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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Dean of Student Engagement

Happy Monday everyone!

Voting

The deadline for absentee ballots to be received is now 8 p.m. on election day. Ways you can vote: (1) take your absentee ballot to a drop off box or at your county election office - locations at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>; (2) vote early in person - locations at <http://z.umn.edu/votes>; (3) vote in person on election day.



Students, I urge you to vote. This is the most basic way that you can make a difference at the local, state, and national level and your vote absolutely matters. The only wasted vote is the vote you don't cast.

Elections Programming

While it is important to educate yourself on the outcomes of elections, we're trying to balance crowd sizes and safety with making sure you have access to information and a way to discuss with others. Residential Life is planning to have spaces open for students who are politically left, politically right, and center to watch election results. The TV in the lounge of the student center will also be tuned to election results for anyone who wants to come and watch.

Last Chance Flu Clinics

The student clinic will be Thursday, November 12th 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. in Bede.

Prep for Holiday Travel

We've almost made it to our goal of being in class in person until Thanksgiving. Let me start by saying how proud I am of our students for having such a community mindset in wearing your face coverings, maintaining your physical distance, and washing your hands. We knew going into this that our road to Thanksgiving was a narrow one, and you have all stepped up. My focus now is turned to making sure you go home for the holidays safely - many of you look forward to spending time with friends and family who may fall into at-risk categories if they were to contract COVID-19. Here are some things you can do over the next few weeks to prepare for travel:

- Limit your pod of people. I know that you've had a chance to slowly expand the people you spend time with. This is a good time to limit that number of people. Remember, you aren't only spending time with them, but with everyone they spend time with too.

- Wash your hands often. Do what you can to not touch your face.
- Aside from class and going to get necessities (like going to the dining hall or grocery store), you should avoid social situations where you know there will be crowds unless you can see precautions have been taken for COVID-19.
- Take good care of yourself. Remember, on top of being a time we're dealing with COVID-19 this is also cold and flu season. Consider getting your flu shot and take good care of your health.
- Take advantage of the saliva test provided by the University. You received instructions for accessing the test via email

I look forward to being able to see you all here again in the spring. We'll continue to communicate ways you can stay well and return to campus healthy and ready for a new semester.

Have a great week,

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Dean of Student Engagement

HIGHLIGHTS

From International Programs

Halloween would not be complete without jack-o'-lanterns. Although our international students did not go trick or treating this year, we made sure they continued our annual Halloween tradition and had them carve their own pumpkins. This event was co-sponsored by GEE (Golden Eagle Entertainment) where both international and domestic students enthusiastically joined in the



fun of carving and later continued their fun by painting pumpkins. Childhood memories certainly were recreated. Pumpkins were judged, prizes were awarded, and many were nicely displayed outside of the Student Center. Mark your calendars for International Week coming up November 13-19, 2020.

Monday Motivation

University of Minnesota Crookston sophomore soccer player, Alyssa Pavlacic (St. Charles, Mo.), was featured in this morning's NSIC Monday Motivation series. Her favorite quote sends a strong message all of us can utilize in our lives.

"Strength happens in the moments when you think you can't go on, but you keep going on anyway."

<https://twitter.com/NorthernSunConf/status/1323248680498089985>

Daml Overcomes Obstacles to Forge Path from Alaska to UMN Crookston and Beyond

When most people think of the North Pole, they of course conjure up images of a jolly fat man named Santa Claus, reindeer, and elves. For Lindsey Daml, North Pole, in Alaska that is, is home. In reality, Daml's North Pole is nestled near the great Alaskan wilderness close to the Tanana River and just two hours from the majestic Denali National Park and Mount McKinley.

Daml came from North Pole, Alaska over 2,700 miles south to Crookston, Minn. It has sometimes been a rocky road for the Golden Eagle soccer player, as she has battled through injuries her entire career. Just when she thought she was healthy to return, COVID-19 hit and canceled her fall season. It was to be her final season, a season in which she built herself up from injury in order to play. Despite the pitfalls and rocky terrain, Daml has taken an outstanding perspective on her journey at UMN Crookston as she prepares to obtain a degree in natural resources, and prepare herself for her next journey, whether that includes soccer or not.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

Student Stories

UMN Crookston senior Connor Humble, a double major in sports and recreation management and finance, discusses what brought him to Minnesota Crookston and what has made it a special place.





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