



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
TWIN CITIES

East Bank
**WALKING
TOUR**



Minneapolis

TOUR CHECKLIST:

- ☐ SNEAKERS TIED!
- ☐ MAROON & GOLD GEAR ON!
- ☐ SELFIE SMILES READY!

PARK: 4th St Parking Ramp
1625 4th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN, 55455

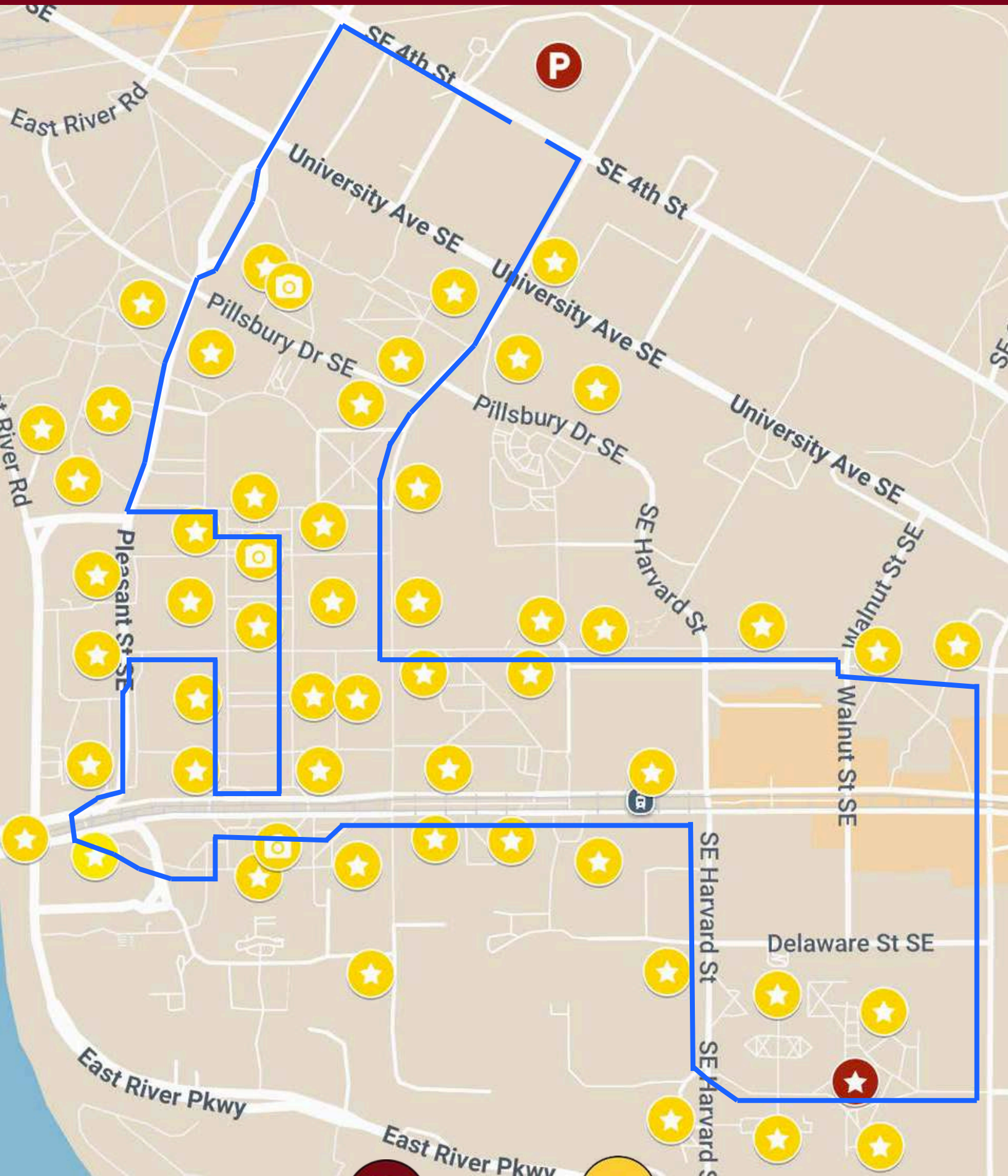
*Pay for parking

Visit pts.umn.edu for more information.

START: Northrop
84 Church Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

TOUR ROUTE

Expected Time: 90 min.

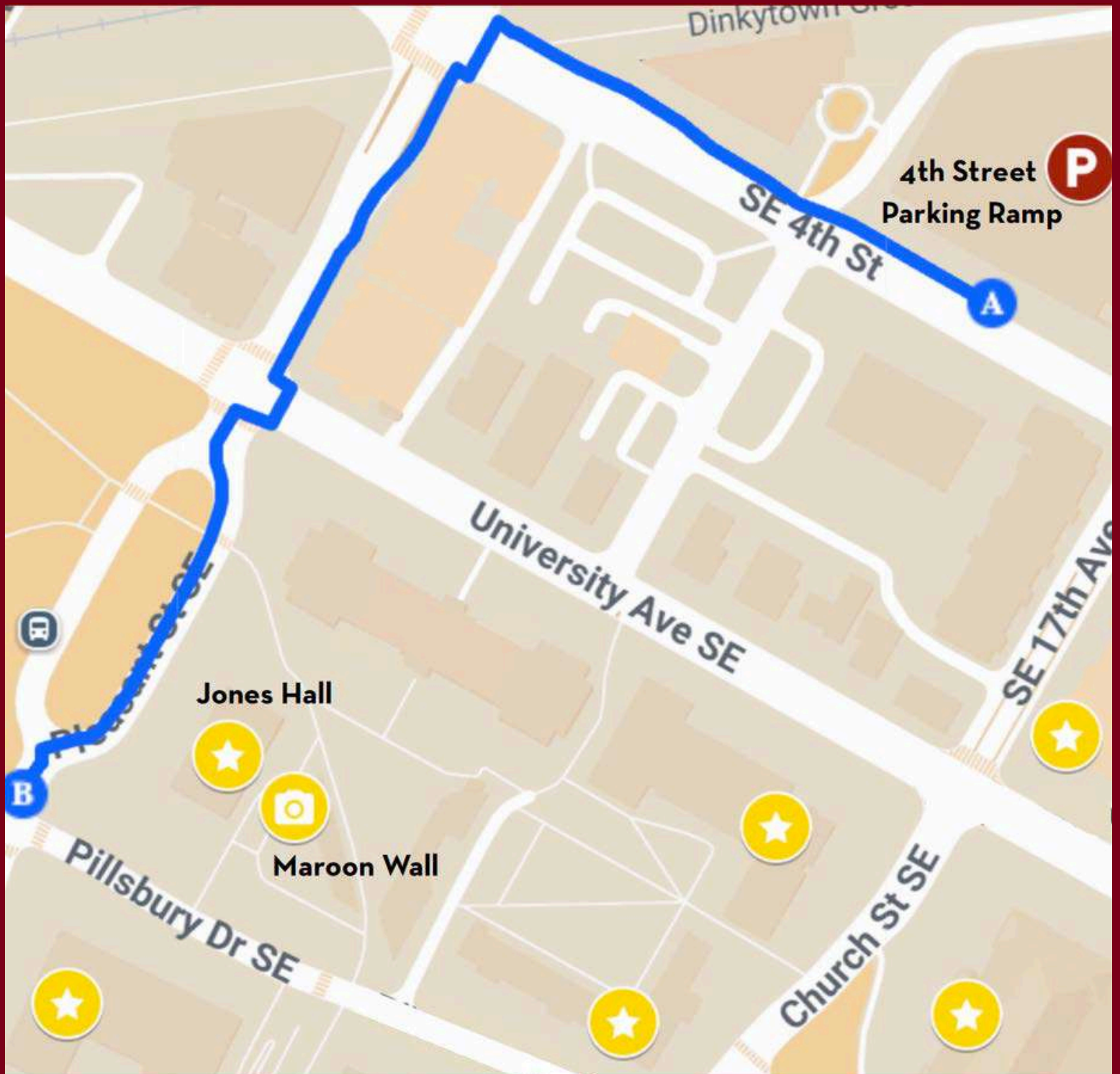


PARKING



**VIEW
POINT**

Walk to Jones Hall



Walk from **4th Street Parking Ramp** to **Jones Hall** via 4th street and Pleasant Ave.



