

Dear MN scripts for compilation video transcript

Dear Minnesota,

I'm Jeff Ettinger, interim president at the University of Minnesota.

My family has deep U of M roots, but what I've learned is that we all do.

Every Minnesotan benefits from our spirit of discovery.

From slowing the effects of aging and shaping the future of renewable energy...

To preserving our lakes and accelerating the education of health sciences students.

What we do, we do for you.

So when we say "Hail! Minnesota." It truly is "hail to thee."

Dear Minnesota, I'm Amber Murry, science educator at the University of Minnesota Crookston. and I want to show you something really cool:

That's Edna and that's the kaleidoscope she made to understand light reflection at one of our STEM campus experiences.

See, we're hard at work providing opportunities like these for rural K through twelve schools.

Because the more exposure to science and technology, the more discoveries they'll make. This is your University, Minnesota.

Dear Minnesota, I'm Dr. Julie Etterson from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Like you, we worry about how climate change will affect something we all love: our trees.

Here in Duluth, we've been collecting tree seeds from across the state so we can study their ability to survive climate change and we're engaging farmers to grow variations that are hardier.

That's your university, Minnesota: Fighting climate change and making sure we all have shade.

Dear Minnesota, I'm Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director at the University of Minnesota Morris.

I love telling people that rural Minnesota has the recipe for renewable energy. How?

Start with Bert and Ernie, our very own wind turbines.

Mix in fields of solar, and our campus is 100% carbon neutral.

But with the latest in energy storage and a healthy mix of community partnerships, renewables work for everyone, everywhere.

The future is happening at your University, Minnesota where there's endless energy for discovery.

Dear Minnesota, I'm Akhil, a health sciences student at the U of M Rochester.

I'm a swimmer, musician, volunteer, dog dad...

Good boy, Astro.

I pack a lot into a day.

That's why I love the NXT GEN program here: It gets me into a health sciences degree in two-and-a-half years.

My professors designed it from their research on optimal student learning—so I'm set up for success.

And in the wag of a tail...

I'll be out helping Minnesotans find smarter healthcare and live happier, healthier lives.
Rest easy, Minnesota. Your university's got a healthy dose of discovery for all of us.

Dear Minnesota, I'm Dr. Laura Niedernhofer, scientist at the U of M.

I lead a team that studies the biology of aging.

For years we've been focused on these guys. They're called senescent cells, and they hang around as we age causing everything from arthritis to heart disease.

But the good news? Clear those senescent cells out, and we'll live healthier as we age.

Better news? We're in clinical trials right now. Thanks to a constant spirit of discovery like nowhere else I know.

And that's your University, Minnesota, advancing life and the quality of it.

Dear Minnesota, I am professor Junaed Sattar,

I didn't grow up here in Minnesota.

But I love our lakes! I also love working where there's a spirit of discovery tackling real problems like how to keep our lakes free of this invasive stuff and this stuff.

How do we do it? With a swimming robot!

And a spirit of never-ending curiosity that straps on the fins and goggles and gets to work.

So, swim proud, Minnesota. The Minnebot swims for you.