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MIDLAND UNIVERSITY'S PARENT AND
FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I hope that this message finds you in good health and in high spirits. Spring has come to campus and the flowers and trees are looking beautiful as they reanimate. I am happy to report to you that we currently have zero positive COVID cases on campus. It has been a trying year and I continue to be impressed with our student's commitment to staying safe on and off of campus. It is hard to believe that we have a month left of school. This semester has been full of activities in academics, athletics, and performing arts. This past weekend, our Women's Lacrosse team, Women's Hockey team, Men's and Women's Bowling teams, and our Volleyball team all competed in national tournaments. I am incredibly grateful to have so many opportunities for our students here at Midland, and I love to see your daughters and sons compete. This coming week, our Performing Arts department will stage Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. A fun fact about me is that I also participated in theater at Midland during my time here and played the role of Benvolio in the same play.



On March 28, Midland University hosted our second annual Inclusion and Equity Summit for our students, faculty, and staff. More than 500 people participated in the event. We truly leveraged the talents of our students by having our Dance team, Clef Dwellers and Choir perform. Our speaker was Angela Mercurio, a Canadian and former Nebraska student athlete, NCAA Woman of the Year, and current Harvard medical student. Angela shared a story about her social, academic, athletic, and cultural transitions into college. Afterward, our students broke into smaller groups where they were led in an intentional discussion by a group facilitator. The event was a success and the proof is in our post-Summit assessment data below.

- 92.7% of attendees found the guest speaker's presentation to be helpful.
- 84.8% of attendees said they learned something new during the small group.
- 93.4% of attendees feel like Midland University is an inclusive campus.
- 93.4% of attendees said the summit gave students the opportunity to express themselves and feel more engaged.

This semester has been unique as we work on moving toward a more normal operation here on campus. Since the COVID numbers nationally, statewide, and locally have decreased, we have felt more comfortable with easing some restrictions on campus. This has been a welcomed opportunity for the office of Student Affairs to offer more in-person events for students and their organizations. In the coming weeks, we will have our annual 'Student Appreciation Day.' I encourage you to ask your daughter or son about this when they come home. This is one of my favorite days of the year as we celebrate our students through fun activities on the campus green, giveaways, and rides to class on golf carts!

Finally, on a personal note, we are astutely aware of the financial challenges that have persisted for our students and their families over the past year. We recently informed our students that through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Midland is able to provide support grants to students to help with school and living expenses. Please ask your student if they have been able to apply for this unique support. We continue to feel blessed to have made it through this year successfully and remain committed to supporting our students and their families however we can. Thank you for your continued support of your student and our institution, we appreciate them and you.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lawrence Chatters
Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer

IMPORTANT DATES

keeping families in the loop

FALL 2021 COURSE REGISTRATION

It is Fall 2021 course registration season. Your student should have received/should be receiving information from their advisor about registering for classes, based on your student's class standing and number of credits earned. You can find more information about course registration on page 6 of this newsletter.

PREPARING FOR THE FINAL STRETCH: FINALS

Finals are currently scheduled to be in-person. *Finals take place between Monday, May 10 and Thursday, May 13.* Spring semester grades will be made available online on Thursday, May 20.

It isn't too late to send your student a care package or card for finals!

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT MAIL CAN BE SENT TO:

PARENT GUIDE TO FINALS:

Ways to encourage your student . . .

Pay attention to their mental health

Encourage stress relief strategies

Remind them of good sleep practices

Nudge toward campus resources

like counseling
and tutoring!

First* and last name
907 North Logan Street
Fremont, NE 68025

*We may not recognize a nickname when processing mail. Please include the student's name by which they've registered at Midland.



CAMPUS MOVE-OUT DATE



If your student is living in on-campus housing, they must be moved out of their residence hall by noon on Friday, May 14.

GRADUATION REMINDERS:

If you have a May 2021 graduate, please see the outstanding items your student may need to be complete, listed on page 6 of this newsletter.

REMINDER: Commencement will be held Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. at the Wikert Event Center. There will be a two-guest limit per student and masks will be required for all in attendance. Registration for attending Commencement is now closed.

If you have any questions about the topics discussed in this newsletter, or would like to remove your name from our email list, please email us at studentaffairs@midlandu.edu.