Stop behind Jones Hall to take a picture in front of the **Maroon Wall Photostop!** **#FutureGopher**



JONES HALL

Jones Hall is home to the University Honors Program, which supports academically driven students through enriched coursework, advising, and community programming.

It also houses the College of Liberal Arts Language Center, which supports the teaching and advancement of foreign languages through technology.

Fun Fact: Jones Hall was once home to the physics department and the College of Architecture.

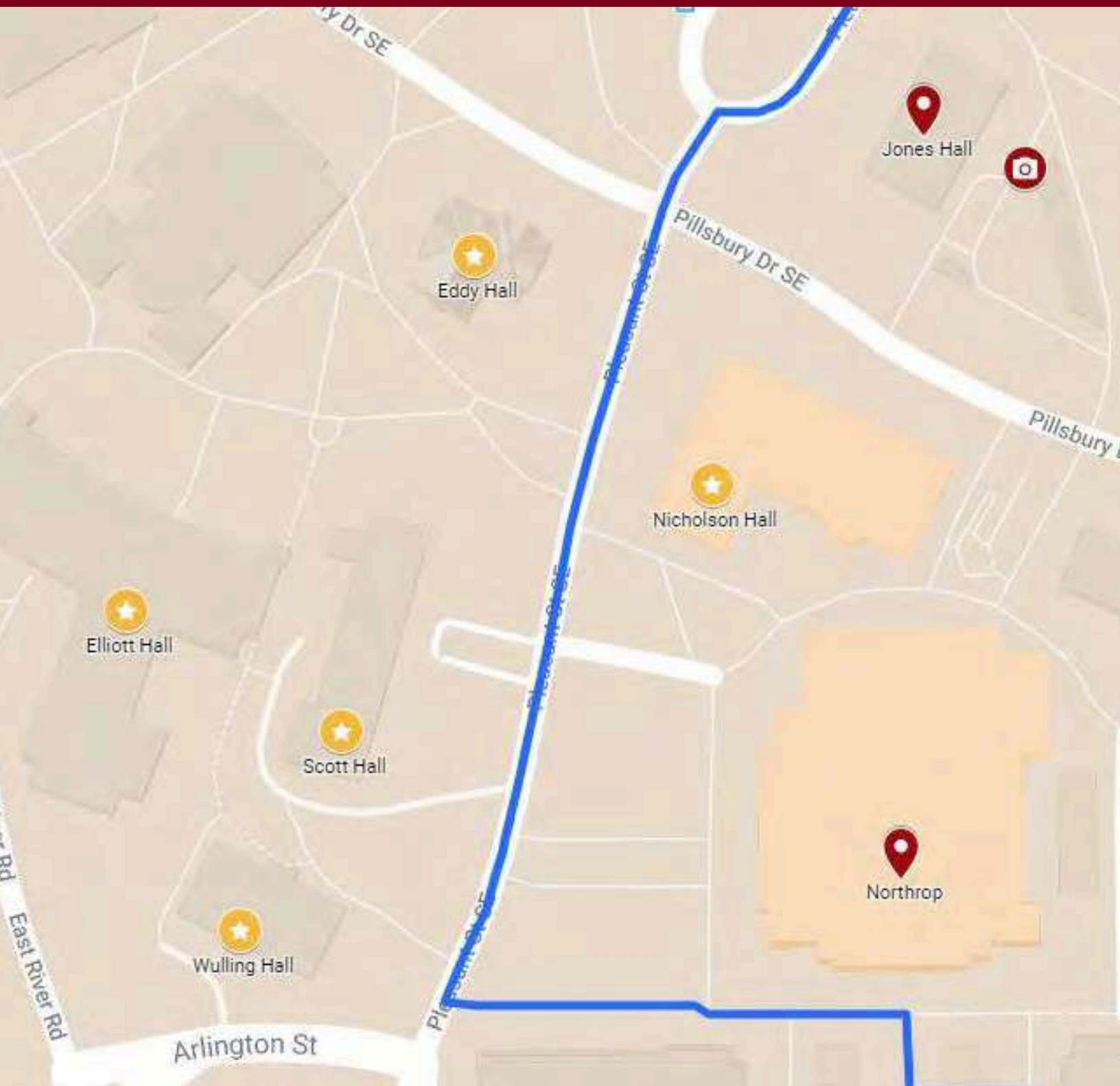


UMN Photo Wall

The University of Minnesota Photo Wall is a favorite photo spot for students and visitors. With the University's name and #UMNProud front and center, it's the perfect place to capture your visit.

Take a moment to snap a photo and share your Gopher pride before heading to your next stop!

Walk to Northrop



Walk south on Pleasant Street SE away from **Jones Hall** towards **Northrop**



You will see five building view points on your way



EDDY HALL

Eddy Hall is the oldest standing building on campus and is part of the Minnesota Historical Register. It is currently undergoing a major renovation that will enable the College of Health and Human Development to create an Educational Opportunity Center to serve current and prospective students.

Tip: Be sure to stop by in the fall, when the building's colors are especially striking!



216 PILLSBURY

LOOK LEFT!

216 Pillsbury hosts liberal education classes and is home to several departments, including Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature, Studies in Cinema & Media Culture, and Classical & Near Eastern Studies.

It also houses a Writing Center, where students can get free support reviewing and revising their work.

