



Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Dear CCAPS Community:

I'm pleased to be back in touch with an update on the national search for the next dean of the University's College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Thank you for providing broad and insightful feedback via listening sessions and surveys. Based on that feedback, the search committee and I have approved a position profile that reflects this input. Your thoughts and comments have shaped a strong and compelling document that captures the depth and breadth of the College, its strengths, its challenges and its tremendous opportunities. The position profile and other information about the search may be found on the [dean search website](#).

With assistance from our national search consultants, we have embarked upon an aggressive recruiting strategy. I would especially value your involvement at this stage, by bringing this opportunity to the attention of qualified colleagues who are potential candidates here and at other universities and organizations. Your active involvement during this recruiting period is critical to our success in building an excellent pool of qualified candidates from which the next dean will be chosen.

You can submit confidential nominations (including self-nominations) to our [Storbeck Search partners CCAPS Dean Search website](#) who will reach out to the nominees directly. Managing director Ruth Shoemaker Wood and senior research associate Brian Bustin can be reached at MinnesotaCCAPSDean@storbecksearch.com. Any potential candidate who wishes to discuss the position can also reach out in strict confidence to Ruth and Brian directly via the site as well.

Next the search committee will enter the confidential phase of the search, meeting to review and discuss candidates in the pool and to conduct confidential interviews. The committee will then recommend a

small pool of individuals for me to consider as public finalists. I expect to announce the finalists and plan for public interviews during late spring semester. Please watch for opportunities to meet and evaluate these finalists during the public interviews when they are announced.

I want to again thank the members of the search committee for their involvement and engagement, with special thanks to Scott Lanyon, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education, for serving as committee chair. I also thank all of you for your feedback and input in this important search up until now, and in the future.

CCAPS is well-known in Minnesota and nationally for enriching life at every stage through education. We are well-positioned to recruit a strong and diverse pool of candidates who will continue empowering lifelong learners to achieve their personal and professional goals. I am grateful for your continued engagement in this process, and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

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