A. Admission Decision Update

Background on Admission Decision Timing
Our decision timeline indicates that all students who submitted a complete application by the December 15th regular deadline will receive their decisions no later than the end of March. Students have been receiving decisions on a rolling basis. We have been working to complete our review as early as possible to get students decisions more quickly and will be sending decisions earlier than anticipated. More information on waitlist decisions sent to students is described in Section B.

Special reminder: All students who submitted a complete application by the November priority deadline have already received an admission decision. All decisions have been posted on the University's Application Tracker.

In addition, students whose applications were sent after the December 15 deadline will receive their decisions on a rolling basis. Admissions decisions for late applicants are made on a space availability basis.

Note – Space available in some colleges: We do anticipate that space for qualified and interested applicants will continue to be available in the College of Design (CDES) and the College of Food Agricultural, and Natural Resources (CFANS). However, please keep in mind that this is not a back door to University of Minnesota admission. These colleges offer exceptional degree and career opportunities, but their majors are focused around, design, science, business, education, and engineering. Students not already admitted, but who have a genuine interest in either CDES or CFANS, should...
contact an admissions counselor right away to determine if these colleges may be a match with their interests and academic preparation.

**Direct College Admission Decision Review at Minnesota**

As a reminder, the University of Minnesota admits freshman applicants directly to one of our seven freshman-admitting colleges. We consider students for admission to the colleges of interest indicated on their applications. When appropriate, we may consider them for other freshman-admitting colleges that may match a student’s academic preparation and interests, even if the student did not indicate interest on the application for other colleges.

Every student application is important to us. We are committed to ensuring that every student receives a thorough and fair review. Applications and all materials are reviewed in their entirety with careful consideration. Decisions are based on an individual, holistic assessment; we do not use automatic criteria or minimum scores to make decisions.

**High Demand Programs**

Demand for admissions into the College of Science and Engineering and the School of Nursing’s Freshman Nursing Guarantee Program is very high and space is limited. In support of student success, retention, and graduation, we must limit our enrollment in these areas in particular to ensure students have access to critical courses and lab space.

Note: Space in each of our freshman-admitting colleges is determined by course and University resources to effectively serve students. We are strongly committed to student success and it is important that our enrollment is in line with our available resources to serve students and support timely graduation.

### B. WAITLIST DECISIONS

**Waitlist Decisions Posted to University’s Application Tracker Next Week**

We will release waitlist decisions to December 15th applicants via our online [Application Tracker](#) beginning next week. Students viewing a waitlist decision on their Application Tracker screens will also see a link to admission decision information and [frequently asked questions](#) about the waitlist.

We will continue to assess the enrollment situation in the coming weeks and the overall strongest applicants will be admitted from the waitlist. Because we do not yet know how many students we will be able to admit from the waitlist, all of our communications encourage applicants not yet admitted to continue pursuing their other college options in the event that we are unable to offer them admission for fall 2017.

Students whose applications have been placed on a waitlist are told they will receive an update on the status of their applications as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2017.

We will continue to communicate any updates or changes in our enrollment situation via this electronic newsletter format. We recognize you may have more questions and are pleased to talk with you to share whatever information may be helpful as you work with students.

You can find the admissions counselor assigned to your high school by viewing
our Online Counselor Lookup. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions by calling:

- High School Counselor Hotline (612-626-8378)
- Toll-free (1-800-752-1000)

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