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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Greetings.

mornings. I personally love the smells of autumn 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 your questions about the number of students in quarantine due to COVID-19. . Students who have had close contact with a COVID-19 positive person (determined by the Polk County Minnesota 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. If you are curious, 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

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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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 anniversary card for my husband. He was in the field so I took the road behind our house rather than the usual 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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