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— LEADERSHIP LETTER —

From the Chancellor

We are closing in and almost done with the semester. Congratulations on being committed to your school work and to keeping our nest safe as COVID-19 numbers rage around us.

classes as we did this fall. As was stated in the Town Hall, watch for an email on January 4 to provide details about classes. Of course no one has a crystal ball, but it is our intention to be in person -- if it is safe to do so.

If you did not have a chance to attend the Town Hall on Wednesday, [click here to view it](#).

COVID-19 Testing



One important tool available to you as you prepare for Thanksgiving is your [one free saliva test through Vault Health](#). This saliva test can be used whether you are symptomatic or not at any time between now and late December. You can find your personalized link to request this mail-order test on the top right of your MyU home page under the flag icon.

Additionally, beginning Tuesday you can get a test in person at the National Guard Armory in Crookston (on Highway 2 east of campus) at 1801 University Avenue. Pre-registration is requested to avoid long lines or waits. The pre-registration link is

<https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

Thank you again for your efforts to keep yourselves, your families, and our community safe.

Honoring Native American Heritage Month

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#), and we acknowledge that the University of Minnesota is built on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous peoples. It is important to acknowledge the peoples on whose land we live, learn, and work as we seek to improve and strengthen relations with the tribal nations of Minnesota.

I also want to recognize and thank our Native American students, faculty, staff, and community members for their many contributions to the University. We are committed to strengthening our relations with the 11 sovereign Tribal Nations of Minnesota, and we have collaboratively developed goals and metrics through the [MPact 2025 systemwide strategic plan](#) to center and elevate this work.

We will continue to meet, collaborate, and consult to ensure that we are increasing access to all aspects of higher education for our Native American students, staff, faculty, and community members and fulfilling our mission to serve all people of Minnesota.

Let Someone Know You Care

We've all been touched by the extra kindness or effort our faculty, staff and others through this COVID-19 crisis. Everyone can use a little lift and I encourage you to send a note of

or brighten a day. Blank appreciation cards can be picked up and dropped off in the Sargeant Student Center.

Be well, study hard, and get involved with the [Homegoing celebrations](#).

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

From Campus Health

GYT: Get Yourself Tested is a campaign encouraging young people to get tested and treated for STDs and HIV to protect their health and that of their partners. STDs affect people of all ages, yet these diseases take a particularly heavy toll on young people. UMN Crookston Student Health is partnering with Polk County Public Health's Sexual Health providers to have GYT Kits available for free and located in the Evergreen public bathrooms. Contact Student Health at 218-281-8512 with questions.



COVID-19 Testing

In order to expand access to free, "no barrier" COVID-19 testing, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has announced 11 new long-term COVID-19 testing sites will open across Minnesota in the coming weeks, including one in Crookston that opened on Monday, November 16. COVID-19 testing is open to everyone, symptoms or no symptoms, and is free -- no insurance necessary.

The Crookston location is at the Crookston National Guard Armory, 1801 University Avenue from 12-6 p.m. Pre-registration is requested to avoid long lines or waits. The pre-registration link is <https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

- Monday, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18
- Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24
- Tuesday, December 1 through Saturday, December 5
- Wednesday, December 9 through Friday, December 11
- Wednesday, December 16 through Saturday, December 19

- Monday, January 4 through Thursday, January 7
- Wednesday, January 13 through Saturday, January 16
- Tuesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 20
- Wednesday, January 27 through Saturday, January 30

STAY SAFE MN

Get Tested for COVID-19



- Open to everyone
- Symptoms or no symptoms
- Free, no insurance needed

Mon. November 16 thru Wed. 18, 2020
 Mon. November 23 & Tues. 24, 2020
 Tues. December 1 thru Sat. 5, 2020
 Wed. December 9 thru Fri. 11, 2020
 Wed. December 16 thru Sat. 19, 2020
 Mon. December 21 & Tues. 22, 2020

Mon. December 28 thru Wed. 30, 2020
 Mon January 4 thru Thurs. 7, 2021
 Wed. January 13 thru Sat. 16, 2021
 Tues. January 19 & Wed. 20, 2021
 Wed. January 27 thru Sat. 30, 2021

Crookston Armory
 1801 University Ave. North
 Crookston 56716

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

Register online:

<https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

If you are not able to sign up online, or need a translator, call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.



