

May 15, 2024

This is it, our final vitals message for the 2023-2024 school year. It is hard to believe that tomorrow is your final day of classes. Come celebrate the end of the semester with us on Friday, Reading Day. Join us for our final...**Cruise on by!**

**Friday, May 17 @ 11am-1pm**  
**(Konferensrum, Johnson Student Union, across from Financial Aid Office)**

FREE Frozen Yogurt and toppings bar (while it lasts) And...

- Check out where GUSTIES have been ACCEPTED to grad school this past cycle
- Pick up information on how to search for patient care positions
- Check out a book, movie and/or guide from our traveling library for the summer

And our final podcast of season four, [episode #70](#) is a great one featuring Camp Kesem.

This summer camp supports children that have a parent with a cancer diagnosis or may have lost a parent to cancer. This camp is FREE to children and it provides a fun-filled experience and creates a lasting community. There are many different ways for you as a college student to get involved in the Kesem community, and interestingly enough Camp Kesem was started by college students at Stanford University. We were inspired by the mission and vision of this organization and hope you will be too, listen [HERE](#).

**Camp website:** <https://www.kesem.org/>

Some of the [staff roles](#) include:

- Camp Nurses
- Mental Health Professionals
- Interpreters
- Support Aides, and there are also many different [volunteer roles](#)

There are two weeks of Summer Camp in MN:

**08/04/2024 - 08/09/2024**

**08/11/2024 - 08/15/2024**

We look forward to seeing many of you on Friday. If we miss you, have a great summer.

Heather & Heidi

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### **Updates from the U of MN Pharmacy Program:**

U of MN pharmacy program is recognized by [U.S. News and World Report](#) as one of the top pharmacy schools in the nation! Ranked #6 out of 141 pharmacy programs.

### **Fall 2025 application details**

The PharmCAS application for Fall 2025 admission is scheduled to open on July 11. U of MN [application deadlines](#)

**Priority deadline - November 1, 2024**

**Final deadline - March 3, 2025**

### **PharmD prerequisite updates**

We recently made changes to our PharmD prerequisite requirements, which will be effective for 2025 applicants and beyond!

The changes include:

- Removal of the advanced biology, physics and communication prerequisites
- Expansion of the calculus prerequisite to include any college-level calculus, such as calculus I, applied calculus, or survey of calculus
- Change from an advanced English composition course to an introductory college-level composition (writing) course; course must be taken in English
- Expansion of the social & behavioral sciences to include humanities courses

- The non-math/science prerequisites (social & behavioral science / humanities and composition) may now be fulfilled with an associate's or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (previously only a bachelor's degree fulfilled)

Please note that these changes are ONLY for the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. The U of MN prerequisite website will soon be updated to reflect these changes. The U of MN guides of approved prerequisites available on our website will be updated mid-summer. \*Once the U of MN guides are updated our Gustavus website will be updated as well.

### **Upcoming events**

- **Applicant Preview Day: Application workshop**
- *June 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Central time*
- This workshop is for those applying for Fall 2025 admission. We'll provide a detailed overview of the application process, including application requirements and deadlines, how to fill out the PharmCAS application, and preparing for interviews, essays, and evaluations (letters of recommendation).
- **Prospective Student Preview Day - Duluth**
- *July 26 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Central time*
- This event is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the pharmacy profession and the UMN PharmD program. Students at any stage of the exploration process are welcome.
- **Online Chats**
- Every week, admissions staff are available at our regularly scheduled online chats for questions about the PharmD program, application process, and more. Students can register in advance to receive a link to the chat room.
- **Coffee Chats**
- We host meet-ups for coffee 2-3 times per month in local areas. This is a convenient way for prospective students to connect with admissions staff! Registration is required; if there are no registrants 2 hours before the start time, the event will be canceled.

Questions, contact  
The PharmD Admissions Team  
[PharmD.umn.edu](http://PharmD.umn.edu) | [pharmacy@umn.edu](mailto:pharmacy@umn.edu) | 612.624.9490

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The **Indiana University Genetic Counseling Graduate Program** (IUGCGP) and the Indiana Network of Genetic Counselors (INGC) invite you to our Annual Genetic Counseling Information Session.

Join us via Zoom as we explore the field of genetic counseling with Indianapolis-area genetic counselors and learn about the IUGCGP with Program Director Paula Delk, MS, LCGC.

**GC 101 Information Session**

Friday, August 2, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT  
via Zoom  
*\*Registration Required **Register Now***

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**2024 Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp**  
Volunteer Counselors NEEDED

MDA Summer Camp provides an incredibly unique experience for both the campers and the volunteers who serve as counselors. The week-long residential programs give kids ages 8-17 the freedom to be kids with others who are just like them- at no cost to their families. Volunteer Counselors are by campers' sides day and night so that they can do all the fun activities that summer camp offers.

In addition to bringing joy to Campers, this fantastic opportunity allows volunteers to gain high-quality, field-based experience in physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical professions, education,

recreation, and family social sciences, as well as earning them extensive volunteer hours. MDA Summer Camp locations are available across the nation.

Check out [MDA.org](https://mda.org)

Summer Camp session in Minnesota is:

**MDA Summer Camp at True Friends Camp Courage  
Maple Lake, MN  
June 15-21, 2024**

Contact: Jenna Sachman, [jsachman@mdausa.org](mailto:jsachman@mdausa.org), Specialist, Volunteer Programs

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**Gusties Will Shine**

Gustavus students attending the Spring Education Conference for the  
Minnesota Genetic Counselors Association ([MNGCA](https://mngca.org))

Lily Leahy '25

Emily Sagstetter '25

Eliana Maciej '27

Lily Horsch '25

