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Greetings,

It is a great time to be at Normandale Community College. When I accepted the position of president this past summer, I knew there were a lot of exciting things taking place at Normandale. It has been a tremendous experience to meet so many wonderful students, faculty, staff, and community members, and see the passion they have for the college. I share that passion, and I look forward to continuing to accomplish many great things with all of you.

This fall semester has been an exciting and busy one. The Foundation recently hosted a pair of high-profile events with our Creating Futures Celebration gala and Normandale Performs at Mall of America. It was remarkable to see our students share their inspirational stories and showcase their wonderful talents to the community at both events. The gala was also a great opportunity to honor Mahendra Nath, a longtime donor and friend of the college. It has been gratifying to see the support we receive from community members, donors and volunteers.

In this issue of Creating Futures, you will meet a father and son—both Normandale students—who draw inspiration from each other to achieve academic excellence, as well as an alum who was named Miss Minnesota Latina over the summer. You will also read about our outstanding Art department, our Foundation Board members, some of the wonderful grants we have recently received, and see photos and highlights from the Creating Futures Celebration gala and Normandale Performs.

We hope this magazine provides a glimpse of some of the amazing things going on around campus and showcases some of the individuals who have benefitted from their experiences at Normandale. I also want to thank the many individuals and organizations that support the college. Your generosity allows us to provide quality opportunities to our students in many different areas.

Joyce C. Ester, PhD
President
Normandale Community College

NEW BEGINNINGS

On September 27, Normandale Foundation donors and friends helped make “Dreams Become Reality” at the second annual Creating Futures Celebration gala. Students, staff, faculty, Foundation Board members, and our generous community of donors gathered for an entertaining night of fun to support Normandale students.

Guests enjoyed an inspirational evening that included the outstanding musical talents of Normandale students, staff, faculty, and board members; exciting live and silent auctions; an elegant dinner; and dancing to the Random Act Band. Longtime supporter and former Foundation Board member Mahendra Nath was honored for his continued involvement with Normandale and his efforts to help students accomplish their academic and long-term career goals. His advice to students: “Concentrate on what makes you happy. Dream what you want in life. Write that dream down, and it becomes your goal in life. Pursue that goal and make that dream a reality.”

Inspiration continued throughout the evening with heartwarming stories shared by Normandale students and alumni. Each storyteller wove together the common thread of the difference Normandale Foundation scholarships made in their lives. How their lives were changed by the generosity of donors they may never meet. How finding people who cared about them made all the difference.

The stories included the accomplishments of Miss Minnesota Latina, from Vietnam, the perseverance through childhood homelessness and abuse from U.S. Army veteran Sara McAtee; and the amazing dedication of Heather Christopher to her six children (two adopted with special needs) while pursuing her nursing degree. These speakers all exemplified the opportunities that scholarship, support, and an education from Normandale can provide.

Heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors, donors, community members, students, faculty, staff, and Board members whose generosity and dedication made the Creating Futures Celebration gala’s “Dreams Become Reality.”

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The annual Creating Futures Celebration gala highlights the generosity of donors, and the accomplishments of Normandale students.

Clockwise, from front center: Foundation Board member and Art Department Chair Martha Wittstruck, retired Normandale Vice President Bernardine Bryant, Director of Nursing Katherine Andersen, Nursing Advisory Board member Patricia McPherson, Dental Hygiene students Jyema Choedon and Thang Nguyen, Board member and Dental Hygiene instructor Debra Sidd, Dean of Health Sciences College Brickle, Board member and retired Communications Instructor Rex Gaskill.

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Student performer Zach Churchill
2014 Gala honoree Mahendra Nath (center)

President Emeritus Tom Horak and his wife Bev share a laugh with President Joyce Ester.

Student volunteer Milia Bartz
Hundreds of shoppers joined Normandale friends and family to applaud and cheer for the musical talent at Normandale Performs in the Rotunda at Mall of America on Saturday, October 11.

Student performances included the acoustic guitar of Matt Vinge, a rap poem by Kihre’e Cherry, an Italian opera selection by Bryce Bishop, a Spanish melody by Jonathan Ceballos, and the country singing of Heather Vander Tuin. The event was emceed by Director of Advising and Counseling Torrion Amie and accompanied by the musical talents of Music Department staff accompanist Jeff Patry on piano.

The annual Normandale Foundation-sponsored event helps build awareness and visibility for Normandale, and offers a chance for faculty, staff, and students to interact with our community while showcasing the college’s talent.
When the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system appointed Dr. Joyce Ester as the President of Normandale Community College in May 2014, MnSCU Chancellor Steven Rosenstone stated, “Joyce Ester is an inclusive, transparent, and collaborative leader with a proven commitment to the success of all students. She will work together with students, faculty, and staff to build on Normandale’s many strengths, and she will develop strong community partnerships that will greatly benefit both the college and the community.”

Dr. Ester has certainly lived up to Rosenstone’s prediction.

Over the past few months, she has met with Normandale faculty, staff, and students and been an important presence on and off campus. Dr. Ester has injected a sense of pride in the college, encouraging the campus to wear Normandale apparel or the color red on Fridays as part of the “Rock the Red” initiative. She has also made it a priority to increase Normandale’s visibility in the surrounding community. Dr. Ester has attended Rotary Club and other local community events such as the Bloomington Heritage Days parade.

“When introducing Dr. Ester to community members and groups, her high energy and positive charisma immediately draw people to her,” says Colleen Simpson, Executive Director of Normandale Foundation. “Joyce’s innovative ideas and activities also continue to build a sense of community and comradere right here on campus.”

Dr. Ester has brought a positive energy to a number of campus and community events, including two of the Foundation’s signature events in the fall, Normandale Performs (at Mall of America) and the Creating Futures Celebration gala.

“Joyce has embraced the mission and efforts of the Foundation to support student success and access with her vivacious energy and infectious enthusiasm,” says Carolyn Pratt, Normandale Foundation Board chair. “She has connected with Board members, embraced our annual gala, and engaged community members, lighting a fire with her passion for Normandale wherever she goes. She is a font of energy with a zest for connecting with students and the entire Normandale community. We know she will do great things for our campus, students and programs.”

Dr. Ester has also made a number of public appearances on different panels to talk about education. She was featured on the Urban Perspectives show on WCCO-TV in an episode that focused on education, and also was part of an education panel on WCCO Radio’s News and Views with Roshini Rajkumar.

She has already been very active on campus, greeting students during the first week of school as they walked in the front entrance, attending the Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, checking out the Music Department’s Jazz Ensemble performance, and welcoming back retirees and handing out Normandale pins at the Retiree Luncheon. Dr. Ester is determined to meet and get the point of view of everyone who is involved with Normandale.

“I look forward to picking Dr. Ester’s brain on a variety of topics during our weekly meetings,” says Charles Holman, Normandale Student Senate President. “Dr. Ester is a highly motivated individual who is involved with the campus community in every possible way. She is adamant about knowing the students’ views and is attentive to what the student body is thinking or asking on a variety of issues. Dr. Ester has demonstrated knowledge in many different areas, and is highly responsive to any questions or concerns we have about issues regarding students and the good of the campus.”

“Getting to know the members of the Normandale community has been a phenomenal experience,” says Ester. “Each interaction provides me with an opportunity to learn more about this great institution and marvel at the talented, engaged, and committed students, faculty and staff.”

Dr. Ester has been sharing her experiences and getting feedback via Twitter. If you would like to find out some of the things she is doing on campus and in the community, follow her at @DrJoyceEster.

As a guest of WCCO-TV’s Urban Perspectives program. From left: Co-producer Kimberly Bedell-Rhodes, Director of the Council on Black Minnesotans Edward McDonald, Dr. Ester, Harvest Prep CEO Eric Mahmoud, show host and co-producer Pete Rhodes.

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The Art of Giving Back

NORMANDALE’S ART DEPARTMENT PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE FOR THE COLLEGE—AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Anyone who sets foot on the Normandale campus will come in contact with the Art Department. There are 10 murals around campus created by faculty, students and staff through the efforts of the Art Department. It’s obvious to any campus visitor that the Art Department’s mission is to provide the highest quality of art instruction for all students,” says Department Chair Martha Wittstruck. “We enjoy seeing our students get passionate about art, and we believe in giving them the opportunity to focus and define a direction toward a career in art. However, we also know that some students are only taking one or two art classes while they are here, and we want to make sure that we offer the same quality to any student who walks into an art classroom at Normandale.

