



# Points of Pride



## Graduation rates continue their climb

The Twin Cities campus produced its **highest four-year graduation rate in half a century at 74%**.



## Student debt is being contained

- Systemwide, **41% of our undergraduates graduate with no debt.**
- On the Twin Cities campus, **45% of undergraduates leave with no debt.**
- The average for those with debt is \$27K, **below the average** for MN college students.
- Tuition rates are in the **middle of peer institutions in the Big 10.**



## The 'most Minnesotan' freshman class in a half century

Our five U of M System campuses (Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and the Twin Cities) were the **number one choice among Minnesota high school grads.**



## The most diverse student body in history

The percentage of diverse undergraduate, graduate, and professional students systemwide has **more than doubled** in the past two years.



## Scholarship support is increasing

**Scholarship support continues to increase**, including the \$15 million Bentson Scholarship Match, the new George Floyd Scholarship, the Promise Plus Free Tuition Program, and the new Native American Promise Tuition Program.



## A driver of Minnesota's economy

- The U's overall economic impact on the state is over **\$8 billion per year.**
- The U of M educates more than **70% of all Minnesota doctors, pharmacists, and veterinarians** trained in the state.
- We've launched more than **190 start-up businesses**, many of which are here in Minnesota.



The U of M is a **top 10 public research university, with over \$1 billion in research awards.** The University exceeded the \$1 billion award mark for the first time in fiscal year 2021 with a **31% jump** in external research funding.

# President Joan Gabel's Accomplishments

Less than three years into her tenure as president, Joan Gabel has stewarded the U of M through a global pandemic, ensuring continued excellence and unprecedented support for students, faculty, and staff.

## Under President Gabel's direct leadership, the U of M has:

- Completed a comprehensive **systemwide strategic plan** that emphasizes a commitment to the state of Minnesota and world-class excellence.
- Launched the **PEAK (Positioned for Excellence, Alignment and Knowledge)** program to address overhead and efficiency, and has achieved a historic low employee headcount.
- Launched innovative, accelerated degree programs leveraging technology, including **NXT GEN MED** in partnership with Google and the Mayo Clinic.
- Achieved **record-setting research investment** two years in a row.
- Deepened its **collaboration with the Minnesota tribes** on issues ranging from affordability and access to land acknowledgement.
- Finalized a new **systemwide enrollment plan**.
- Kept **tuition below the inflation rate**.
- Reemphasized affordability through the **Promise Plus program**.
- Achieved **record-setting philanthropic support** two years in a row.
- Reinvested in **campus safety** while concurrently ensuring that campus policing is continuously improving.
- Introduced the **President's Initiative on Student Mental Health (PRISMH)**, a comprehensive long-term effort to address the issue through multiple focus areas.
- Worked on finalizing recommendations on a **policy update for building names**.
- Continued its **excellence during two years of the COVID-19 pandemic**, including a successful return to on-campus learning for the fall 2021 semester.

## More Areas of Excellence

**Two U of M researchers were among just 25 people named MacArthur fellows in 2020.** The recipients of these "genius grants" were Paul Dauenhauer and Damien Fair.

In fall 2021 the U of M opened the **Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain (MIDB)**. The MIDB is bringing together the U of M's world-leading expertise in neuroscience, imaging, child psychology, adolescent psychiatry, developmental disorders, and related fields to study precisely how the healthy brain grows and what throws it off course.

The U of M ranks **17th in the world**—ninth among U.S. public universities—on a recent list of universities granted the most U.S. patents in 2019.

### U of M researchers are at the front lines of the fight against COVID:

- Developing low-cost emergency ventilators.
- Creating face masks that can kill viruses.
- Studying treatments and vaccines.
- Analyzing the movement of aerosols indoors.
- Leading the global effort to communicate about the virus.



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