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**LEADERSHIP LETTER**

**From the Chancellor**

Greetings,

and the harvest time. When time permits, my husband and I go over to the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge to ride our bikes. There is about ½ mile area in the more than 14 miles of paved paths that is alive with the brilliant hues of turning sumac. It is my autumn heaven. Take time to find your space, get out and enjoy it. Many studies have shown that being outdoors is beneficial to mental health, creativity and even cognitive functions.



Some of you have shared with me questions about the number of students in quarantine due to COVID-19. Some of you have said the numbers of the dashboard don't reflect what you are seeing and hearing. Students who have had close contact with a COVID-19 positive person (determined by the Polk County Health Department) are asked to quarantine. The numbers on our dashboard indicate the students who are currently in our residence facilities as there is no way for us to accurately report for students living off-campus. It does not include students who may have chosen to isolate (tested positive for COVID-19) or quarantined at their homes or live off-campus. Whenever there is a change in numbers, the dashboard is updated. The link for the dashboard is <https://protectthenest.crk.umn.edu/>

We've postponed the in-person 2020 commencement that was tentatively scheduled for October. State law precludes us from having gatherings of more than 250 during these COVID-times. Our 2020 graduates will be invited to participate with the 2021 graduates. Fingers crossed the worst of this pandemic will be behind us so that we can celebrate then. We've also cancelled the Homecoming events scheduled for early November. Your representatives in CSA are planning a Home-going event prior to leaving at Thanksgiving. Let them know what you would like to do.

We all have preferences about how and when we want to be informed of things going on. Please let me know via this link [E-Update Communications Feedback](#) and your anonymous response will be noted. Your comments are very helpful in determining how best to ensure you are receiving the information you need.

Our hearts go out to those who are experiencing the wildfires in the West. There has been a lot that has been happening this year. Make sure you are seeking and getting the help you may need to get through these challenging times.

Chancellor Mary

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### From the Crookston Student Association

The Crookston Student Association (CSA) is accepting Applications for Fall Semester 2020.

Applications are available at the Sargeant Student Center Information Desk now through Friday September 17, 2020.

Applications are due back to the Information Desk Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m.

There is currently *one senator position* open.

Benefits of being a member of CSA:

- Gain great leadership experience
- Increase involvement on campus
- Learn more about UMN Crookston
- Make a difference

To be eligible you must be enrolled in six or more on-campus credits, be a degree-seeking student, and have a minimum GPA of a 2.0 or higher. New students are encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact C.S.A. President Paul Hendrickx  
hendr998@crk.umn.edu

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### Be a Voice

If you have any concerns about campus, including student life and academics, please voice your concerns to CSA by clicking [here](#).



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### From the Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is expanding building hours and capacity starting next week. Twelve people will now be able to sign up per hour and we will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

activities and group activities only be offered outdoors. The time slots for sign up are as followed:

6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who is following the new policies and procedures. Please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands, wipe down your equipment after use.

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### **From the Student Success Center**

We would like to introduce our Graduate Student Assistants.

#### **Avianna McGregor:**

Hi! My name is Avi McGregor, I am currently working as a graduate assistant for career services at the Student Success Center. My work includes mentoring students about their future internships and career opportunities, and assisting students in writing proper cover letters and/or resumes. I received my undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Development and Family Science at North Dakota State University (NDSU). I am currently in my first year of the Educational Leadership graduate program, also at NDSU (sorry bison, but go golden eagles!).



Fun facts!! One time when I was in India someone thought I was a famous person.

I love to garden, but I recently learned that pickles are cucumbers (why aren't they called pickled cucumbers??)

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**Isnino (Nina) Shukri**

My name is Isnino Shukri, I go by Nina. A fun fact about me, is that I come from a US Military family, and have lived in 7 different states. I am pursuing a Masters of Science in Higher Education at the University of North Dakota. I am passionate about diversity & inclusion, and believe in a global mindset. I really like cooking and trying out different recipes from all over the globe. If you have an interesting recipe to share with me, please feel free to reach out to me!

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Staff Feature: Rose Ulseth, Executive Accounts Specialist, University and Alumni Relations**

Tips for on-campus and online students:

Meet new people and get involved even if it's out of your comfort zone. Don't worry...the person next to you feels the same but you may be meeting a friend for life. College is where you'll make the best memories and meet life-long friends. Engage in your classes and with your instructors.

Favorite Activity:

Being present with family and friends. Like so many others, I can't wait to travel to spend time with family and friends I haven't seen in so long!

Favorite Travel location:

Hawaii to the island of Maui as that's where our oldest daughter lives. Can't wait to be able to travel to see her again. On my bucket list is Italy as that is where my family is from.

Fun anecdote/story:

I'm a city girl, turned country wife. My first year on the farm I realized I forgot to get an





road so he wouldn't see me. We live 11 miles southwest of Crookston and I found myself in Eldred (a little too far south) rather than in Crookston. I've struggled a number of times to get to my destination or to find my husband in the correct field as I travel on gravel roads.

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