Community outreach

In May 2014, the department hosted the 8th-annual High School Art Day. A total of 125 students and 15 art teachers from 11 local high schools participated. Normandale art instructors, art staff and former art students conducted 22 hands-on workshops during the all-day event. Normandale hosts art shows in its gallery for regional artists and hosts exhibitions for high school students who attended schools in the Metro West and South Suburban Conferences. The Art Department also partners with the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center to provide an open-studio format for community members who want to develop their drawing skills or create individual works of art. Last year, the department assisted representatives of the Normandale Japanese Garden to provide art and photos for the Bloomington Mapworks Exhibition (a display of local area landmarks) at the Bloomington Theatre and Art Center. Recently, a glass workshop was offered to visiting students from Izumi City, Bloomington’s Sister City in Japan.

“We appreciate being a part of this community,” says Wittstruck. “We enjoy giving back and working on any events that promote art.”

Uniting the campus

The Art Department invites community members, faculty, staff, and students to participate in projects such as the tile murals around campus. The department also encourages children of the Normandale community to submit art for their “Young at Art” exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery each summer. For the past two years, the department has created centerpieces for the Normandale Foundation’s Creating Futures Celebration gala. In 2013, students, instructors and staff created 50 fused-glass bowls. This year, 29 members of the Normandale community created 51 vases. Proceeds from the centerpiece sales help provide much-needed scholarship and program support for our students.

“We try to involve anyone who is associated with Normandale as part of our events,” says Wittstruck. “We connect with our students through classes, but we also like to have events and projects that give people associated with Normandale a chance to get into the art space and be creative.”

After taking some time off, Tom and Justus Rivard have both returned to college—and both are thriving at Normandale.

The relationship between a father and his children is special. A father can influence his children’s goals and inspire them to do great things. In Tom Rivard’s case, he is excelling at Normandale, and has inspired his son, Justus Rivard, to do the same. In 2012, at the age of 49 (30 years after graduating from high school), Tom decided to enroll at Normandale and pursue a degree in communications. Rivard has enjoyed a successful career as a baker and has also worked in radio. While he earned decent grades during high school, Tom decided to enroll at Normandale after graduation. Thirty years later, he changed his mind.

“My dad was finding success at Normandale and was greatly enjoying the experience. That encouraged Justus to attend Normandale. It also pushed him to excel. “My dad was getting involved at Normandale and was always talking about his rewarding experiences,” says Justus. “He is very passionate about going to college, and that has helped motivate me to do well in school. Going to school together has been beneficial for both of us.”

Tom and Justus have become involved in different areas of Normandale. Justus is working at the Tutoring Center’s front desk, and Tom is the public relations officer for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an honor society for community colleges. “I enjoy being one of the faces of the Tutoring Center,” says Justus. “It is a cool job because it is so heavily involved in promoting learning and getting a better education.”

Tom says he made it a goal to be in PTK as soon as he realized it was an option. “When I started getting good grades, I set a goal to be in PTK,” he notes. “I wanted to be around successful people who were getting good grades and doing things to get people involved. I enjoy the fact that PTK gives you so many opportunities to hone your skills and learn from other successful students.”

Competition and good study skills are both byproducts of Tom and Justus attending school together. Tom currently has a 3.8 GPA, and Justus has a 4.0. “There is friendly competition between us, but also plenty of encouragement,” Tom says. “We will sit at our kitchen and dining area and do homework together. The area is covered with books and papers.”

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

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OPENING NEW DOORS

A Normandale education and hard work have helped make Irene Viveros’ dreams come true. And this is only the start.

Being named Miss Minnesota Latina qualified Viveros to compete in the Miss U.S. Latina pageant in the Dominican Republic this past August. It was an experience that she enjoyed, and one for which she is extremely thankful.

Viveros and her family immigrated from Mexico to Minnesota when she was nine years old. After originally settling in Northfield, they moved to Shakopee. When Viveros graduated from Shakopee High School in 2005, she wasn’t sure she could afford to attend college right away. But with the help of a Shakopee Rotary Scholarship, she enrolled at Normandale. It was the right choice.

