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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you happy and healthy. We have rounded the bend of the midterm and are making our way toward the end of the semester. As I'm sure you know by now, we are encouraging our students to return home after the Thanksgiving break. As an institution, we believe that the travel involved in this holiday and returning home to spend time with limited family and friends may possibly increase the potential for exposure to COVID. We encourage you and your family to exercise caution while getting together in order to keep yourself and your families safe. Despite experiencing a rise in cases in the state, here at Midland we continue to maintain a low number of positive cases on campus. We are very proud of this fact and attribute this to the continued dedication of our students, faculty, and staff.



During the past month, our students have been busy with their academics, athletics, and arts. I continue to be impressed with the numerous activities that our students are engaged in here at Midland. I was able to catch some soccer games and football games during the month of October. This month basketball will get started. It brings me great joy to watch our students compete and perform. Every now and then as I get lost in a competition I can almost allow myself to forget that we are currently in a pandemic. Our students have been dedicated to maintaining our guidelines here on campus and I believe a major part of their adherence is their commitment to being able to continue participating in their activities.

October was a busy month and after realizing that our students have been under a tremendous amount of stress the student affairs team organized a special day of events to celebrate your students. We offered a number of opportunities throughout the day for our students to enjoy some special meals and interact with others safely. I am sure that you have heard your student express how stressful things feel right now. We are well aware that we are currently living in a world with a number of stressors and unknowns and we have done our best to provide our students with resources to address this anxiety and outlets to express their frustrations. We hope that we have been working in partnership with you to support your student.

As we near the end of the semester, I encourage you to check in with your student regarding plans for the upcoming break. I also would like you to ask your student how they are doing academically and encourage them to share the successes they have experienced and the experiences they have had over the course of the first semester. We are courageously moving forward here at Midland and with your support and your students continued commitment to doing the right thing, we believe that we will finish the semester successfully and graciously welcome a well-deserved break. I wish you a happy Thanksgiving and pray for safe travels for your student as a return home.

HOMECOMING WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Homecoming Week

Homecoming Weekend made for a rather exciting time around campus! Not only did the football team defeat Hastings 43-0, but our students had a ton of events and activities to participate in, and Midland University Giving Days raised more than \$130,000 with 181 donors! See some of the highlights from the week, below.



Pictured is the 2020 Homecoming Court from left to right: Haley Bazis, Julianne Lewis, Cassidy Espeseth, Connor Frank, Theo Blum & Nathan Spicka.



2020 Homecoming King
Connor Frank and Queen
Cassidy Espeseth



MU's Got Talent Winner
Ashley Gooman



Cole Lundy enjoying some
Cotton Cady during
Homecoming Week

 MIDLAND UNIVERSITY
PERFORMING ARTS



Pictured: Midland University
Performing Arts *Picnic*
performance, October 8-11.



Gracious donors provided \$1,600 for performing arts scholarships during Midland's inaugural Giving Days!

Next up is the performance of Monty Python's *Spamalot*, which runs November 12-15. To purchase tickets or stream the performance online, visit midlandu.booktix.com.

MIDLAND HAPPENINGS

Program highlights



Pictured Above is Pi Epsilon Sorority during Greek Initiation.



Resident Advisors served up a sweet caramel apple bar! The menu included Twix, Oreos, caramel, white chocolate, milk chocolate, M&Ms, peanuts, and sprinkles.



Some students performed virtually, played instruments, or performed original songs at the MU's Got Talent showcase. Pictured above is Kaleb Scherer.

We're staying active, socially-distanced, and safe!

Programs and activities that are not pictured but worth asking your student about: the Beegle/Benton/Augustine block party, Among Us (Intramurals), apple smashing, DIY tie dye masks, Atchison and Lund's slip 'n slide on the green, Benton's national dessert day late-night treats, Gunderson's Monster's University door decorating, and more.



Post-Midterm Care Package

Students have wrapped up midterms and now is a great time to send your student a post-exam care package before the holidays! On-campus student mail can be sent to 907 N. Logan Street in Fremont, NE 68025. Please be sure to include your student's first and last name.

Some fun things to send your student may be:

- Warm socks, hats, gloves, and hand warmers
- Their favorite homemade treats
- New face masks, phone chargers, family photos, and a handwritten letter
- String holiday lights for decorating their room

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

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Morgan oversees Student Life programming

Morgan oversees all Residence Life programs and all 31 Student Organization Programs. This semester's highlights include: Warrior Welcome Days, Greek Week, Homecoming 2020, Weekend Warriors, breakfast with Student Affairs, and more!

Keaton oversees Midland Activities Crew

This semester's highlights include: MU's Got Talent, Grocery Bag Bingo, Juice Stop, cotton candy, mac & cheese bar, Vala's Pumpkin Patch and more! Keaton also oversees Residence Life programs for Miller Hall, Atchison and Lund apartments.

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Libby oversees Intramurals

This semester's highlights include: Cornhole, wiffle ball, Spikeball, Among Us virtual competition, Disney trivia, and more!

Upcoming: Trivia

Email us trivia topics that will stump your students at studentaffairs@midlandu.edu and receive a gift!

Libby also oversees Residence Life programs for Gunderson Hall and Olson Village apartments.

Jasmine oversees Culture Connect

This semester's highlights include: Virtual Zumba with an instructor from Argentina for National Hispanic Heritage Month

Upcoming: Day of the Dead

Jasmine also oversees Residence Life programs for Benton, Beegle, and Augustine Hall.

CAMPUS HOUSING

Important Dates

- Wednesday, November 25th - Sunday, November 29th - Thanksgiving Break - No classes*
 - *Students planning to remain at home for finals can complete an express checkout for Thanksgiving Break, but halls will remain open.
- Monday, November 30th - Study Day
- Tuesday, December 1st - Friday, December 4th - Online Finals Week**
- Saturday, December 5th - Christmas Break begins - Residence halls close at Noon
- Sunday, January 3rd - Halls open at Noon for students registered for Interterm
- Wednesday, January 27th - Spring Term begins - Halls reopen at 9 AM for students registered for Spring Term

The spring semester will no longer include a Spring Break, previously scheduled for Saturday, March 20th through Sunday, March 28th.

Friday, April 2nd - Monday, April 5th - Easter Break - no classes*

Thursday, May 13th - Spring term ends***

Friday, May 14th - All residence halls and apartments close on at Noon***

Important Holiday Information

Midland University strongly suggests that if students go home for Thanksgiving that they remain home to complete their finals unless circumstances deem otherwise.

As students prepare to leave for Thanksgiving break, they are advised to take any belongings they will need for the remainder of the year until the start of the interterm/spring semester, including books, notes, instruments, sports gear, computers, mobile devices, charging/power cords, appropriate weather/season apparel and amount of clothing, medications, plants and other key personal items. Students who are not planning on returning to campus for interterm/spring semester should plan to completely remove all personal belongings. Students will not be permitted to return to their residence hall until the start of the semester for which they are registered.

Augustine, Beegle, Benton, Gunderson, Miller, Atchison and Lund will close on December 5th at noon. Please work with your student to plan their flights and travel plans accordingly. No exceptions will be made.

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