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VCC seasonal law enforcement training program protected

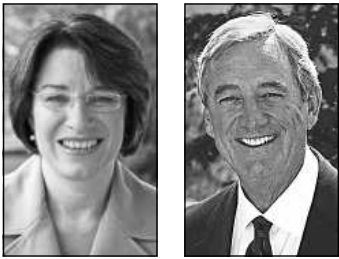
MINNESOTA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPORT

After a push from U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and U.S. Reps. Rick Nolan and Betty McCollum, the U.S. Department of Interior announced that it will protect Vermilion Community College's Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program.

Earlier this year, as the Department of Interior considered possible reductions to the number of accredited academic institutions offering the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program, the lawmakers called on Secretary Jewell to preserve VCC's program. Over the past 25 years, VCC's program has built a proven track record of bringing land management employment opportunities to Minnesotans and people throughout the Midwest.

"This is great news for VCC and the Minnesotans who will continue to benefit from the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program," Klobuchar said. "VCC's program has a strong track record of connecting Minnesota students with good job opportunities in a range of fields, and now that important work will be able to continue."

"Vermilion Community



Amy Klobuchar

Rick Nolan

College has a long history of success in getting Minnesotans the skills they need to work in land management jobs," Franken said. "And we need to make sure that this specialized training is available to future students. I'm very pleased that we were able to help protect VCC's Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program and continue to bring employment opportunities to Minnesotans."

"This is great news for our region, and for all Minnesotans who are looking to receive the extraordinary education and career opportunities Vermilion has provided for 25 years," said Nolan. "With VCC's extremely high job-placement rate, as well as strategic location at the edge of the Boundary Waters, it has long proven its ability to match graduates with successful law enforcement jobs with the Park Service, Forest Service, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife, and many more state departments and agencies. I'm very proud to have played a role in securing Vermilion's continued success."

"I am thrilled that DOI has recognized the great work VCC is doing to train seasonal law enforcement officers to protect our natural resources," McCollum said. "This program prepares students in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest for good jobs providing an essential public service."

"Vermilion Community College is very pleased with the outcome of the National Park Service's evaluation of Seasonal Park Ranger Training Programs at their partner colleges, and we are thrilled to remain as one of the seven colleges in the country where this important training will be offered," said Shawn Bina, provost of Vermilion Community College. "On behalf of Vermilion I would like to thank Sen. Franken, Sen. Klobuchar, Congressman Nolan, and Congresswoman McCollum for their support throughout this process. Their assistance and attention to this issue played an integral part in highlighting the importance of this unique program to our college and the people of Minnesota."

Parent-to-Parent session planned

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Online Public School will host a Parent-to-Parent Information Session from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hardie's Restaurant.

MTS Minnesota Connections Academy welcomes prospective parents to learn about tuition-free, K-12 online public school program at this free event.

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To RSVP and for a complete event schedule, visit <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/minnesota-online-school/events.aspx>.

EDUCATION BRIEF

Itasca Community College announced 2014 dean's list

Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids, has

announced the dean's list for spring semester 2014.

Students qualified for this honor by completing a minimum of 12 credits and attaining a grade point average between 3.25 and 4.0.

The following International Falls area students were placed on the dean's list: Tessiah Ben and Jonathan Little, 3.50-3.99 GPA, high honors; and Brianna Snyder, 3.25-3.49 GPA, honors.

Prevent the summer slide: Quiz Bowl Trivia Challenge

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Looking for something to keep the learning alive over the summer? Educators from MTS Minnesota Connections Academy are offering a free Quiz Bowl Trivia Challenge relating to all things summer.

The game features 20 trivia questions of varying degrees of difficulty to promote lively and educational discussions with kids. Anyone can "play" the game online or download a printable version to use in the car, by the pool, at parties, or over dinner.

Research shows that academic concepts can "slide" over the summer. Participants can help by providing learning opportunities now to help kids maintain what they just learned and help prepare them for the school year ahead.

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