“Normandale jumped out because it was very convenient to where I lived and worked,” says Viveros. “It also had a good reputation, and it was affordable. The flexible class schedule allowed me to attend classes in the evening and on weekends when I was working full-time.”

Viveros received her AA with an emphasis in Psychology from Normandale in 2012. She is currently working at TRA Orthopaedic Center as a medical receptionist. Viveros believes her time at Normandale helped her secure the job in part because of the college’s strong community reputation.

In her current position at TRA, she has worked at public events in a variety of roles. Viveros wants to pursue a marketing or public relations career in the healthcare or nonprofit sector.

While Viveros is eager to get back to college, most of her free time this past summer was dedicated to her duties as Miss Minnesota Latina. She made numerous public appearances and was one of the featured speakers at the Creating Futures Gala.

“The variety of experiences at TRA and my Normandale-education will open up a lot of options,” says Viveros. “My time at Normandale helped me strengthen my communication skills and improve my writing. It is also good to know that most, if not all, of my Normandale credits will transfer to any of the major universities in the Twin Cities.”

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Scholarship and Justice the Leadership Through Perseverance Scholarship.

Tom felt comfortable selecting communications because of his previous experience in radio. While he isn’t sure what specific path he wants to follow, radio or journalism are two options.

Justice says he has an interest in creative writing, journalism or possibly studying to become a pastor.

Both father and son are relishing their experiences at Normandale. “I have enjoyed my time at Normandale,” says Tom. “The atmosphere is very conducive to nontraditional students, and there is a lot of diversity. This was a great place for me to start the process of going back to school. There are people here to help you succeed, and I think students who come here looking to transfer to a four-year college will be well-prepared to move on.”

Justice feels strongly that Normandale is giving him a high-level, quality education that will prepare him for the next step.

“I have been very impressed with the Normandale faculty,” he says. “The instructors know what they are doing, and I have learned a great deal in all of my classes. Normandale is about as good as it gets when it comes to education.”

Heart of Glass

Normandale helped Jeffrey Stenbom recover from a difficult period and find a new direction for his career and life.

Normandale alumni often reference a turning point in their time at the college that helped them succeed and accomplish their goals. Jeffrey Stenbom experienced two different occasions where Normandale helped change his outlook on life.

Read his story at http://bit.do/jeffreystenborn

Meet the Board

Carolyn Pratt, Chair
Professional Musician, Arts Administrator
Board start date: April 2005

Janet Bellows, Chair-elect
Branch Manager, Amica Mutual Insurance Co.
Board start date: October 2005

Ed Meyer, Treasurer
Retired Executive, Wells Fargo
Board start date: July 2009

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Attorney, Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren
Board start date: June 2012

Jane Welch, Member-at-Large
Principal, Morrison Sand PLLC
Board start date: June 2014

HEART OF GLASS

Laura Catania
Retired, former Chief Administrative Officer, GMAC Roscay; former Planning Commissioner, City of Bloomington
Board start date: August 2014

Joyce Ester, PhD*
President, Normandale Community College
Board start date: April 2011

John Etchison
Director, Mergers & Acquisition Integration, UnitedHealth Group
Board start date: September 2013

Rex Gaskill
Retired Dean and Instructor, Normandale Community College
Board start date: June 2014

T.J. Hara*
Japanese Garden Committee Representative
Board start date: September 2013

* Non-voting members
“Service Above Self” is the primary motto of Rotary Clubs all around the world, including the many clubs located in and around the Twin Cities. Rotary members, or Rotarians, apply leadership and expertise to social issues, finding unique solutions to create lasting change. Normandale Community College and its Foundation partner with area Rotary Clubs to help change the lives of Normandale students through scholarships and support for innovative academic programs.