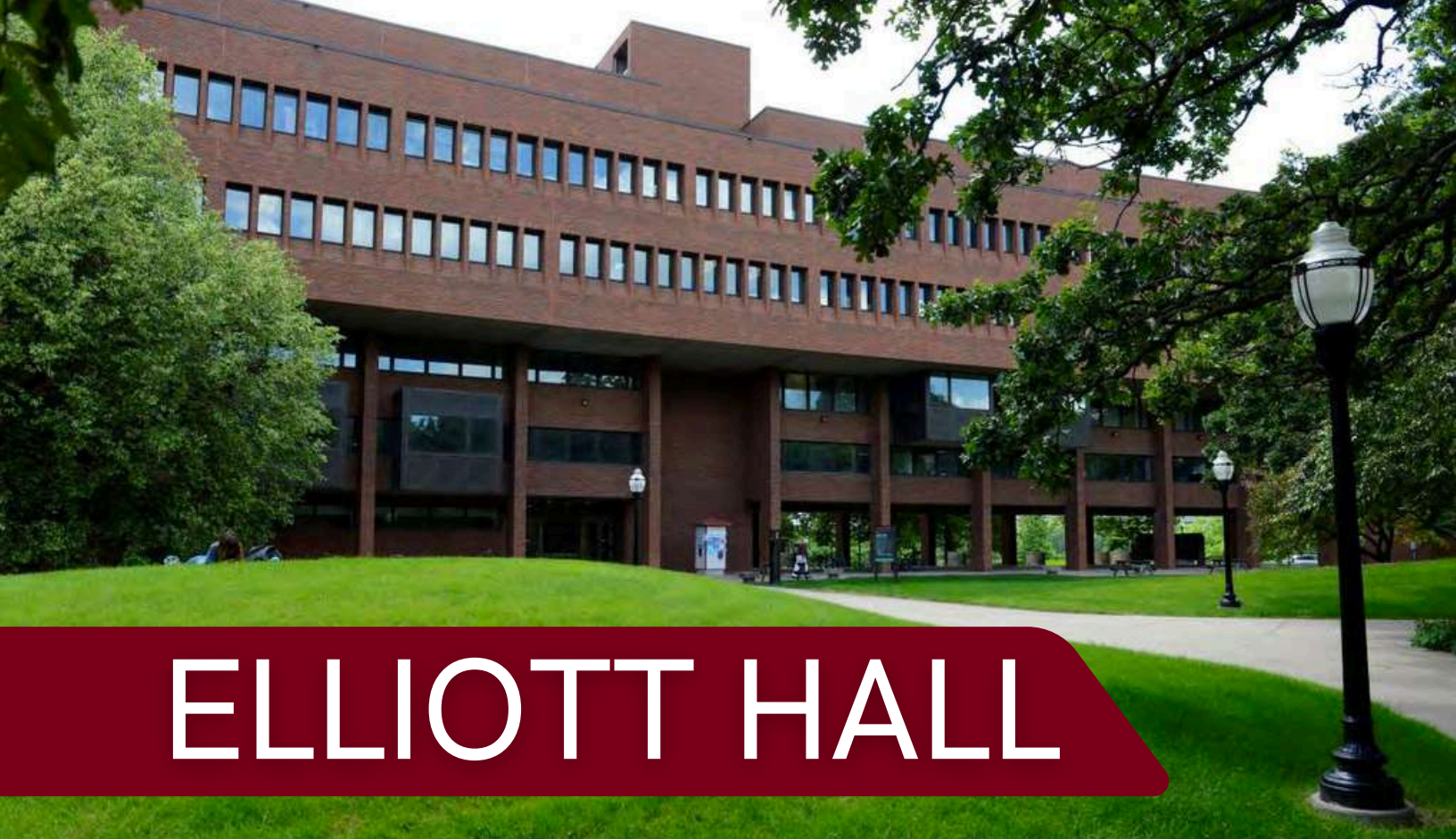


SCOTT HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Scott Hall is home to the nation's oldest American Indian Studies department, along with Chicano and Latino Studies, Asian American Studies, and American Studies.

Fun Fact: The Chicano and Latino Studies program leads an oral history project that preserves the stories of Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in Minnesota, with students conducting interviews and documenting community traditions.



ELLIOTT HALL

BEHIND SCOTT HALL!

Elliott Hall is home to the Institute of Linguistics and the Department of Psychology.

It houses both undergraduate and graduate psychology programs, consistently ranked among the top in the nation.

Fun Fact: Elliott Hall is home to the Minnesota Center for Twin & Family Research, known for landmark studies such as the 1979 Twins Reared Apart study.

WULLING HALL



LOOK RIGHT!

Wulling Hall was built in 1892 and was the first building on campus initially devoted to medical sciences. It was designed by architect Allen H. Stem who co-designed New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

In 1984, Wulling Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places as a member of the Old Campus Historic District.



NORTHROP

Northrop is the University's primary gathering place for the performing arts, academic ceremonies and major civic events. It is renowned for its two state-of-the-art theaters and the historic 7,000-pipe organ.

Since its founding in 1929, Northrop has welcomed dance companies, musicians, comedy acts, speakers, authors and more. The iconic stage has hosted luminaries from former U.S. presidents and the Dalai Lama to Prince and student favorites like Marcello Hernández and Dancing With the Stars Live!



