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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

I don't want to jinx this—but ... the weather has been lovely. I am sure many of you have seen our cross country runners around campus training and the equine team out and about on the horses. My office looks out onto the mall. I am delighted to see students and employees enjoying walks, playing volleyball and

other games. You all have been working so hard and need to take time for self care. Enjoy some time to savor these glorious days.

Attestation for COVID-19

Thank you for filling out the attestation for COVID-19. We had excellent participation.

Need Your Help

We need your help in encouraging our students to either get their vaccinations or apply for objections. Students who do not meet the October 8 deadline will be able to complete the semester, but they will not be able to register for Spring classes until they have completed the vaccine certification process. The entire process takes less than a minute.

Students can provide us with their vaccine data, or can declare a religious objection, or can specify a medical exemption. Here is the electronic form.

[Online Student COVID-19 Vaccination Form](#)

Want to Join the Strategic Planning Process?

If you are interested in being part of the group that will be re-examining our strategic goals, reviewing our metrics, determining additional goals that may need to be added, and ensuring our goals synchronize with those of the systemwide MPact2025 goals, let Chris Winjum know. The group will be meeting October 18 from 8-noon on campus.

American Indian Advisory Council

Earlier this year we organized an American Indian Advisory Council. This group provides us guidance on how we can work more closely together in the region and be more supportive of our Native American students. The group met via Zoom in May and plan to meet in person on November 3. The members and student members are:

Lisa Brunner, Community Extension Service Director & Adjunct Faculty, White Earth Tribal and Community College

Derrick Cupp, student representative and online student studying Sports and Recreational Management with a minor in marketing. He lives in Kansas City, MO

LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe tribe. He has many leadership roles and is the chair of the group.

Laurie Harper, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Education Director
Annette Johnson, Treasurer, Red Lake Nation, Vice Chair

Lorna LaGue, President, White Earth Tribal and Community College

Bianca Turman, Student Representative

Desirie Wilson, Red Lake Nation

Campus Assembly, September 30 at noon

We look forward to seeing you at Campus Assembly on Thursday. If you have questions or things you would like us to cover, please submit them [here](#).

Point of Pride

Did you know we had 66 student-athletes named to the NSIC All-Academic Teams in 2020-2021?

Until next week.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

New Hires

Blake Bergeron: Finance Generalist, Athletics

Blake joins UMN Crookston after two years at Charter Communications (Charter Spectrum), Maryland Heights, Missouri. Prior to that, Bergeron was an accounting specialist for Citibank in O'Fallon, MO.

Justine Tara Becker: Junior Laboratory Tech

Justine joins UMN Crookston after four years as the Biology Lab Manager and an Adjunct Professor for General Biology Lab 1 at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Computer Help Desk

Scammers continue to target the University community with email and other scams. Review the most recent [scam about fake payment receipt emails](#) on OIT's [Scam Examples and Security Advisories page](#). The page is updated with the most recent scams seen at the University. Please forward suspicious email to phishing@umn.edu

U of M Public Engagement Footprint Systemwide Project

As a key part of the University's [MPact 2025 Systemwide Strategic Plan](#), and with support from the Office for Public Engagement in partnership and [U-Spatial](#), the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost is gathering data to launch the [University of Minnesota Public Engagement Footprint](#) database and map that details the breadth and scope of the University's service, outreach, and community engagement across the state of Minnesota and beyond. Projects and programs are updated annually and are submitted voluntarily by community-engaged researchers, faculty, unit leaders, and staff from across the University system. Add your service/outreach/engagement projects [here](#).

Athletics

Game management positions available at home athletic games.

All students, faculty and staff are eligible. Positions include: Public Announcer, Game Management Worker, and/or Sports Information. Pay would vary based on desired position. Please email Kolby at casti151@crk.umn.edu if interested.

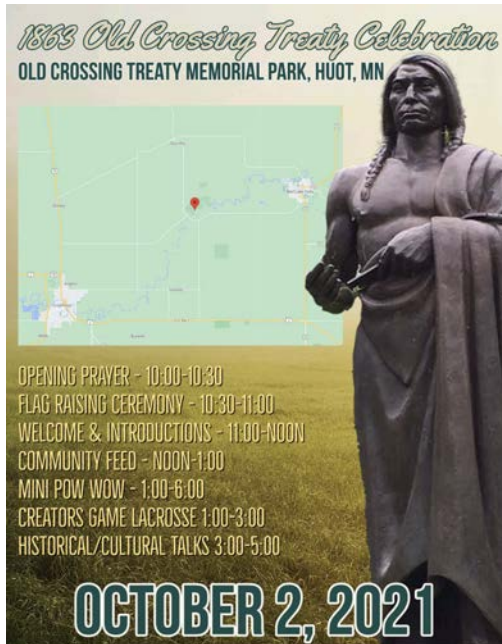
EVENTS

Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completing the FAFSA is the single most important thing you one can do to get money for college. It is the ticket to be automatically offered any federal, state, and institutional financial aid you are eligible to receive. Financial aid includes: grants, scholarships, work-study student employment, and federal loans. Learn more [here](#).

1863 Old Crossing Treaty Day event at the [Old Crossing Memorial Park, Huot, Minnesota](#), to celebrate and commemorate the 1863 Treaty of the Red Lake & Pembina Bands.

Transportation is available by contacting M. Christopherson at: mchristo@umn.edu by Friday, October 1 @ noon.



Opening Prayer 10:00-10:30
Flag Raising Ceremony 10:30-11
Welcome and Introductions 11:00-Noon
Community Feed Noon – 1
Mini Pow Wow 1-6
Creators Game Lacrosse 1-3
Historical/Cultural Talks 3-5

University & Alumni Relations

Join the class of 1990 as they will celebrate their 30th reunion (a year late). We've had a couple of them asking about faculty (former and current). Check out the events calendar for all the Homecoming festivities. Homecoming week: October 18-23, 2021

Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include:

The Abbey - Young Alumni Award: Marshall Johnson 2012
Outstanding Alumni: Mike Gasper 1978 and Mandy Uhrich 2005
Athletic Hall of Fame: Jeanette (Stoker) Larson 1987, volleyball
Jim Mages 2001, football
Cleon Melsa (posthumously), Faculty Athletic Representative

Counseling Services

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training, October 7, 2021

12:00pm -2:00pm Thursday Commons. Training for the campus community including students, staff, faculty to learn the three steps to help prevent suicide.

HIGHLIGHTS

Student Affairs

Erica Claybrook-Cookman, Assistant Director for Residential Education, awarded the 2021 Outstanding New Professional recognized by NASPA Region IV-East Innovation and Awards Committee. The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators ([NASPA](#)) is a professional organization for Student Affairs educators in higher education. Claybrook-Cookman's nomination was led by administration, students, and colleagues from around the UMN system. A presentation of the awards will be at the 2021 NASPA IV-E Regional Conference in November.

A message from Chancellor Emeritus, Charles H. Casey.

Congratulations on the news of UMC rankings of Best four-year college in its group of public four colleges in the Midwest. Great news for the campus.

We'll be returning to Arizona in about a month. Spring and summer went by quickly. Thanks again for everyone on campus for making the Arena Dedication such a wonderful event. Friends continue to tell us how impressed they were with all the arrangements.

Chuck