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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Dean of Student Engagement

Happy Monday everyone!

Voting

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.

Have a great week,

Savala DeVoge

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



nically 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](#).

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