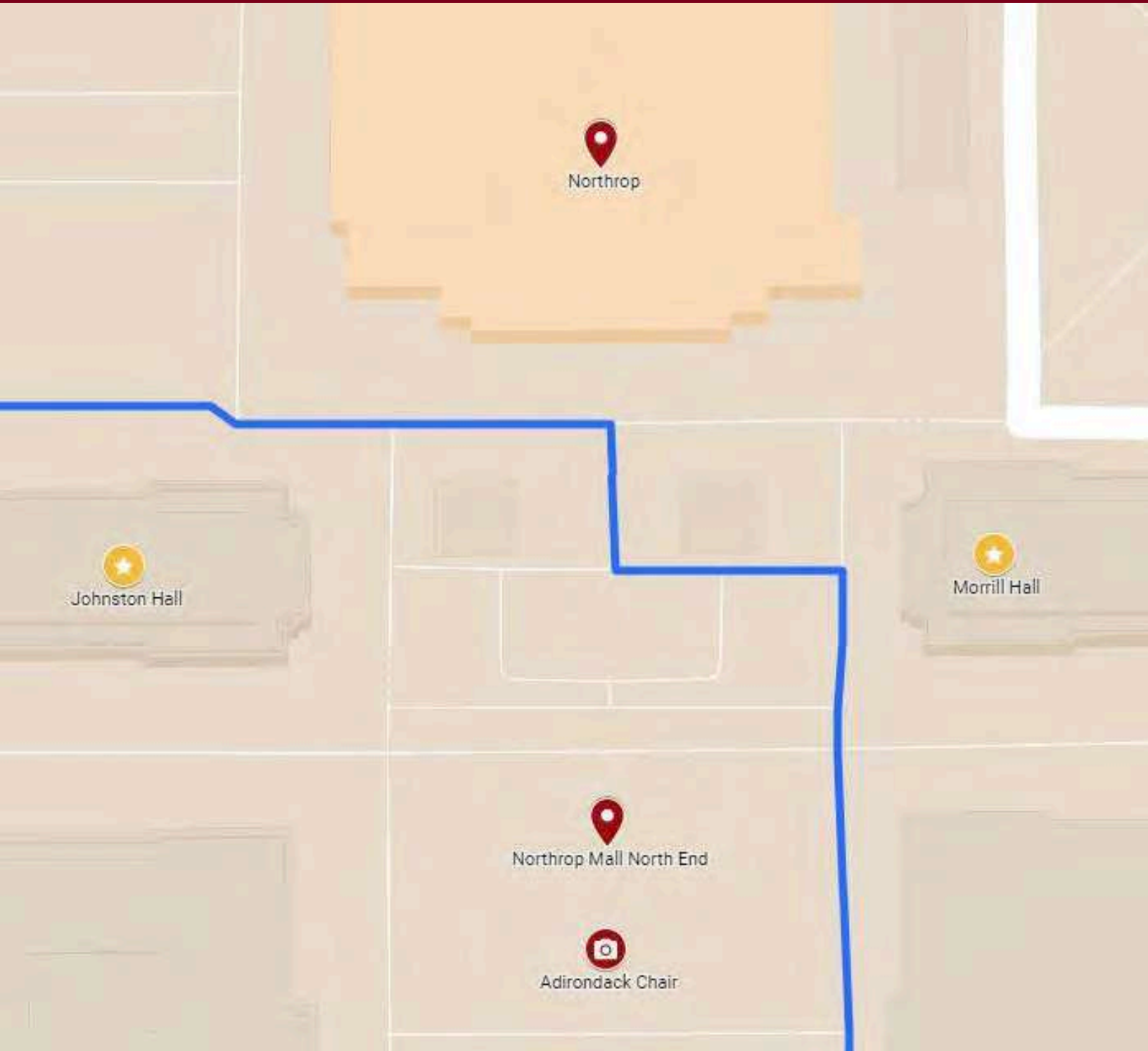
NORTHROP

Northrop is home to study areas and lounges as well as The Bistro cafe. Other partners in the building include the Admissions Welcome Center, Office of Enrollment Management, Institute for Advanced Study, College of Design Kusske Design Initiative and University Ticketing Services.

Speaking of tickets, discounted rush tickets are available in person to UMN students for numerous Northrop events.

Fun Fact: In 2026 Northrop achieved LEED® Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Walk to Northrop Mall



Walk south away from
Northrop across the plaza
towards the grassy Mall.



You will see two building
Tour Points on your way and
one Photo Stop





JOHNSTON HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Johnston Hall houses advising, student services, and administrative offices for the College of Liberal Arts as well as Graduate Admissions.

Here, students can work with advisors to explore academic pathways and plan for post-graduation opportunities, including graduate and professional programs.

Fun Fact: The College of Liberal Arts is the University's largest college, offering more than 70 majors.



MORRILL HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Morrill Hall houses University administration offices, including the Office of the President.

It's also home to the Office of Undergraduate Education, the Office for Equity and Diversity, and University Services.

While most students won't have classes here, the work happening inside shapes academic programs, campus policies, and the overall student experience.

ADIRONDACK CHAIR



The giant **Adirondack Chair** is one of the most popular photo spots at the University of Minnesota. Featuring Goldy and #UMNProud, it's a fun and iconic place to pause during your visit.

Climb in, take a photo, and share your Gopher pride before heading to your next stop.

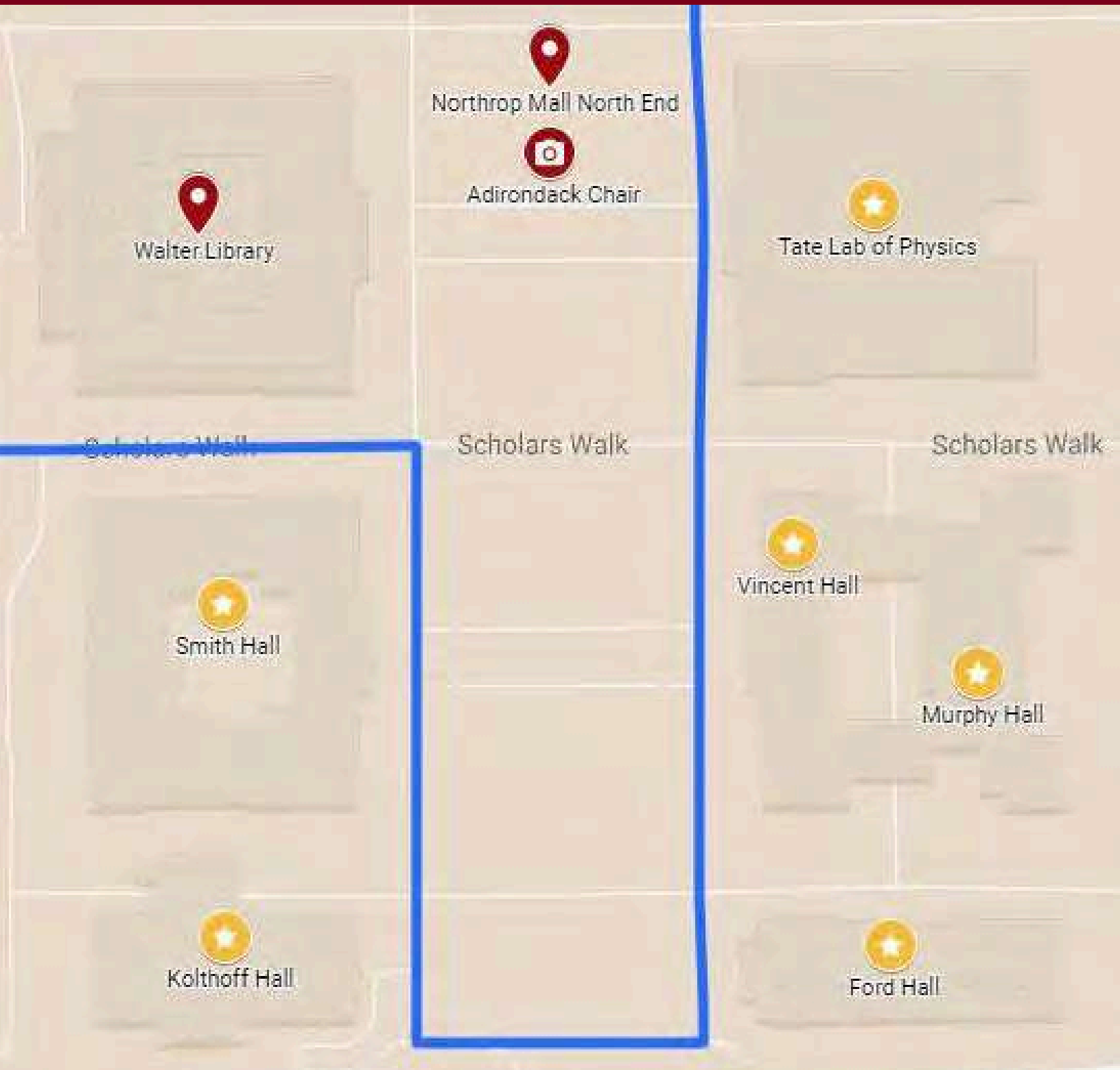


NORTHROP MALL

Northrop Mall is the heart of the East Bank campus. In warmer months, students gather here to study, relax, eat, and socialize.

Many buildings along the mall are connected through the University's tunnel and skyway system, known as the Gopher Way, which links most of campus. The mall's layout is intentionally symmetrical, inspired by the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Walk to Walter Library



Walk down the east side of the Mall, and back up the west side towards **Walter Library**.



You will see six building View Points on your way.



TATE HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Tate Hall houses the School of Physics and Astronomy and the Earth Sciences Department with classrooms, labs and research spaces for students in the physical sciences.

The building also features an observatory dome used for public viewing. On most Friday nights, visitors can attend a free 8:00 p.m. presentation followed by telescope viewing.

Fun Fact: This tradition inspired the phrase, “Go to Tate at eight for a date!”



VINCENT HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Vincent Hall houses the Department of Mathematics and the Minnesota Center for Financial and Actuarial Mathematics.

Just outside, along Scholars Walk between Vincent Hall and Murphy Hall, you'll find a tucked-away outdoor courtyard.