Minnesota Department of Health | health.mn.gov | 651-201-5000
 Contact health.communications@state.mn.us to request an alternate format.
 08/06/2020

Join us Thursday, November 19, for our annual Thanksgiving Meal in Brown for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu

- Herb Oven Roasted Turkey
- Mash Potatoes with Gravy
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Cornbread Stuffing
- Buttered Corn
- Green Bean Casserole
- Squash (from our campus garden)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Rolls/Butter
- Fruit Salad
- Toss salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Green Pea Salad
- Pumpkin Pie
- Apple Pie
- Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving a little early. Carry -out is available.

HIGHLIGHTS

From International Programs

Please join us in celebrating the completion of our international students' academic career from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 in the International Lounge. Cake will be served. The happy graduates are:

- Roseline Kanssole, Agriculture Business
- Marshall Mbanga, Software Engineering
- Meli Roderiguez, Elementary Education
- Bryce Jorgenson, Software Engineering
- JZ Chan, Business Management

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Business Management
Graduate 2020



JZ Chan



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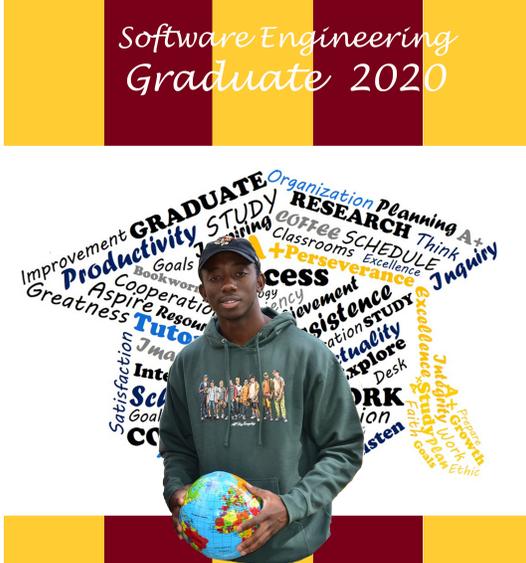


Bryce Jorgenson



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Marshall Mbanga



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Meli Rodrigues



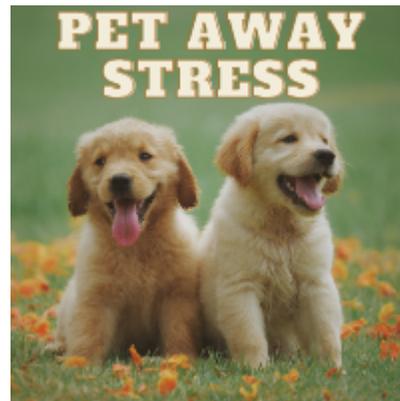


EVENTS

Mini PetAway Stress with therapy dogs in the International Lounge on Thursday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dogs certified by the local Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Come and snuggle your stress away!



Cocoa and Cram From Home

Join UMN Crookston Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta for Cocoa and Cram for Home Learning on Friday, November 20 from Noon to 1:00 pm. Join in person in the Student Success Center (Owen Hall 270) or virtually through [Zoom](#). UMN Crookston students and a few faculty members will be there to give you some tips on being successful as you get ready to move to home learning.

