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— LEADERSHIP LETTER —

From the Chancellor

Welcome back. I hope you have registered for the classes you need and everything went well with the process. If you need any assistance, please contact your academic advisor or one of the advisors in the [Student Success Center](#).

The Charles H. Casey Equine Arena

Last week on the campus of UMN Crookston we had a special celebration. We dedicated the arena in the University Teaching and Outreach center after one of our former chancellors, Charles H. Casey. Dr. Charles “Chuck” H. Casey, Chancellor Emeritus is a true Minnesotan. He grew up in the state and went to veterinary school at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. After that he:

- Built a successful veterinary practice in southeast Minnesota
- Served and was chair on the Board of Regents
- Strengthened the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Outreach programming
- Served as Dean of University of Minnesota Extension
- Served as Chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston

During his tenure as Chancellor, the UMN Crookston improved its rankings with the U.S. News and World Report to #1 in 4-Year Regional Universities and achieved Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association, accreditation for the campus. The University of Minnesota Crookston was the first University of Minnesota campus to achieve accreditation for online programs that were beginning to be offered under the leadership of Casey.

Also on campus were three members of the Board of Regents—Regents Powell, McMillian and Huebsch, Emeriti U MN President Robert “Bob” Bruininks, UMN Crookston Emeritus Chancellor Sargeant and many others. We had a wonderful celebration for our campus. I was Golden Eagle proud on Tuesday as people spoke about what a wonderful campus, faculty, students and staff we have.

Chancellor Emeritus Casey truly demonstrates service and commitment to the University of Minnesota. It was an honor to bestow this recognition for him.

Get the Vax 2.0 Program

The FDA has approved the [Pfizer COVID vaccine](#).

Many of you have asked details about the announcement that all students will be required to get a COVID vaccine unless they have a medical or religious exemption. First of all, let me remind you that the Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccines are effective in preventing the spread and effects of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. If you have not received your vaccine yet, I encourage you to do so.

You can access more information at the [UMN Vax 2.0 website](#).

You will receive an email within the next two weeks that provides clear and simple instructions regarding how to comply with this requirement. The email will include a link to a survey, which will ask for your name, student ID, and address and then provide you with three options to comply with the policy:

- Provide the date(s) of your vaccination and consent to allow UMN to verify your vaccination status with public health authorities as needed.

- Provide a completed medical exemption form including a signature from a healthcare provider.
- Provide a signed and notarized statement regarding a sincerely held religious belief.

The email and the form will include all the information that you need. Since the Pfizer vaccine was approved today, August 23, you will have until Monday, October 4 (six weeks) to complete the process. Otherwise, a hold will be placed on your account preventing you from registering for and starting future courses at UMN Crookston.

We will continue to provide you information by email and at the [Safe Campus website](#) as we pivot to protect the health and safety of our entire University community. Be assured that we will continue to closely follow state and federal guidance, public health data, science, and accompanying trends, and the best advice of the University's own medical and public health experts.

View the town hall meeting that aired on Tuesday, August 17, although this information was not primarily Crookston centered, take a time to view, here is the [link](#).

Have a great semester.

Point of Pride:

Tim Dudley, Ph.D., Chemistry, Department of Math, Science and Technology won the [2021 Horace T. Morse Award](#), which is the highest accolade given for undergraduate teaching within the University of Minnesota system.

Be Well.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Marketing Research Project

Consider participating in a marketing research project regarding questions related to awareness and perceptions of brands within specific industries. Some questions are related to alcohol brands, so if you are 21 and older consider taking this [10 minute survey](#).

Financial Aid

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Important Dates for Fall 2021

- Financial Aid for Fall semester disburses to student accounts: August 19, 2021
- First day that financial aid refunds are processed: August 26, 2021
(Refunds will continue to be processed on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Paper checks will only be processed on Thursdays).
- Fall 2021 Payment Due: September 8, 2021
- Deadline to waive University Health Insurance: September 30, 2021



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