MURPHY HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Murphy Hall houses the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The building includes modern media spaces, such as broadcast studios and audio production labs, giving students hands-on experience in reporting, storytelling and content creation.

Fun Fact: Murphy Hall is also home to the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law, one of the nation's leading media law centers.



FORD HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Ford Hall is home to the Department of Communication Studies, the School of Statistics, and the Department of Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies.

The building includes classrooms, lecture spaces, and study areas that support a wide range of learning across the liberal arts.



KOLTHOFF HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Kolthoff Hall primarily houses chemistry labs and research spaces.

In the lobby, you'll find a large, interactive periodic table featuring samples of many known elements.

Fun Fact: Its exterior columns were added later for visual consistency with Northrop Mall and are not structurally connected.

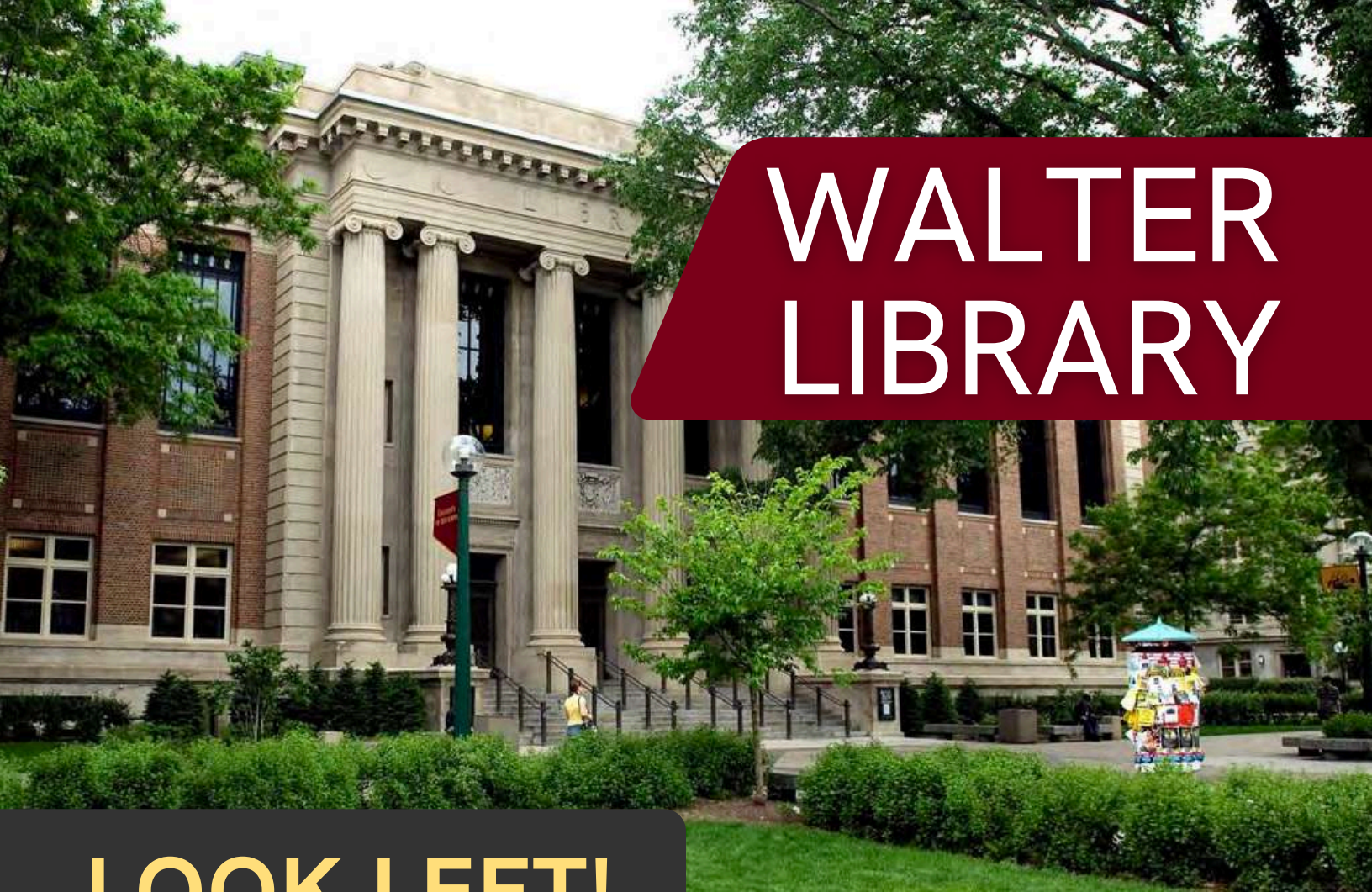
A photograph of Smith Hall, a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent portico supported by columns. The building is illuminated from within, and the sky above is a mix of purple and pink. A paved walkway leads to the entrance, flanked by green lawns and bare trees.

SMITH HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Smith Hall is home to the Department of Chemistry and most undergraduate chemistry labs.

The department has a long history of excellence, including two Nobel Prize winners. Chemistry is a foundational course for many majors, with more than 10,000 students taking General and Organic Chemistry here each year.



WALTER LIBRARY

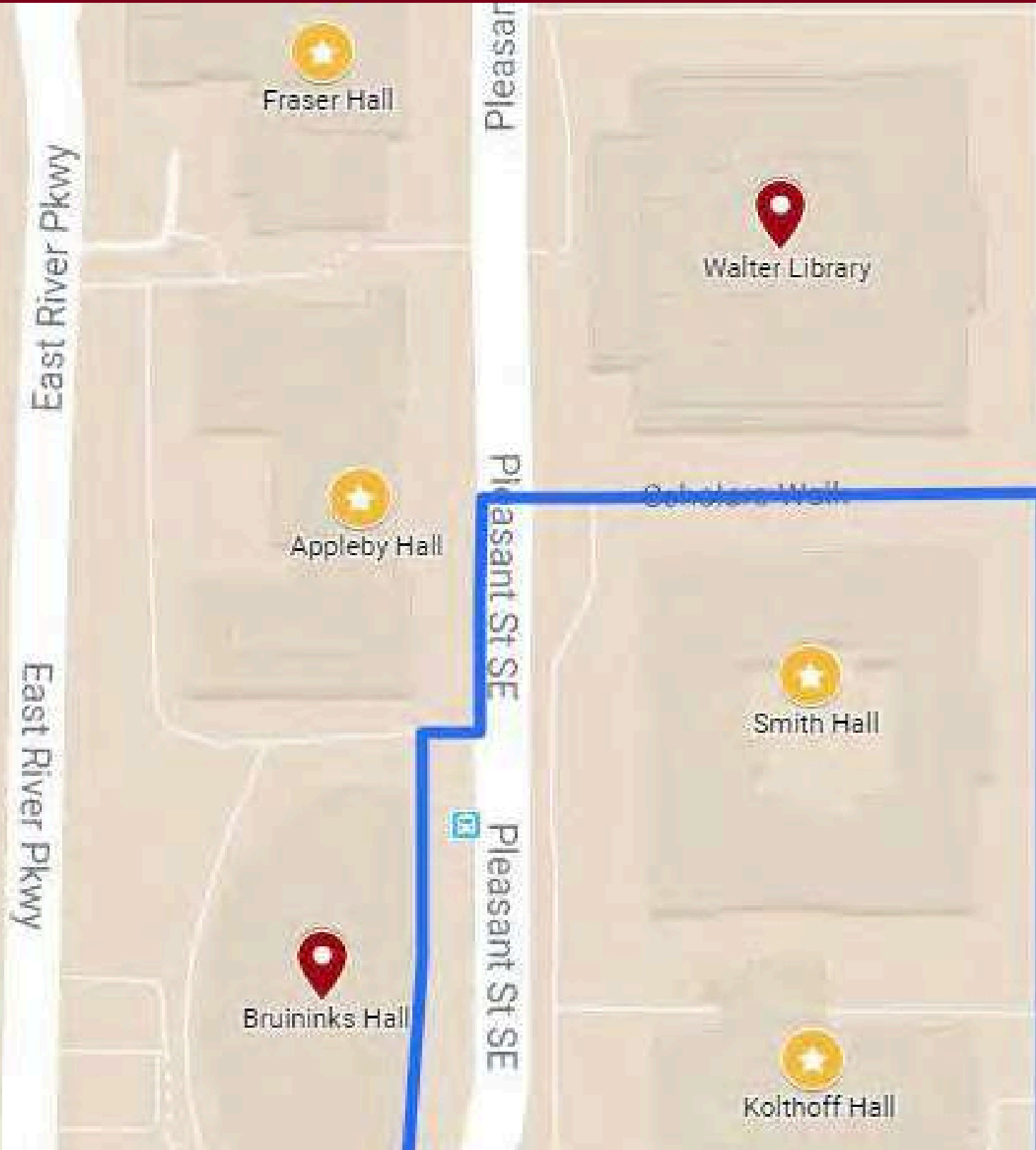
LOOK LEFT!