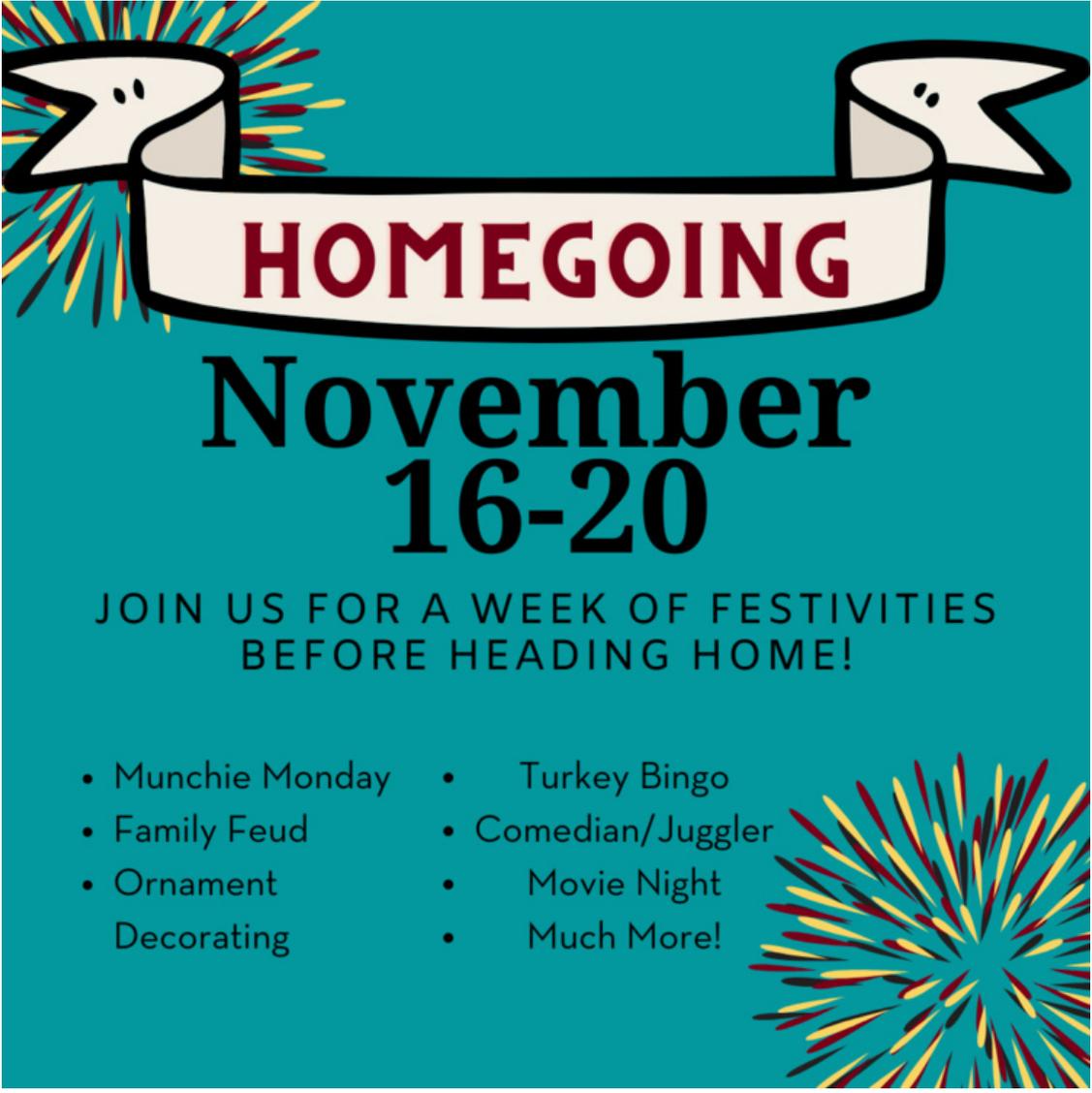


Join Zoom Meeting

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/98492577497?pwd=azlUK21JOG84MFdRT0dvVE5ZbHdrZz09>

Meeting ID: 984 9257 7497

Passcode: em0x&w

A teal-colored poster for a 'Homegoing' event. At the top, a white ribbon banner with a black outline contains the word 'HOMEGOING' in bold, dark red, uppercase letters. Below the banner, the dates 'November 16-20' are written in a large, black, serif font. Underneath the dates, the text 'JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FESTIVITIES BEFORE HEADING HOME!' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two columns of event activities, each preceded by a black dot. The left column lists 'Munchie Monday', 'Family Feud', 'Ornament Decorating', and 'Turkey Bingo'. The right column lists 'Comedian/Juggler', 'Movie Night', and 'Much More!'. The background features stylized fireworks in yellow, red, and black. A large, colorful firework graphic is positioned in the bottom right corner of the poster.

HOMEGOING

**November
16-20**

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BEFORE HEADING HOME!

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CLICK FOR ALL EVENTS

