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## LEADERSHIP LETTER

### From the Chancellor

Welcome back. I hope the semester goes well for you. Always avail yourself to the resources that are here for you to be successful. Contact the Student Success Center virtually or in-person for services that allow you to take charge of your academic experience:

- Consult with a professional academic advisor about adding/dropping courses, working out a course plan for graduation, or registering for your next semester
- Work with academic support professionals to help reinforce what you are learning in class, make difficult concepts clearer, refine your essays through the Writing Center, or participate in our evening programs like “Extending the Classroom”.
- Plan for the future with our Career Services Office, including career exploration, resume and interview preparation, and help searching for internships or a full-time job after graduation.

## **COVID-19**

Please take special caution to help navigate successfully through this current Omicron variant. As you know it is highly contagious and has a short incubation (generally 3 days from exposure). Please get tested if you think you have been exposed or are displaying symptoms (even mild ones).

If you are a Minnesota resident, the [Vault test](#) is also available at no charge. To order one, go online and find a local resource if you need it.

Lastly, if you qualify for the booster (six months since your vaccine) please get the booster. They are readily available throughout our region. To find a COVID-19 vaccine or booster: Search [vaccines.gov](#), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

Be well. Study hard and don't be shy about reaching out for help, questions you may have or anything else you need to be a successful student. We are here for you.

Chancellor Mary

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# CAMPUS UPDATES

## **Human Resources**

### **Welcome**

Rachel Quale, Adjunct Instructor, Agriculture and Natural Resources department.

## **Writing Center**

Consider contributing your original creative writing, artwork, or photography to the [Inspired Art Journal](#). This is an opportunity to share your creative writing or artwork with the UMN Crookston community and get published. The Inspired Art Journal welcomes submissions of original fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, and other visual artwork from any present or past students, faculty, or staff members. Use the [Inspired Art Journal](#) link to upload your submissions, submissions are accepted through January 31.

## **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

### **North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) car washes**

Support the NACTA students as they fundraise for their annual NACTA competition. Contact Melissa Hammer at [hamme734@crk.umn.edu](mailto:hamme734@crk.umn.edu) to schedule a time. All vehicles are cleaned indoors in the Kiser Building, and can be picked up and dropped off for your convenience. Nebraska College of Technical

Agriculture is serving as the host of the 2022 NACTA Judging Conference on March 30 to April 2.



### **Ag Arama Showmanship Contest, January 29**

University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) Charles H. Casey Equine Arena. Students, faculty and staff now is the time to sign up for training and showmanship! Deadline is January 11th at 3pm. Contact Braden at [letou074@crk.umn.edu](mailto:letou074@crk.umn.edu) as soon as possible.

### **Veden Center for Rural Economic Development**

UMN Crookston is applying for the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities ([APLU Innovation and Economic Prosperity \(IEP\) Designation](#)). Currently, the Veden Center is working on a self-assessment to better understand current institutional support for engagement and innovation. In order to assess this, a survey will be distributed to all faculty and staff. Consider completing this survey to assist with obtaining this important designation. If you have questions, please contact Teresa Spaeth at [spae0012@umn.edu](mailto:spae0012@umn.edu) or Rachel Lundbohm at [rlundboh@umn.edu](mailto:rlundboh@umn.edu).

### **Wellness Center**

Welcome Back Bash January 11 at 7pm, UMN Crookston Wellness Center. Join us for crossnet volleyball, spike ball, kan jam, ladder golf, cornhole, and much more. Catch up with friends while you play one of

these games.

**WE WILL BE SETTING UP ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE GAMES TO PLAY**



**WELCOME BACK BASH**


**JANUARY 11TH,  
7 PM - 9 PM AT  
WELLNESS  
CENTER GYM**



In January, beginning on the 17th, join Noon Ball, an open gym with pickup basketball games for all students and faculty/staff. Students, faculty and staff who are not Wellness Center members can participate in those four days of Noon Ball free. Starting January 17th every Monday and Wednesday at noon.

**STARTING JANUARY 17TH, 2022**

# **NOON BALL**



**PICKUP  
BASKETBALL  
GAMES OPEN TO  
STUDENTS AND  
FACULTY/STAFF.**

**EVERY MONDAY AND  
WEDNESDAY AT 12 PM,  
WELLNESS CENTER**

## Wellness Center spring semester hours.



**SPRING SEMESTER HOURS**

Monday	06:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Tuesday	06:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Wednesday	06:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Friday	06:00 AM - 09:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 08:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 08:00 PM

## EVENTS

### Learning Communities

As a key part of our work, the IAS Collaborative, "Transdisciplinary Engagements with Indigenous Thinkers," is convening a series of learning communities focusing on the work of Indigenous thinkers. We invite students, community members, faculty, and staff to join us in these learning communities, taking this opportunity to listen and discuss ideas from contemporary Indigenous thinkers about how the world is arranged and how relationships to place and to other people shape how we live in the world. After the discussion sessions, we'll also have an opportunity to engage with these Indigenous authors, scholars, artists, and educators as they share public presentations and conversations via Zoom.

Upcoming learning community opportunities include:

- Vern Northup (public talk in January)
- Dr. Melissa Nelson (public talks February 3, 12-2 p.m. and February 4, 3:05-4:05 p.m.)

If you are interested in being part of learning communities focused on the work of either of these Indigenous thinkers, please complete this google form: [z.umn.edu/LearningCommunities](https://z.umn.edu/LearningCommunities). We look forward to connecting with you! This work is generously funded by the Institute for Advanced Study and the Institute on the Environment.

### University of Minnesota Day of Data 2022, January 13 and 14

Join us for the University of Minnesota Day of Data 2022! This year features a series of virtual events to foster data enthusiasm and critical thinking around the role of data across our University and in society as a whole. The event is free of charge, and open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni from all University of Minnesota campuses. Whether you are new to data or a data expert, you are welcome! Virtual events are spread out over two exciting "days of data". Attend as many events as you would like. Find out more and register at [Day of Data](#).