Walter Library offers group study rooms, quiet study spaces, and free peer tutoring. It's also home to the Toaster Innovation Hub and the AI Makerspace

The Minnesota Mug café on the lower level is a popular student spot for food, caffeine and studying.

Fun Fact: The University's library system is one of the largest in the nation, with nearly 10 million print and electronic volumes.

Walk to Bruininks Hall



Walk from the front of Walter Library west on Scholars Walk. Turn left on Pleasant Street.



You will see two building View Points on your way.



FRASER HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Fraser Hall is a newly renovated space focused on undergraduate chemistry, with modern labs, classrooms and collaborative learning areas.

The building supports hands-on science education for thousands of students each year and has a dedicated tutoring space for those taking chemistry courses. It also has views of the Mississippi River and downtown Minneapolis.

Fun Fact: Fraser Hall was originally built in 1928 as a Law School building!



APPLEBY HALL

Appleby Hall is a central hub for student support services, offering academic advising, tutoring and community resources.

It houses the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE), President's Emerging Scholars Program, Circle of Indigenous Nations, the Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life, the Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education, the Women's Center, and the College of Liberal Arts' Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program and Advising.

A photograph of Bruininks Hall, a modern building with a large, curved glass facade and a cylindrical top section. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a paved plaza with some low concrete walls and a person walking. To the right, another building with a brown, textured facade is visible.

BRUININKS HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Bruininks Hall houses One Stop Student Services, Veteran Services, Career Services, Pre-Law Advising and the Center for Academic Planning and Exploration (CAPE).

Students can get help with financial aid, registration, transcripts and career planning, including mock interviews and post-graduation support.

Fun Fact: Bruininks Hall is LEED Gold certified and one of the greenest buildings on campus. Its design reduces carbon emission by 555 tons every year!

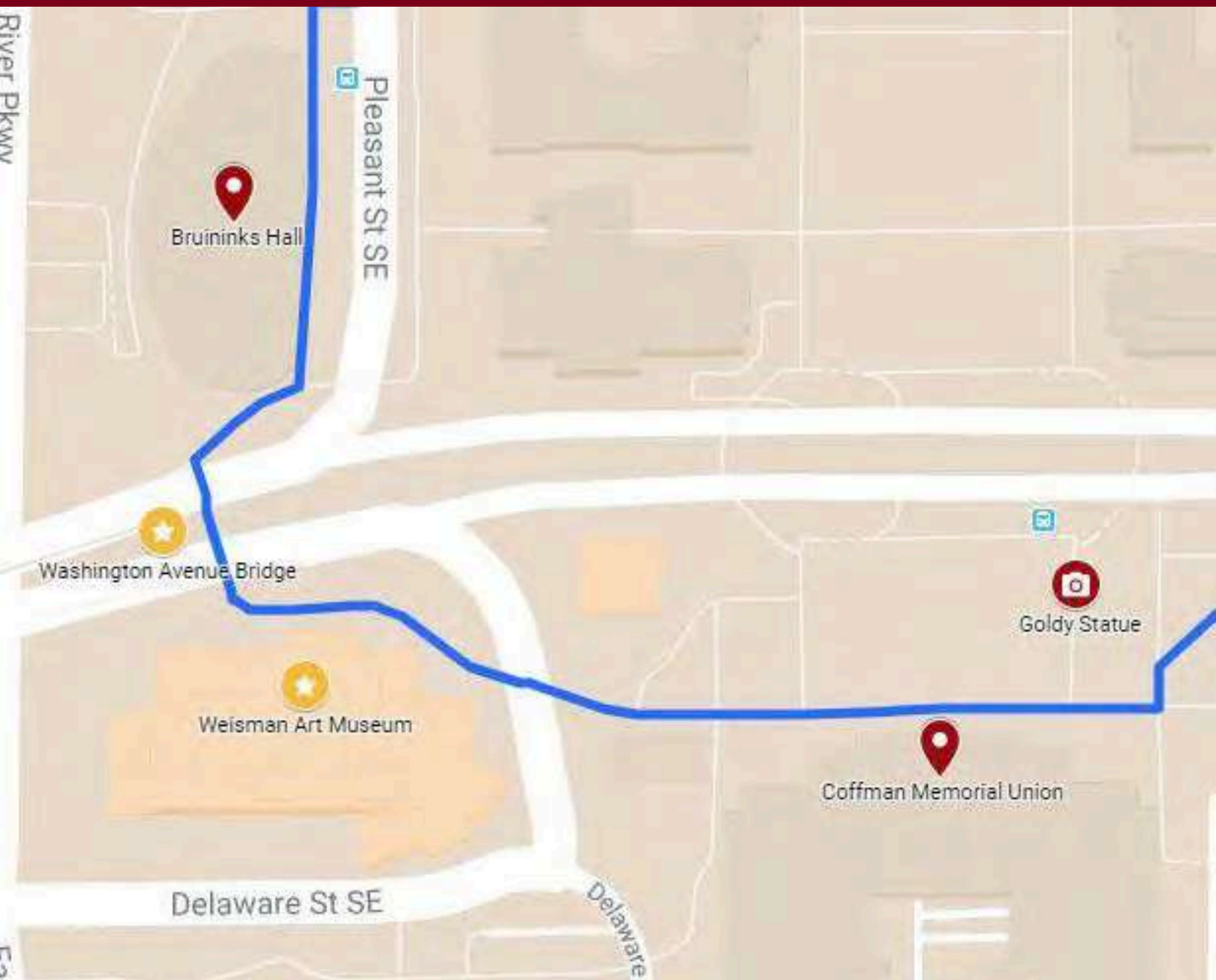


BRUININKS HALL

Bruininks Hall also features 12 active learning classrooms designed for collaboration and technology-enhanced instruction.

Each space includes multiple screens, shared displays at every table, and built-in connectivity that allows students to project and share their work. These classrooms support group-based learning and have served as a model for similar spaces at universities nationwide.

Walk to Coffman Memorial Union



Walk south from **Bruininks Hall**, following the walking path.



You will see two viewpoints on your way.



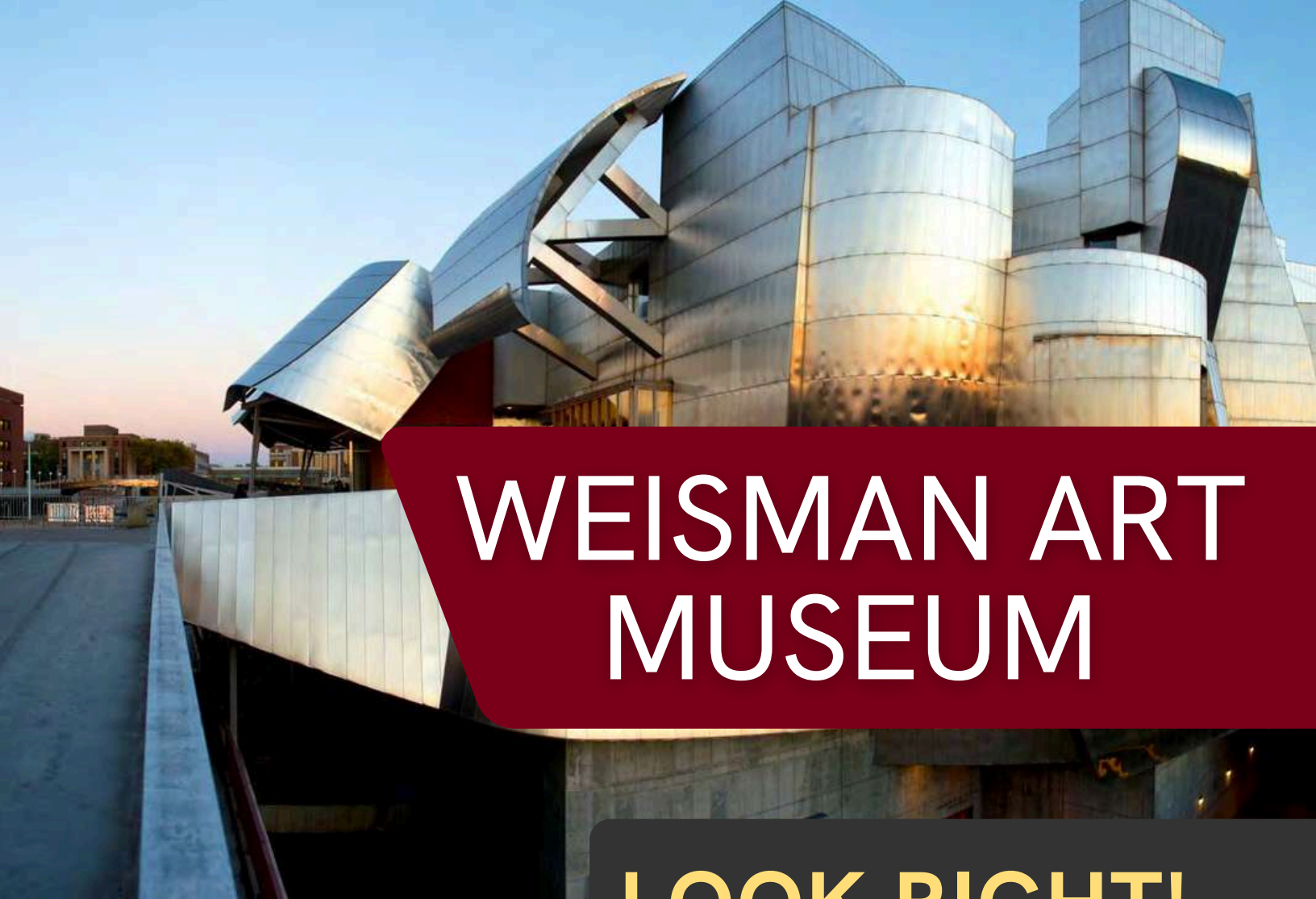
WASHINGTON AVE BRIDGE

LOOK RIGHT!

The Washington Avenue Bridge connects the East and West Bank across the Mississippi River.

At the west end of the bridge you'll spy the infamous Shoe Tree, where students participate in the tradition of tossing their shoes onto branches.

Fun Fact: The Twin Cities is home to many Fortune 500 companies, including Target, 3M, and General Mills.



WEISMAN ART MUSEUM

LOOK RIGHT!

The Weisman Art Museum is a world-renowned museum offering free admission to students and the public.

The University also maintains a large public art collection, and students can rent original artwork through the museum's student art rental program for a small fee each semester.

Fun Fact: The building was designed by Frank Gehry, known for the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and Walt Disney Concert Hall.



COFFMAN MEMORIAL UNION

Coffman Memorial Union is a central gathering space for students.

The building includes a food court with multiple dining options, the University Bookstore for textbooks and apparel, and Goldy's Game Room, which features a 14-lane bowling alley. It also houses a 400+ seat theater and the offices for Student Unions and Activities.



CMU STUDENT GROUPS

The second floor of Coffman Memorial Union houses many student organizations and cultural centers, including the Black Student Union, Mi Gente Student Cultural Center, the American Indian Student Cultural Center, and the Asian American Student Union, among others. Students interested in forming a group may visit the Student Unions and Activities office for support.

Fun Fact: A popular campus myth is that Coffman's architecture resembles a gopher face. However, the structure was built in the 1930s, before the current Goldy mascot existed!