Each year, area Rotary Clubs and their members give generously of their time, talents, and treasure. Over the years, many Rotarians have served on the Normandale Foundation Board of Directors, including Carolyn Pratt, Axel Steuer, Don Stiles, Mahendra Nath, and John Houle, Alice Seagren and Jeff Meacham. Conversely, Normandale staff members serve as active members of area Rotary Clubs. Rotarians have partnered with Normandale’s Center for Experiential Education on literacy initiatives in our local schools, such as America Reads—America Counts (AR-AC). This program places Normandale students in elementary and middle schools to tutor students in reading and math—in particular, students with below-average test scores or for whom English is a second language. The Bloomington Noon Rotary Club provides funding and volunteer support for students and their families to reinforce the lessons taught in AR-AC in a fun, family event. Many Rotary Clubs implement STRIVE—Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education. Rotarians mentor high school students in their senior year through meetings, tours, and organized activities to help prepare them for post-secondary education. In addition, Rotary Clubs have partnered with students to attend college. On average each year, a dozen area Rotary Clubs support more than 20 Normandale students with $20,000 in scholarship donations. The Normandale Foundation matches these scholarships for the students attending the college. Financial assistance, together with first-year college support services, helps these students achieve their personal and professional goals.

Rotary Club Foundations also provide grants for innovative education and support programs. The Bloomington Noon Rotary Club Foundation began its charitable giving to Normandale with support for the DEEDS Program—Designing Educational Experiences for Disabled Students—to purchase adaptive equipment for learning or physically challenged students to succeed in college. More recently, it has supported Normandale’s Academy of Math and Science, a program to support students pursuing a degree and career in Science Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM). The Academy recruits students who are typically underrepresented in STEM—low-income, first-generation, female, or students of color.

As a community college, Normandale seeks to develop partnerships with local organizations that will benefit our students and improve the areas where they live and work. Partnering with area Rotary Clubs across a broad range of needs and activities is helping Normandale students to succeed in higher education and become future leaders to “serve others, above self.”
**Source of Gifts**
- Foundations & Corporations: $491,533
- Individual Giving: $302,069
- In-Kind: $71,426
- TOTAL: $865,028

**Donors**
- Total of 602

**Innovative Education**
- Normandale is a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Embedded Course Partner for implementing a national curriculum focused on pre-engineering instruction for secondary students. A grant from the Donaldson Company, Inc. provided VEX Kits to update the automation modeling platform for several PLTW and Engineering Technology courses.

**Gift Disbursement**
- Scholarships: $250,869
- Program Support: $166,380
- Endowments: $7,150
- Emergency Aid to Students: $7,317
- TOTAL: $431,716

**Scholarships**
- The Creating Futures, Changing Lives scholarship and donor recognition event celebrated the academic and personal success of 200 Normandale students who received $250,869 in scholarship support. Mark your calendars for the 2015 event, Thursday, April 9.
- The Stiles Foundation, led by Don and Leslie Stiles, established Leadership Through Service (LTS) Scholarships. LTS is a program for first-generation college students to develop peer networks by leading and serving community service projects. In addition to promoting civic values and citizenship, participation in the program increases student retention and success.
- The Academy of Math and Science successfully completed its seventh year, making a difference in the lives of more than 200 students since the program’s inception in 2007. This past year, 31 Academy scholars received Foundation scholarships totaling $60,000 with support from corporate donors including Donaldson Co., Thomson Reuters, H.B. Fuller, and Xcel Energy Foundation, community partner Bloomington Noon Rotary, and several individuals.
- The John and Janet Desmond Scholarship offers $25,000 a year to worthy students (see Memorials).

**Memorials**
- In December 2013, near-founding staff member, Nadine Bordwell passed away. The Dental Clinic Conference room was named and dedicated to Nadine as a living legacy to her special relationship with Normandale. A ceremony and reception was held in the Nadine J. Bordwell Conference room in June. Gifts in memory of Nadine from her family and friends were made to the Retiree Scholarship and helped establish the scholarships named in her honor.
- Janet Desmond (cofounder of Tom Thumb Donuts) established the John and Janet Desmond Foundation in memory of her husband John. Donations from the family foundation support the Normandale Japanese Garden, Greatest Need, and the establishment of a large new annual scholarship, Leadership Through Perseverance, which will provide $1,000 scholarships to 25 students annually. Even though Janet passed away in 2013, their family legacy lives on through their foundation and their generous program support.
- The first Russ Smiley scholarships will be awarded in 2015.
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Manager, $400 - $999

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Assistant Professor, $1,000 - $1,999

Dean, $4,000 - $9,999

Assistant Dean, $2,500 - $4,999

Dean, $750 - $1,750

Dr. James D. Cunningham

We apologize for any deletions or mispellings.
FACES AND PLACES

AMBER BENBOW, ‘11
Degree earned: AA
Graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2013 with a BA in English and a minor in Sustainability.

