



Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Dr. Radhika Seshan as the next Dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS), effective July 29, 2024, pending approval by the University's Board of Regents at their July meeting.

Dr. Seshan has an extensive record of success in developing and sustaining professional and community education programs. During her tenure as dean of the College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University and dean of San Diego State University Global Campus, she led transformative initiatives to elevate student success, build international partnerships, and enhance the brand and reach of programs that serve professional, global, and lifelong learners. Before her work in higher education, she held leadership roles in the technology industry; her commitment to professional learners is rooted in a strong foundation in industry.

Dr. Seshan holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Houston and a B.A. from the University of Chennai, India.

As CCAPS dean, Dr. Seshan will serve as the college's chief academic and administrative officer and will collaborate broadly to manage and advance a college of more than 9,700 students and a diverse population of staff and faculty. She will lead an outstanding team and serve as an effective advocate for building collaborations across the University and relationships with external stakeholders, including business and industry leaders, to assess workforce needs, enhance programs, and expand learning and career opportunities for students.

I would like to again express my appreciation to retiring Dean Bob Stine for his outstanding leadership of CCAPS for 16 years, and over 42 years of distinguished service to the University of Minnesota. Dean Stine has transformed CCAPS into an agile, innovative college, with impactful and relevant programming. His outstanding leadership has positioned CCAPS extremely well for the future.

Please also join me in expressing appreciation to the search committee for its excellent work, with special thanks to Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education Scott Lanyon for serving as search committee chair. I am grateful to everyone who took time to provide invaluable feedback on our outstanding finalist candidates.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost
