



NEWSLETTER

Minnesota Center for Advanced Professional Studies



MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Greetings MNCAPS students, families, & partners!

October has come and gone and Fall is finally upon us. The start of October at MNCAPS signals the start of our mentoring program. Students in all four of our pathway programs have begun their mentor meetings and will continue meeting with their mentors monthly for the remainder of the school year. I especially want to say **THANK YOU** to the 200+ MNCAPS mentors for volunteering to mentor our students; we could not offer this fantastic learning experience to without you!

There are several notable events on the horizon in the coming weeks. First up is Election Day on Tuesday, November 5th. Farmington Public Schools and Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools each have referendums on the ballot -- I encourage each of you to get out and exercise your civic responsibility on Tuesday by going to the polls to vote! For additional information on the referendums in both districts, please see page 8 below.

MNCAPS Fall Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, November 14th and Tuesday, November 19th, from 3pm - 7pm each day. This is an excellent opportunity for families to meet with their child's teachers and learn about the progress they making in each of their MNCAPS courses. We hope to see you on the 14th or 17th!

Lastly, I encourage you to review the information below regarding participation in the MNCAPS Research Database. Each year our students conduct a number of research studies to inform their learning and to provide insight to clients for our Business Pathway Client Projects. Your participation in our Research Database is greatly appreciated, and we encourage you ask others in your networks to sign-up, too. More information about the MNCAPS Research Database can be found on page 6 below.

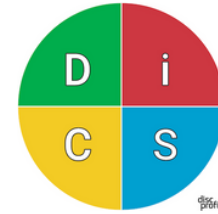
Program Highlights



Guest Instructor Bill Schult presented to **ALL** of the MNCAPS pathways.

Bill Schult has been a guest instructor and has donated his time and services (allowing every student to complete a DiSC survey) since the start of our program in 2016.

His insight on the DiSC Survey and how it impacts communication has been invaluable to team dynamics at MNCAPS. Ask your student what their communication style is!



DiSC® is a personal assessment tool used by more than one million people every year to help improve teamwork, communication, and productivity in the workplace. MNCAPS utilizes this tool when students are forming project groups and learning communication styles of the other project team members to create a cooperative team environment.

PL Homecoming 9/30-10/4

Staff & Students showing some school spirit (even if you're a TIGER)



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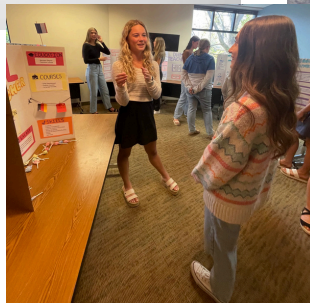


TASTE OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
1:00-2:15PM

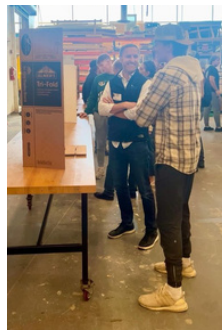
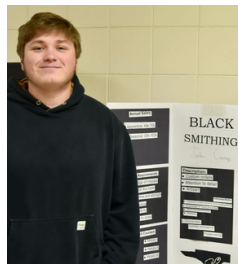
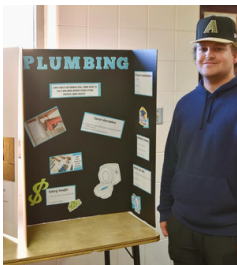
TASTE OF BUSINESS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
1:00-2:15PM

TASTE OF HEALTHCARE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
AM 8:15-10:15AM
PM 12:15-2:15PM

TASTE OF TRADES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:30-10:30AM



Thank you to those that attended! Although nerve wracking for some students, the presentation skills learned are invaluable for their future!



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Pathway Highlights

The MNCAPS Ed Pathways continued their weekly classroom placements and the Year 1's started their monthly visits to Circle of friends as well. The students will be helping in a variety of classrooms, center-based and nature-based. We can't tell who is having the best time!



The **Trades pathway** and the students from PLHS Life Skills and CID had a neighborhood Fall Festival today!

Students visited the "pumpkin patch" and designed their own jack-o-lantern! They also visited coloring and craft stations, and had pancakes, eggs, sausage, donuts, muffins and juice cooked and served by the Trades students.

A special thanks to the parents of several Trades students who purchased craft and food items for the party



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Pathway Highlights

Mayo Clinic High School Career Festival

The MNCAPS Healthcare Year 1 & 2 Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of exciting career opportunities in a festive, engaging atmosphere. A fun day of career awareness education, information on career fields, and opportunities to use patient care equipment.



Guest Instructors enrich the MNCAPS Experience! Healthcare Year 1 Students heard from:

Jolene Young from Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences spoke to students about allied health careers.

Mac Johnson with Life Link Air Medical Transport, kept students enthralled with his experiences in transporting critically ill patients by helicopter.

Theresa Turner from Life Source and Ben Muelken (2006 PL Alumni), a Life Source Ambassador spoke to students about organ and tissue donation and how that process saves lives.



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Pathway Highlights

Foundations of Business and Advanced Business Students started working with their Project Sponsors! A HUGE THANK YOU to the sponsors below. They make these real world projects meaningful and help make the curriculum come to life.



HELP!

A core part of the MNCAPS BUSINESS project work is conducting research. Our business students create research surveys to provide project sponsors with data driven recommendations. In order to do that, we need volunteers to participate in surveys. This year our 112 business students are divided into 24 project groups. Potentially 24 surveys will be sent out in late November / early December. We try to limit the amount of times we email and send as many survey links in one email as possible and usually send at the end of the week. The links are accompanied by a description of the survey and if there are any qualifications for participating. Research participants need to be 16 years of age and older and do not need to live locally to participate. Statistically, the larger the group of participants the better the data is.

PLEASE click on the following link to become a [MNCAPS RESEARCH DATABASE PARTICIPANT!](#) (and feel free to share with friends, co-workers, family and others that want to support our future business professionals!)

Information collected will only be used to assist students in providing research-based recommendations for projects and to their clients, if applicable; fulfilling the objective of the defined project. Information you provide will remain confidential and submissions will be stored securely. Data provided and disclosed by research participants will not be disclosed or sold to a third party.

- Thank You to **Corey Soukup** who spoke to our Foundations of Business Pathway, and helped students learn more about the research materials and other resources the media center has for their projects.
- Thank you to **Nicole Boyles**, LODL Social Worker, for speaking to our Education Year 1 students about what a social worker does in education.

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES!



LINKS to IMPORTANT Calendars!

[MNCAPS Calendar 2024 -2025](#)

[At-A-Glance](#)

(This document is updated regularly as events are scheduled)

[MNCAPS Student/Family Calendar](#)

[Google Calendar](#)

11/1/24 - Healthcare Year 2 - Psych Fair (Public Invited) 8:15-10:15 / 12:15-2:15

11/3/24 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/5/24 - ELECTION DAY PLSAS official levy information can be found [HERE](#).

11/5/24 - Foundations of Business Site Visit to BEST BUY

11/7/24 - MNCAPS Blended Learning Day, [click here for more information](#)

11/7/24 - PL Community Coffee & Conversations 6-8 PM (see graphic below)

11/8/24 - NO MNCAPS (PLHS Staff Work Day)

11/14 & 11/19/24 - MNCAPS CONFERENCES 3-7 PM

11/18/24 - Advanced Business Site Visit to Feed My Starving Children

11/27-11/29/24 - NO MNCAPS - Thanksgiving Break



Community Coffee & Conversations

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY
TOPIC: HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING INSTABILITY

Please join Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools and the surrounding communities to learn about how we are addressing homelessness and housing instability in our county from both a school and community perspective.

**NOV. 7
6:00-8:00 PM**

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
13611 N Berens Rd NW, Prior Lake

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MNCAPS serves students in two districts. Both have referendums on the ballot in their respective communities.



PLSAS Levy Information Get the Facts

Impact to MNCAPS if the levy is not approved by PL Voters


- Move MNCAPS to a district facility
- Reduce programs for students
 - Eliminate MNCAPS pathway(s)



Farmington - District 192 Levy Information Get the Facts

Impact to MNCAPS If the operating levy is not approved by Farmington Voters,

- the district will need to make significant budget reductions likely to include, eliminating post-secondary learning opportunities, such as MNCAPS

Thank you ... 

Thank you for the donations!

- Schutrop Family - General & Medical Supplies
- Petschl Family - General Supplies
- Rook Family - Medical Supplies
- Niosi Family - Medical Supplies
- Erickson Family - Medical Supplies
- Jamison / Florek Family (Smead X Ubrands) - General Supplies
- Brenda Furuseth - Medical Supplies




The Builders Group
for the grant to pay for OSHA training for all of our Trades Students



Lyman Lumbar / Shreve Parsley for the Trades Supplies



Mayo Clinic for the Transportation Funding Support

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Donations Welcomed



Donations accepted from
Student & Parents / Guardians
in School Store in Infinite Campus
MNCAPS DONATIONS IN INFINITE CAMPUS - SCHOOL STORE



MNCAPS General Supply List

<https://a.co/9nK0Hy3>

MNCAPS HEALTHCARE Specific Supply List

<https://a.co/aZGY6Wx>

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Many families ask how they can help our program. One way is through donations. Please consider donating to help the program and individual students that may need financial assistance.

[Link for Directions for MNCAPS DONATIONS in PL Infinite Campus](#)

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

Our Healthcare Pathway has some supplies left on their wishlist. The items do not need to be purchased from Amazon, but feel free to use as a guide. If you work for a medical facility and have items like hospital beds, wheelchairs etc., please email bnutter@plsas.org with items to see if we can use in our program. The HC Year 2 pathway could use Pajama Bottoms or Sweatpants for the Mannikins, towels or washcloths in good condition.

Students ask to use our COLOR PRINTER for their presentations, and we go through ink fast. We can always use more ink that is listed on our wish list.

Plastic Spoons, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, Index Cards, Post its are always appreciated by our teachers.

We still can use more Trades Supplies. Please email bnutter@plsas.org if you have items you think would work.



Donations

For more information on donations by check or items you may wish to donate to our program in the Business, Education, Healthcare or Trades pathways, please email MNCAPS Program Coordinator Brian Nutter at bnutter@plsas.org.

All Pathways:

Professional Clothing for Students
Books for our Student Library about Networking, being Professional, Social Emotional Intelligence, Resilience, Career Readiness, etc.
\$ for Field Trips to cover background checks for our Mentors

Business:

\$ for Field Trips to cover Transportation Costs

Education:

\$ for Field Trips to cover Transportation Costs

Healthcare:

\$ for Field Trips to cover Transportation Costs
\$ to cover CNA Supplies or CPR Certifications
Hospital Beds, Wheelchairs, Scrubs

Trades:

\$ for Field Trips to cover Transportation Costs
Tools, OSHA Certifications, Construction Supplies



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