MARCH MADNESS ON CAMPUS

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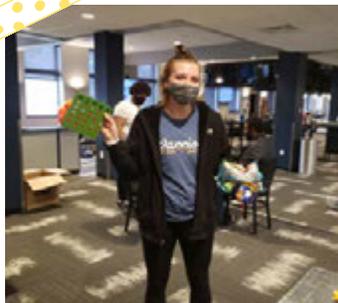
MIDLAND PUTS NEBRASKA ON THE MAP

Midland became the first college in Nebraska to offer the COVID-19 vaccination to students on campus.

On April 7, Midland vaccinated 350 students with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS LOVED IN MARCH



Not pictured (but still awesome):

Campus-wide Easter egg hunt with prizes inside 

Zumba for Juice Stop

March Madness Finals watch party

Pictured: Student Senate 

FALL 2021 HOUSING RENEWAL

In March, students had a chance to tour the residence halls before completing their housing application for Fall 2021 on-campus living.

In April, students selected their room/apartment placement in their assigned building at an event where we offered prize drawings (e.g. TV, mini fridge) and food!

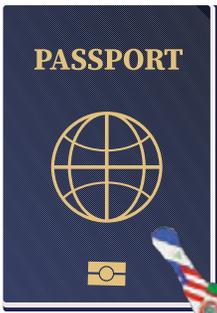


EQUITY AND INCLUSION

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

2nd Annual Equity and Inclusion Summit

MIDLAND UNIVERSITY | UNITED AS WARRIORS



Summit attendees broke into discussion groups and navigated difficult conversations regarding privilege and intersectionality.

We covered a lot of ground: nationality, religion, class, race, physical ability, gender, gender identity, and sexuality.



Discussion questions included:

- I have never been told not to speak in my native language during everyday interactions.
- Places to worship or practice my religion are numerous in my community.
- I can watch TV and find people of my race represented fairly in a wide range of roles.
- I have never been teased or excluded due to a disability.
- I do not have to think about the message my wardrobe sends about my sexual availability.



ImpactU: Transgender Awareness



I am eager for more information, support groups, and education from the trans community so I can continue to educate myself and help educate and support others.

- ImpactU attendee



TERMINOLOGY

Sex: male/female/intersex; assigned on the basis of appearance

Gender identity: the deeply-held, subjective sense of one's own gender

Cisgender: a person whose gender identity aligns with their sex

Transgender: a person whose gender identity doesn't align with their sex

Sexual orientation vs. gender identity:
"Who do you go to bed with?" vs. "Who do you go to bed as?"

ImpactU: Mental Health & Communities of Color

"The upside down pyramid of types of racism really helped me to better understand the subcategories of racism and how to avoid them."

- ImpactU attendee

COURSE REGISTRATION

+ financial tips

FALL 2021 COURSE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

class standing

Juniors, Seniors, and Honors
Sophomores
Freshmen

registration dates

March 8 - March 26
March 29 - April 16
April 19 - May 14

of credits earned*

Seniors: 90+ credits
Juniors: 60-89 credits
Sophomores: 28-59 credits
Freshmen: 0-27 credits

*Your student will need to register for Fall courses based on the number of credits earned.

How can you support your student through this process?



Encourage your student to schedule their registration meeting with their advisor. ✓

Encourage your student to explore their interests, even if the course(s) is/are outside of their intended major. ✓

Encourage your student to plan ahead by checking the fall schedule online [here](#). ✓

Make sure your student has paid the balance on their account, if applicable. ✓

OPTION 1

set up a PAYMENT PLAN

Fall semester payment plans open on July 15. Keep an eye out for an email in early July from the Student Billing Office detailing more information.

Congrats,

GRAD

OPTION 2

PAY IN FULL before Fall

More information to come via email in July from the Student Billing Office.

MAY 2021 GRADS

your graduate's to-do list:

- Notify Student Billing Office to set up payment plan for iPad or
- Return iPad to the Help Desk.
- Check with Student Billing Office to verify account is paid in full and whether exit counseling is needed for their student loans.

Is your student taking a course at Midland this summer?

Summer students typically don't receive financial aid and are responsible for paying the full cost of courses.

The bill for Summer courses is due prior to the start of Fall semester.