“Normandale helped me bridge the gap from being a full-time student to a working adult.”

ASHLEY (BLAKE) COSSAIRT, ‘10
Degree earned: AA
Completed two BS degrees in Psychology and Sociology at Montana State University. Currently enrolled in an MA program at the University of Montana in Sociology with a Criminology emphasis.

G. PATRICK BONNIE
Years attended: 2005-2007
“After I retired from a career in technology, I took classes at Normandale in anthropology and the life sciences to equip me to be accepted in a graduate program focused on archaeology and bio-archaeology. After earning my Master’s degree, I joined Normandale as an adjunct faculty member teaching archaeology, field archaeology, and forensic analysis. In December, I will have completed my sixth year here. Great school! Great students! Great colleagues!”

JORDAN BUGELLA, ’12
Degree earned: AA
“After I transferred to the University of Minnesota to finish my bachelor degree. I have been accepted to the University of Minnesota Law School, and I start next fall. Normandale was a great place for me to begin my education, and I am proud to be an alumnus.”

JAMES CONDON, ‘13
Degree earned: AAS
“After attending Normandale’s Hospitality Management program, I became a quality and safety manager working for IHG hotels in China. All because I had a professor who believed in me while I was attending Normandale.”

DEANNA DODSON, ’13
Degree earned: AS
Currently enrolled at Washington State University Global Campus for a BS in Accounting.

SUSAN EDER, ’98
Degree earned: AAS
Started an accounting firm in 2011 that works with independent restaurants in the Twin Cities area, showing them how to be profitable and assisting owners in making business decisions. “We have tripled in size and currently help operate some of the Twin Cities’ most fantastic restaurants, including Smack Shack, Tiger Sushi and World Street Kitchen!”

NATHAN HAMILTON, ’10
Degree earned: AS
Accepted a full-time position with the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety, Capitol Security Division.

LINDSEY JABS, ’14
Degree earned: AS
“By August 12, 2014, I had a full-time job at Open Door Health Center in Mankato. I work Monday and Tuesday on a mobile unit in Marshall, then on Thursday and Friday I work in the clinic. And I love every moment of it!”

MATTHEW STUBER, Years attended: 2002-2005
“After Normandale, I went on to the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities to complete my Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree. Upon finishing at the U of M, I was accepted into the chemical engineering PhD program at MIT. In 2012 I defended my PhD thesis and received my doctorate. I have since cofounded a company called WaterFX Inc. working on developing novel technologies for purifying water for drinking and agriculture using predominantly solar energy. My goal is to combat worldwide water scarcity without introducing new negative environmental impacts.”

WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU?

FACES AND PLACES SUBMISSIONS WANTED

New job, degree, volunteer assignment? Accepted to college? Win an award?
Submit your alumni note to Nichole Axtem, Alumni and Donor Relations Manager, at www.normandale.edu/facesandplaces
You may be included in an upcoming issue of Creating Futures!
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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

ART
Exhibits in the Fine Arts Gallery
Karen Gustafson, paintings and drawings
Nov. 20-Dec. 20, 2014

THEATRE
Performances in the Premanand Theatre
Sugar
A World Premiere by Gemma Irish
Directed by Kurt Schweickhardt
February 26-March 7, 2015

MUSIC
Performances in the Lorenz Auditorium
(except Dec. 12)
HOLIDAY CONCERTS
Chamber Ensembles
Dec. 4, 2014, 2:30 p.m.
Jazz Combo
Dec. 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Concert Band and Jazz
Dec. 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble
Dec. 12, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Church of St. William, Fridley, Minn.

IMPORTANT DATES ON CAMPUS
Jan. 12, 2015: Spring Semester classes begin
Jan. 19, 2015: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no classes
Feb. 10, 2015: Success Day
Feb. 16, 2015: President’s Day, no classes
March 9-14, 2015: Spring Break
April 1, 2015: Scholarship application deadline, returning students
April 9, 2015: Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event,
5-7 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery and Lorenz Auditorium
May 11-15, 2015: Spring Semester final exams
May 18, 2015: Commencement
June 1, 2015: Scholarship application deadline, new students

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