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Support the U Day

Summary: University of Minnesota students from around the state will rally at the Minnesota State Capitol at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 25, for the 2009 "Support the U Day."

(February 24, 2009)-University of Minnesota students from around the state will rally at the Minnesota State Capitol at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 25, for the 2009 "Support the U Day." The annual event brings together students, alumni and other supporters from all five university campuses—the Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, Crookston and Rochester—to meet with legislators, share their personal U stories and discuss the importance of the U to the state of Minnesota.

"Support the U Day' is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff and all U boosters to participate in the legislative process," said Mark Nagel, president of the Minnesota Student Association. "Especially in these challenging economic times, it is as important as ever to show legislators what the university and education mean to us all."

Supporters will gather in the Capitol's Rotunda. In attendance will be university President Bob Bruininks, university student leaders and Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak who will give the keynote speech, "Making civic action part of your education and your life."

"As Minnesota struggles to compete in an increasingly global economy, this state's single greatest asset is the youth of the next generation, who come from all over the world, and spend every day crossing cultural boundaries," said Rybak. "By giving our youth the skills and education they need, we are creating the workforce of tomorrow and helping to keep our region strong."

Attendees will then be invited to meet in-person with their legislators, as well as contribute towards the grassroots letter writing campaign.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Noon - Rally in the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda

1 p.m. - Lunch in the Great Hall, Minnesota State Capitol

1-3 p.m. - Meetings with legislators

For more information, visit the university's [Legislative Network](#).

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Photo: Morris students during Support the U Day 2008

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