

## **Founders Week 2003, February 23–March 1**

The University of Minnesota's Founders Week is seven special days that we set aside each year to reflect on the University's history and achievements. This year, beginning Sunday, February 23, Founders Week will mark the University's 152nd birthday and the official installation of Robert Bruininks as the University's 15th president. The week will be filled with a wide assortment of public events, including concerts, receptions, and academic forums.

### **Sunday, February 23**

Concert: University Symphony Orchestra

Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2 p.m. FREE

Sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Music

For more information, call 612-626-8742.

### **Monday, February 24**

Event: Founders Week Kickoff

Northrop plaza, noon. FREE

Hosted by Vice President Robert Jones

University of Minnesota staff volunteers will serve free chili on the plaza prior to welcome remarks by President Bruininks and Vice President Robert Jones. There will also be a special appearance by the late John Sargent Pillsbury, father of the University.

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Campus Life

For more information, call 612-624-6868.

### **Tuesday, February 25**

University's 152nd birthday

Lecture: "Great Conversations: Civil Rights and Human Dignity" with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Vice President Robert Jones

Northrop Memorial Auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets, \$5 students, \$24 U faculty and staff, and \$29 public. (Broadcast location: University of Minnesota, Morris Science Auditorium)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, will join Robert Jones, vice president and executive vice provost for faculty and academic programs, in a discussion about civil rights and human dignity. At the height of the contentious battle over apartheid in South Africa, Tutu and Jones worked together for 10 years to provide South African students with an education and a safe haven at more than 200 U.S. colleges and universities, including the University of Minnesota.

Sponsored by the College of Continuing Education

For tickets, call 612-624-2345. For general information, call 612-624-3533.

### **Wednesday, February 26**

Event: "Impress the President—Public Engagement and Research Initiatives: A Student Expo"

Coffman Union, Mississippi Room, noon–3 p.m. FREE

Student representatives will present a collection of research and public engagement activities happening on University of Minnesota campuses. A roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. between the students and President Bruininks will highlight trends and innovations at the University.

Sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, Minnesota Student Association, and Coffman Board of Governors  
For more information, call 612-625-2982.

Concert: University Symphony Band

Ted Mann Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. FREE

Music students from Eden Prairie High School will join the University's Symphonic Band in performing the works of Boccherini and Gabrieli. Also featured is new work by Shafer Mahoney entitled "Sparkle." The band will also perform "Air" by J. S. Bach, "Slavonic Dance, Op. 46. No. 7" by Dvorak, and "Armenian Dances" by Alfred Reed.

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### **Thursday, February 27**

Public Forum: "The Future of the American Public Research University"

Hubert H. Humphrey Center, Cowles Auditorium, 2-4 p.m. FREE

Reception will follow

National Public Radio news correspondent Juan Williams will moderate a panel discussion between Robert Berdahl, chancellor of the University of California-Berkeley, and three University of Minnesota faculty members. President Bob Bruininks will participate in a question-and-answer session with Williams and the panelists during the last hour of the program.

Sponsored by the Presidential Inauguration Committee

For more information, call 612-624-6251.

Event: "Research into Products"

McNamara Alumni Center, Memorial Hall, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE

This daylong event will showcase the innovative work of University researchers and the partnerships the University has forged with investment, business, and private sector leaders to transfer University discoveries into new products, services, and economic activity for the public good.

Sponsored by Sponsored Projects Administration

For more information, call 612-625-2354.

Event: "Day of Dialogue: Advancing Nursing's Influence"

Sheraton Midway, St. Paul, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tickets, \$30 students, \$50 groups of 3 or more, and \$60 public.

Educators and service leaders from across the state will discuss how to increase public understanding about nursing. Suzanne Gordon, nursing advocate and co-author of *From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public*, will be keynote speaker.

Sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Katharine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership, and Minnesota Colleagues in Caring  
For more information, call 612-625-1187.

Event: National Academy of Sciences Lectureship Series

335 Borlaug Hall, 10 a.m., FREE

Brian Staskawicz, University of California-Berkeley and an international expert in the molecular basis of plant disease resistance, will speak about “Bacterial Proteins Conferring Disease Immunity in Plants.” His laboratory is working on genetically engineering plants for disease resistance to reduce the use of environmentally damaging pesticides.

Sponsored by the Center for Microbial and Plant Genomics

For more information, call 612-625-8756.

### **Friday, February 28**

Event: Presidential Inauguration—installation ceremony and reception

Northrop Memorial Auditorium, 1 p.m. FREE

Reception at Coffman Memorial Union, Great Hall, 3 p.m. FREE

The academic procession begins at 12:45 p.m., followed by the installation ceremony—investiture and presentation of the University mace by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, presentation of the University medallion by Board of Regents Chair Maureen Reed, and inaugural address, “Advancing Knowledge: A Partner for the Public Good,” by President Robert Bruininks.

Sponsored by the Presidential Inauguration Committee and the Office of the President

Event: Life Sciences Career and Internship Fair

McNamara Alumni Center, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. FREE

The fair will feature representatives from more than 60 local and national companies, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and graduate and professional schools related to life sciences—health, medical, molecular, cellular, health, animal, plant, and environmental sciences. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet with several College of Biological Sciences alumni who can help students by reviewing resumes, conducting mock interviews, and answering career-related questions.

Sponsored by the College of Biological Sciences

For more information, call 612-624-0771.

### **Saturday, March 1**

Concert: University Jazz Festival

Ted Mann Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. FREE

The University’s Jazz Ensemble I will perform with visiting guest artist Michael Philip Mossman. Trombonist and composer Mossman is founder of the acclaimed jazz group Metaphysical Mambos and plays regularly with the renowned Horace Silver Quintet.

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