



LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE

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Lake Superior College featured in Z-degree video by Minnesota State



Sarah Bustrom, Math Instructor
Lake Superior College

Check out this great video from Minnesota State about the new Z-degree, the zero textbook cost associate degree, featuring Lake Superior College students, faculty and facilities. LSC offers more than 70 zero textbook cost courses this semester, saving students thousands of dollars in textbook costs. [Learn more.](#)



Student housing still coming near campus, just delayed due to COVID like so many other things

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Pandemic's fallout extends to student housing market

By Angelo Gentile | Jan 18, 2021

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An employee will contract the virus
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 Liability issues

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On the downside, the public health crisis has put the brakes on two major housing development projects, one on campus at UMD, the other adjacent to Lake Superior College. This is especially challenging coming at a time when existing housing stock is aging and in need of renovating or replacing. Officials at both schools expect these developments will eventually move forward.

On the upside, the off-campus student rental market has mostly weathered the pandemic storm, according to sources in the property management industry. They point to three factors that have helped:

- An overall rental market that was already strong – pre-pandemic – with a low vacancy rate (averaging 1 to 3 percent, according to industry sources), which is absorbing a downturn
- An unexpected influx of out-of-towners – many from the Twin Cities – who are bringing their jobs with them and working remotely; and
- Available rental assistance from federal resources.

On-campus housing on hold

At UMD, an ambitious, \$70 million housing and dining project was postponed last spring, when construction was stalled to start. Plans call for a 10-story residence hall and a new dining facility for on-campus students. When built, the new dorm will be the tallest building on campus. According to reports, the project is funded by fees and revenues generated by UMD's housing services.

About one-third of UMD's nearly 10,000 students live on campus, and demand has generally been high for students wanting to live on campus, especially first-year students who want to "have that collegiate experience," said Jeremy Leflerman, director of housing and residence life at UMD. So, the plan for the new dorm was an opportunity to both "accommodate more new students in residence halls" and to "take some existing buildings offline," that is, to replace aging buildings. According to Leflerman, some dorms were built as far back as the 1950s, including Burdette and Vermilion Halls. "These are likely not prime to be rehabbed for housing but is there a different university use for those buildings or are they candidates for demolition? That's all still being considered."

For now, the new dorm and dining project remains on hold "at least until we have a better sense of what our future, post-COVID, looks like," said Leflerman.

For the fall semester that ended in December, Leflerman said on-campus housing had about a 70 percent

The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed many projects throughout the region, including the near campus student housing project that was scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2020 - right when everything was starting to shut down. The good news is, the developer is still fully committed to the project, and now it's just a matter of whether they can get started this spring or need to wait until spring of 2022, which all depends on where we are with vaccinations in the next few months. Business North has a good article about housing projects, including LSC's. We remain in close communication with the developer and will let campus know when we know more.

Read the [Business North story](#).

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COVID-19 Related Updates

Stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 related information by visiting lsc.edu/coronavirus, as well as reading through LSC's [Preparedness Plan](#).

The Minnesota State [dashboard](#) is updated weekly, each Friday, and serves as a tool to inform campus communities about changes in COVID-19 cases and community spread.

Also, please remember to continue to complete the online [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#) each day you will be on campus.



Upcoming Events and Campus Updates

- LSC employees and students are invited to [Seizure Smart Training](#), Tuesday, January 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Lisa Peterson of the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota will discuss how you can recognize and respond to common types of seizures, triggers and treatment options. Understand possible impacts of epilepsy, considerations for school and work settings and more. Zoom meeting info at www.lsc.edu/HealthServices.
- LSC students and employees are invited to participate in the [Power in Diversity Student Leadership Conference](#) January 29-30, 2021, hosted by St. Cloud State University. Lake Superior College is proud to be a sponsor of the event (Thanks President Rogers!). The theme **Unleash Justice** invites attendees and presenters to explore and discuss justice issues facing communities of color and oppressed groups. The event is free and all are encouraged to attend as you are able. Please visit the [event website](#) for more details and to register.
- LSC will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, February 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Schedule your appointment [online](#).
- Construction is nearly completed on the Yellow Bike Coffee Cafe on main campus. They hope to be open and serving our campus community within the next couple of weeks. Construction is also underway on Hawks Landing, what will be a beautiful event center and student



lounge just above the Yellow Bike Coffee Cafe and the St. Luke's Q Care Clinic. Hawks Landing is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of Spring Semester. Please excuse the noise and construction in that area, but the final product will be well worth it. Very exciting!

- Student Success Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9. If you are interested in presenting a Zoom session, please submit a proposal using this [online form](#). Send questions to jenna.trenberth@lsc.edu.
- Lake Superior College, along with St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Minneapolis College, Riverland Community College and UWS, will host the presentation Anti-Racism in Action with Nicole Cardoza on Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 p.m. Nicole Cardoza is an entrepreneur, investor, writer, public speaker, and the organizer of [Anti-Racism Daily](#), a daily newsletter to dismantle white supremacy. Zoom meeting ID: 986 0727 2331, passcode: Antiracism.
- [LSC's Healthcare Open House](#) is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., on LSC's main campus. Guests will learn about healthcare programs offered at LSC, tour the main campus, and visit classrooms and labs with state-of-the-art equipment. [Registration is required](#).
- The [Lake Superior College Physical Therapy Clinic](#) has several openings for new patients. Physical therapy is free to all students, faculty, staff and community members. Please call (218) 733-1093 to make your appointment or email [Chandra Shoberg](#).

As always, if you have any story ideas, pictures you'd like to share and/or info on upcoming events, please send them to marketing@lsc.edu so we can include them in the newsplash. Thanks!



LSC Disability Services and Health Services are collaborating to host:

Seizure Smart Training



Topics covered in this training:

What is epilepsy?

Recognize and respond to the four most common types of seizures, triggers and treatment options.

Understand possible impacts of epilepsy, considerations for school and work settings regarding disclosure, ADA and reasonable accommodations.

The training is open to all LSC employees and students.

If you have questions, please email georgia.robillard@lsc.edu or roxanne.frederick@lsc.edu.

**Tuesday, January 26
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Presenter: Lisa Peterson,
Epilepsy Foundation of MN**

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Anti-Racism in Action

with Nicole Cardoza

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12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting ID: 986 0727 2331
Passcode: Antiracism

Nicole Cardoza is an entrepreneur, investor, writer and public speaker. She is the organizer of Anti-Racism Daily, a daily newsletter to dismantle white supremacy. Learn more about her work at nicolecardoza.com.

In anticipation of her presentation, start your journey to learn more today! Sign up for the free Anti-Racism Daily newsletter at antiracismdaily.com.

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Thursday, February 11
2-6 p.m.

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- Tour LSC's main campus
- Visit classrooms and labs with state-of-the-art equipment

More info and to RSVP:

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