



Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause looks on as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack addresses graduates at the 2022 commencement.

## LEADERSHIP LETTER

### From the Chancellor

Congratulations to our graduates. We had 158 individuals, who chose to walk for commencement. From Fall 2021 to Fall 2022 there are a total of 444 students who/have/will graduate. There were 250 graduates

this spring. Hats off to each of you who plays a huge part in their success. Your guidance, help, and commitment is one of the reasons they were successful in achieving this life milestone. Thank you!

We are deeply indebted to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack for visiting our campus and providing such an inspiring and impactful message. His comments to our students provided life lessons for them as well as inspiration to all of us.

Many thanks to all our faculty and staff who went above and beyond to make the ceremony and Secretary Vilsack's visit a memorable day for all.

We look forward to celebrating our faculty and staff achievements on Tuesday, May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. At 3:00 p.m., stop in the Prairie Lounge and wish Vice Chancellor Hoffman well in his new position as president of Bemidji State University.

At the May 12 meeting of the Board's Finance & Operations Committee, the Board of Regents will review President Gabel's recommended FY 2023 annual operating budget. <https://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/2022-05/docket-fin-may2022.pdf#page=46>

The Board wants your feedback on the proposed budget. Written comments may be submitted via this form, which is located on the Board of Regents website.

<https://regents.umn.edu/fy-2023-annual-operating-budget-feedback-form>

Comments will be accepted until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. Comments submitted through the online form will be included in the Board's June meeting docket as part of the official public record.

Please consider nominating or applying for the [Vice Provost/Director for Distributed Learning](#). This is a newly reconfigured leadership position responsible for driving the development of innovative, coordinated, and scaled systemwide distributed learning models, a key commitment outlined in the systemwide strategic plan, MPact 2025. This individual will lead the development of a new office that will be a hub to support systemwide academic program development and expand opportunities for learners across the system and state.

As the leading institution in the U of MN System for online and distributed learning, your expertise and perspective may be just what the system needs. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but applications will be reviewed beginning May 15, 2022. To nominate a colleague, please send a letter of nomination and a brief statement of the nominee's qualifications to [EVPP-DL@umn.edu](mailto:EVPP-DL@umn.edu). To apply, a letter of interest and a CV/resume should be submitted to the University of Minnesota's online employment system: <https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/int/347438>.

This will be the last E-Update until June. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer.

Chancellor Mary

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# CAMPUS UPDATES

## Admissions & Enrollment Management

**Welcome Sarah Monson** ([monsons@crk.umn.edu](mailto:monsons@crk.umn.edu)), **Sarah joins the Admission's team as the Assistant Director for Online and Transfer Recruitment.** Originally from Warroad, Minn., Monsoon has spent the majority of her career in Rochester, Minn., serving in a non-profit professional leadership sector as well as coordinating weekly concert series for Mayo Clinic and Hospitals. Her undergraduate degree is in piano performance. In June 2021, she and her family relocated to her husband's hometown of Fertile, Minn., where they are actively building a hobby farm.

**Mark Belanger**, senior systems analyst, alumnus, and longtime friend, is leaving the Crookston Campus. Stop over to the Prairie Lounge, Thursday, May 12th from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. to celebrate and wish Mark well in his new endeavors. Refreshments will be served.

Lastly, Admissions recently hosted two successful Admitted Student events, one on-campus and the other virtual, where connections with more than 80 students and their family members were made. Thank you to all our campus staff and faculty who participated and helped during these events!

## Global Programs and International Student Services

A reminder from the GPS Alliance that registration of international travel is required pursuant to per [university policy](#) for all faculty and staff. The University of Minnesota's [International Travel Registry](#) is an important tool in maintaining health and safety standards for faculty and staff traveling abroad. By registering international travel, the University is better-informed and positioned to help travelers in the event of an emergency abroad. The GPS Alliance will be contacting staff and faculty who have submitted international travel-related reimbursements for future travel (but who have not yet registered) to remind them of their obligation to register before their trip. They will also send reminders to non-compliant travelers after their travel. If you have any questions, please contact Sok Leng Tan at [tans@crk.umn.edu](mailto:tans@crk.umn.edu)

## Human Resources

### New Hire

Tanner Wichmann, Video Conferencing Support Technician/End User Support, Media Services May 16

# WELLBEING AT THE U

## Wellbeing at the U

The University Wellbeing Program has a variety of upcoming programs for you to participate in. Access your 2021-22 [University Wellbeing Program account](#) today.

### UMN Medica Fit Choices - Gym Membership Program

Exercise at a Medica approved fitness facility and earn 25 points per day from August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022. In addition, when you attend the fitness facility eight times per month, you earn a discount on your gym membership fees. Points awarded for Fit Choices will be reflected by the 25th of the following month. In addition to points, up to two medically covered adults per household (including spouses and dependents) over the age of 18 are eligible to receive up to \$20 reimbursement for visiting a participating fitness center at least eight times per month. Get started today! [UMN Crookston Wellness Center](#)

### Group Health Coaching

Group Health Coaching presentations are free, informational sessions that provide wellbeing information on a variety of topics. Whether it be a guest presenter or one of the health coaches that is an expert on the topic, there is a topic for everyone! When you attend a group [coaching presentation](#), fill out the registration form and you will receive 200 points every time you attend a session.

Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming Group Health Coaching presentations.

May 25, Noon Vegetable Garden Basics

June 8, Noon Low Care/No Care Vegetables

June 29, Noon Health and Nutrition from the garden



### **Library Services**

Celebrate Krista Proulx's retirement, Thursday, May 12 from 2-4 p.m. on the second floor of the Library.

### **Accolades**

Tim Dudley, Ph.D, Math, Science and Technology, has been selected to participate in the fifth NCAA Division II FAR Advanced Leadership Institute, slated for Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the Division II Advanced Leadership Institute is to expand and continue the education of Division II FAR Fellows through an intensive and interactive process designed to further enhance their leadership skills. More information on this recognition can be found [here](#).