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MIDLAND UNIVERSITY'S PARENT AND
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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope this message finds you happy and healthy. Our second semester is off to an amazing start and we are very happy to have your students back on campus. I wanted to take time in this newsletter to talk with you a bit about our process of bringing our students back to campus the semester. As you know our, interterm break was virtual this year. This allowed us to bring our students back to campus in phases. As our students returned to campus, they were asked to either present a negative test result or maintain a seven-day quarantine



upon return to campus. I'm happy to report that we were able to receive information from over 95% of our student population. This allowed us to begin our second semester with more confidence in the health and safety of our students. We thank you for your support with this process.

During the second semester, we will be working toward improving the student experience here at Midland University. We understand the importance of maintaining a safe and healthy environment, which we will continue to do. We will also offer our students safe opportunities to participate in activities.

I'm keenly aware that I am writing this letter to you during Black History Month. I am happy to report that we will have a number of activities here on campus to celebrate the important contributions of African-Americans in our country. Six months ago, I was named the Chief Diversity Officer here at Midland University. I am proud of this role and I believe that we are all collaboratively working toward creating a more inclusive campus. I ask you to consider talking with your student about some of the ongoing inclusion efforts that we have here on campus. It takes all of us to work together to create more inclusive spaces and your student's inclusion on our campus is of the utmost importance to me and everyone here at Midland.

It is evident that your student has experienced some unique circumstances during this year of college. We have worked closely with our students and their families to assure that, despite the challenges we face, we are offering a world-class experience here at Midland. I am especially appreciative of all of the support that you continue to provide for your student and want you to know that all of the people within our Student Affairs department take the care of your student seriously. Thank you for all that you do, we are truly appreciative that you give us the opportunity to serve your student here at Midland University.

Respectfully,

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

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

COMPETITIVE DANCE



Competitive dance opened their 2021 season at their annual invitational on January 29. The Warriors earned top marks from the judges with a score of 83.23 to place first.

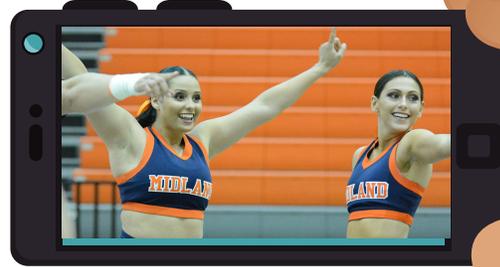
Midland Dance once again outpaced the competition as they earned their second victory of the season at the Concordia Invitational on February 6. The Warriors had a score of 86.35, which was a three-point increase in score.

BOWLING

Midland Bowling was back on the lanes this past weekend as they competed in two events in Hastings. Women Warriors were winners of the Bronco Open and then men won the Bronco Bash.

The women excelled on their side of the event as they placed first out of 13 schools beating second-place Grand View by 10 pins. The Warriors men's team shined in this 11-team tournament, earning a first-place finish by 252 pins.

COMPETITIVE CHEER



Midland University's competitive cheer team leapt to new heights with a first-place finish at the Midland Invitational on January 29. Midland had a score of 86.95, an improvement of nearly 10 points from Thursday's performance.

For the second time in as many weeks, Midland Cheer picked up a first-place finish. The warriors edged past a field of six schools at the Concordia Invitations on February 6. Midland had a team score of 69.53. Midland Cheer will be back in action on February 10 as they travel for a dual with Grand View.



Dave Gillespie to retire as Athletic Director

Midland University Athletic Director Dave Gillespie announced that he will be retiring from his current position effective May 31, 2021, concluding an illustrious 44-year career as a recruiter, coach, and administrator.

Since arriving at Midland in May of 2013, Gillespie has led the Warrior athletics program which has become the largest in Nebraska and one of the largest in the nation. Over the past eight years, Midland has added eight varsity sports, and the university's 33 varsity sports and 924 participating student-athletes are the most of any college or university in Nebraska.

— HAPPY —
Retirement

PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS



BRIGHT STAR

FEBRUARY 4-7
KIMMEL
THEATRE



With music and lyrics by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, this inspiring bluegrass musical tells the story of one woman's incredible story to persevere through lost love and family.



COMING SOON
save these dates

3/7

MIDLANDU BAND WITH OMAHA SYMPHONIC WINDS

Free admission. Takes place at Kimmel Theatre.

3/11 - 3/14

SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD

This production collects stories from characters on the edge of something, whether that be a decision, choice, relationship, or change. Takes place at Kimmel Theatre.



MIDLAND UNIVERSITY PERFORMING ARTS

3/18

VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT

This concert features the vocal prowess of the Choir, as well as the Midland A Cappella Ensembles, Clef Dwellers, and Freshtones. Takes place at Clemmons Chapel.

4/13

MIDLANDU JAZZ BAND CONCERT

Featuring a variety of music from Jazz standards, to new music. Free admission. Takes place at Clemmons Chapel.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Does your student need a job?



Introducing:
HANDSHAKE

NEW

In November 2020, Midland University began transitioning to Handshake. Handshake is the *premier* college career management system partnering with schools and employers to give students access to the most opportunities.

Handshake works with top employers, including Fortune 500 companies, to recruit students and give them access to jobs and internships not available anywhere else.

to do list:
have your student download the Handshake app



80% of students who complete their profile in HANDSHAKE are contacted by an employer.



Employers conduct more than 25,000+ student searches monthly on HANDSHAKE.

Encourage your student to register for the virtual **Career Fair** in Handshake.  Wednesday, February 17 // 11 AM to 3 PM

Does your student want to be an
EXTRAORDINARY
leader on campus?

**APPLICATIONS FOR
RA POSITIONS**

Applications released on

Friday, Feb. 5

Applications are due

Monday, Feb. 15 at noon

Students will bring their printed application to Student Affairs or email them to Student Affairs.



**FALL
2020**

RESLIFE TEAM



Application checklist:



Complete application



Provide 2 character references



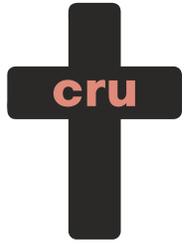
Resume + cover letter



Headshot



CAMPUS MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Cru Winter Conference is a gathering for college students to experience Jesus, grow together in faith, and discover their place in the mission of God.

What's different about this year?

Typically, college students would gather by the thousands at locations all over the country.

This year, students were encouraged to gather in small groups – with their roommates, Bible study, classmates, sorority sisters – wherever their campus and state allow. Midland students registered to attend this virtual conference, gathering on campus in the Olson Student Center.

You can follow the conference's highlights on Instagram @Winterconf



Did you know Midland is home to several campus ministries?

We have

- Cru
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes - (FCA)
- Midland Catholics
- and various small group studies



You can remind your student to check the weekly **What's Happening** email from Student Life or reach out to Pastor Scott, Director of Campus Ministries, at johnsons@midlandu.edu for more information.