedication of Hilker Campus Mall

Linda Purl, who was a regular on the television shows "Happy Days" and "Matlock," helped Morningside celebrate the dedication of the new Hilker Campus Mall in May by presenting an impressive cabaret-style concert.

Though many know Purl as Fonzie's girlfriend, Ashley Pfister, on the television show "Happy Days" or as Ben Matlock's daughter, Charlene, on "Matlock," she has many other television and stage credits to her name. She is also an accomplished singer.

Critic Rex Reed described her this way in *The New York Observer*: "An act that literally takes your breath away. . . she has an impressive range, perfect intonation and awesome phrasing. In a tired landscape of cabaret yawns, she is one solid hour of seamless enchantment. Serendipitously discovering this kind of beauty and talent in a smoky room in Greenwich Village is like seeing a unicorn in a subway."

Morningside was celebrating how the center of campus has been transformed from an old parking lot into a green space with an outdoor performance center, a two-tier fountain and an elegant pergola. Read more about the Hilker Campus Mall on pages 24 and 25.

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College presents three honorary degrees at commencement ceremony

Morningside College presented three honorary degrees and 351 graduate and undergraduate degrees at its 110th spring commencement exercises.

The college presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Barry Backhaus of Sioux City, former president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Vantus Bank; **Richard Ducommun 1968** of Colorado Springs, Colo., a Sioux City native and businessman; and Edward Rogalski of Davenport, Iowa, former president of St. Ambrose University in Davenport.

Backhaus and Rogalski were also the featured speakers at the commencement ceremony.

Morningside recognized Backhaus for his service to the college and the Sioux City community. Backhaus was a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors from 1992 to 2007 and served as chairman of the board from 2000 to 2002. His other community activities include: board member and past chairman of Goodwill Industries, past chairman and board member of St. Luke's Health System, past board member of the Iowa Health System, past board member of the Siouxland Foundation, past chairman of the United Way of Siouxland campaign and a member of the Downtown Rotary Club.

A native of Cushing, Iowa, Backhaus joined First Federal Bank (now Vantus Bank) in 1969. He was elected president and chief executive officer of the bank in 1990 and chairman of the board in 1997. Backhaus retired in 2006 and continues to serve on the bank's board of directors.

Ducommun received an honorary degree in recognition of his business accomplishments and support of education and the fine arts. After graduating from Morningside, Ducommun taught Spanish in junior high schools and high schools in Sioux Falls, S.D. He later moved to Colorado Springs and became involved in his family's business. The Ducommun Business Trust operates gold and silver mines near Breckenridge, Colo., and owns water rights to the middle fork of the South Platte River in Colorado.

A long-time supporter of the arts, Ducommun has been a member of the boards for the Colorado Springs Dance Theatre and the Colorado Springs Opera. He was one of the founders of the Children's Museum of Colorado Springs and served as president of the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum. He also has served on the American Cancer Society's board of directors in Colorado Springs. Ducommun is listed in "Who's Who of International Business."

Morningside honored Rogalski, who served as

president of St. Ambrose University from 1987 to 2007, for his support of private higher education in Iowa. Rogalski came to St. Ambrose in 1968 as dean of students. From 1974 to 1980, he served as St. Ambrose's vice president for administration. He became the university's senior vice president in 1981. He was serving as executive vice president when he was appointed to the presidency.

Rogalski is past chair and member of the executive committee of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He also is past chair and member of the executive committee of the Iowa College Foundation. Rogalski has been a board member and commissioner on state policy for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Reid receives 2008 Wert Award

Heather Reid, associate professor and chair of philosophy, received the 2008 Lucille and Charles Wert Faculty Award for excellence in teaching. Presented during commencement, this award recognizes the faculty member judged by his or her peers to best exemplify the ideas of the academic teaching profession at Morningside.

Reid joined the Morningside faculty in 1996. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree and doctorate from



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the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Reid has received international recognition for her expertise on the philosophical foundations of the Olympic Games and has served as president of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport.

Reid is author of the book "The Philosophical Athlete" and also has written numerous scholarly articles and book chapters on ancient Greek philosophy, sport philosophy and Olympic studies. She received a Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award in 2004 and was named Faculty Person of the Year in 1999-2000 by the Morningside Chapter of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.

For more information about Reid, see the article on pages 12-14.



Nicole Cleveland (left), Andrea Collier and Clint Corderman listen to the president's commencement address.



Erin Fremi (left), Diana Garcia and Adam Gustman revel in the moment during the commencement ceremony in May. Photos by Doug Burg, Burg Studios.