GOLDY STATUE

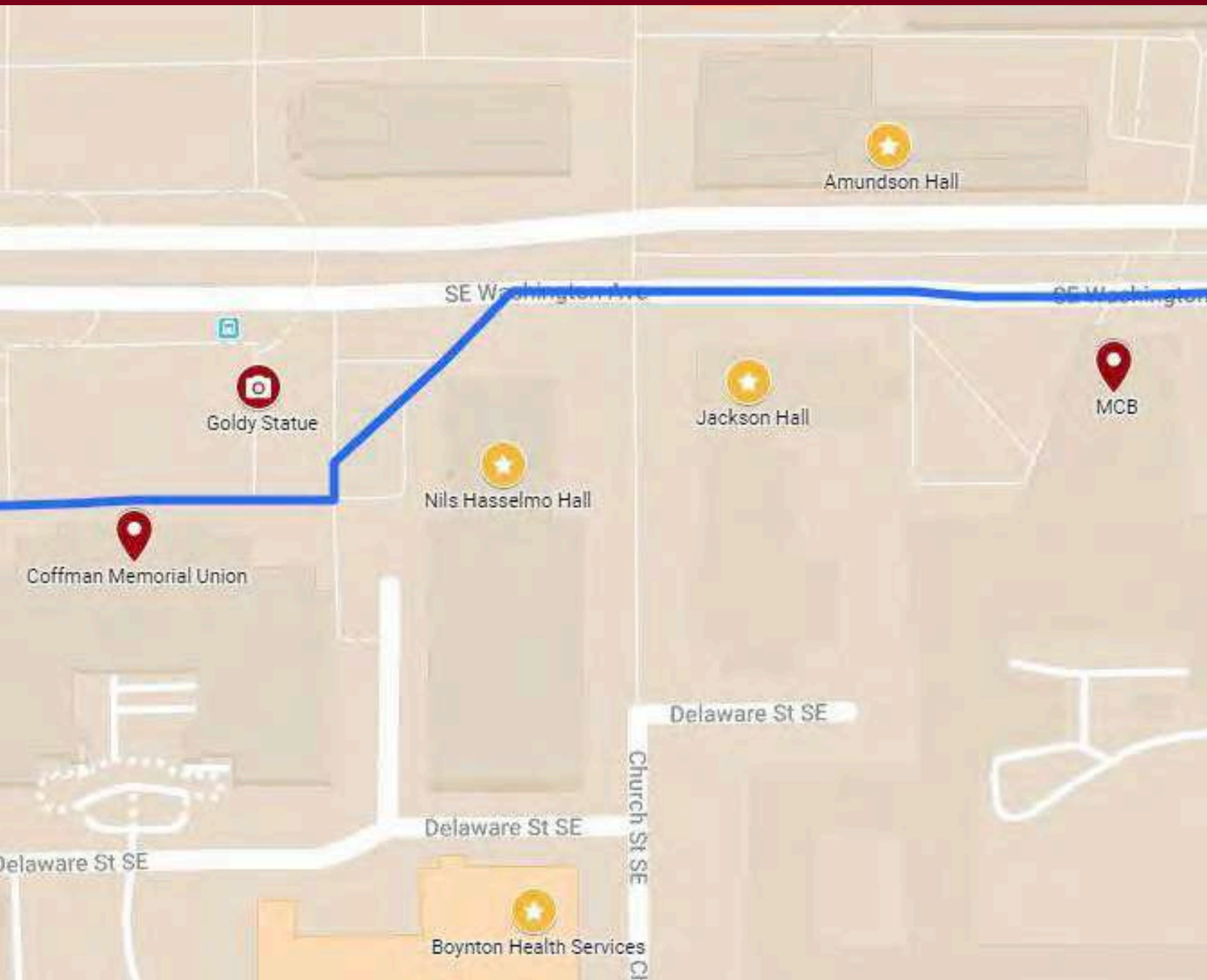


LOOK RIGHT!

This Goldy Statue is one of the most iconic photo spots on campus. Featuring the University's mascot alongside the Block M, it's a favorite place for students and visitors to capture their Gopher pride.

Take a photo with Goldy and mark your visit before heading to your next stop!

Walk to the Molecular & Cellular Biology Building



Walk east from **Coffman Memorial Union** on Washington Ave until you reach **MCB** on your right.



You will see 4 view points on your way and one photo stop.



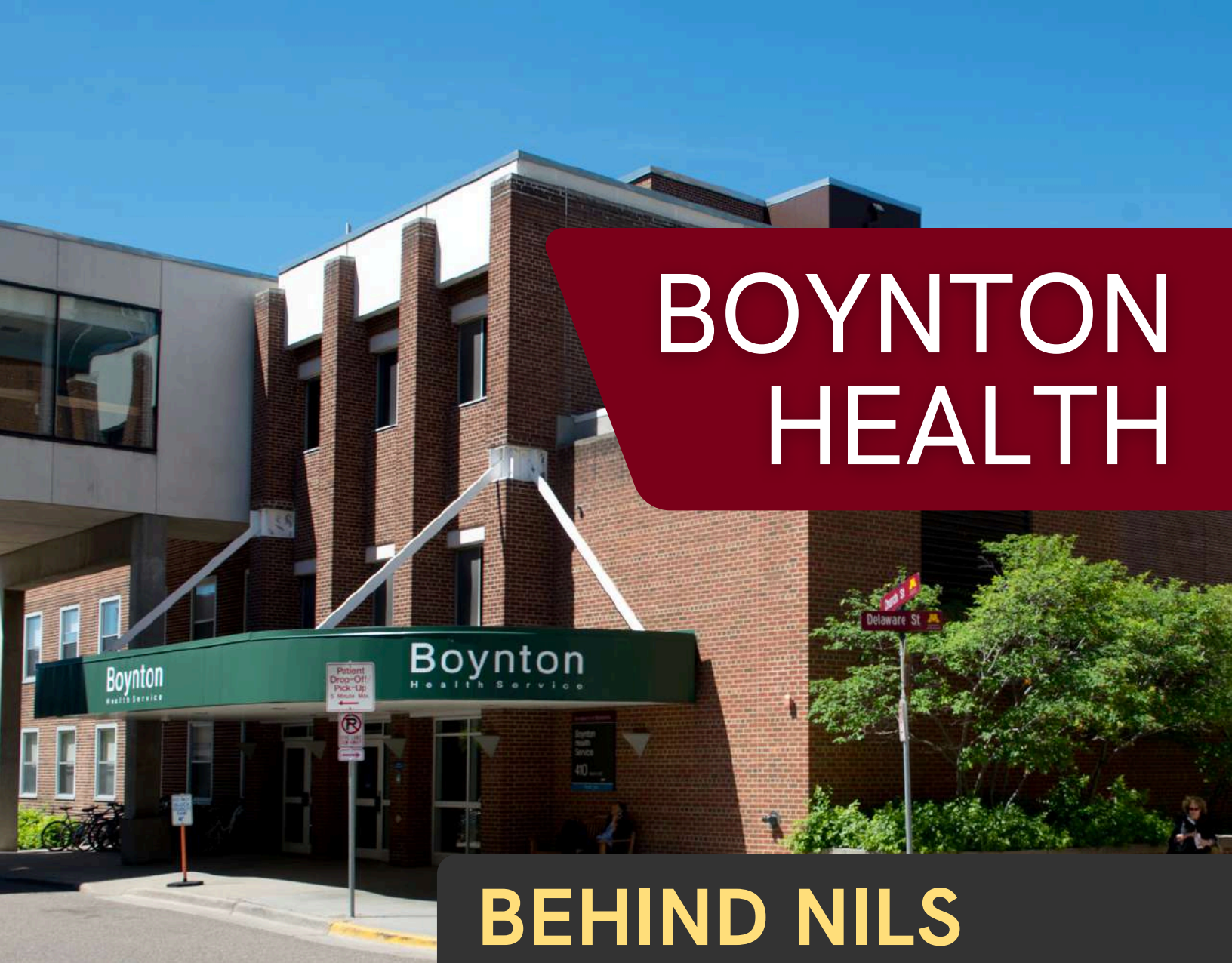


NILS HASSELMO HALL

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Nils Hasselmo Hall is named for the University's 13th president and houses research labs in biochemistry, biomedical engineering and neuroscience.

The building also includes the Center for Cardiovascular Repair and supports a range of research in biomedical engineering, immunology, and related fields.



BOYNTON HEALTH

BEHIND NILS HASSELMO HALL!

Boynton Health Services is the University's on-campus health provider, offering primary care, urgent care, mental health services, a pharmacy and more.

Fun Fact: Boynton offers stress management programs such as PAWS (Pet Away Worry and Stress), where students can spend time with therapy animals.

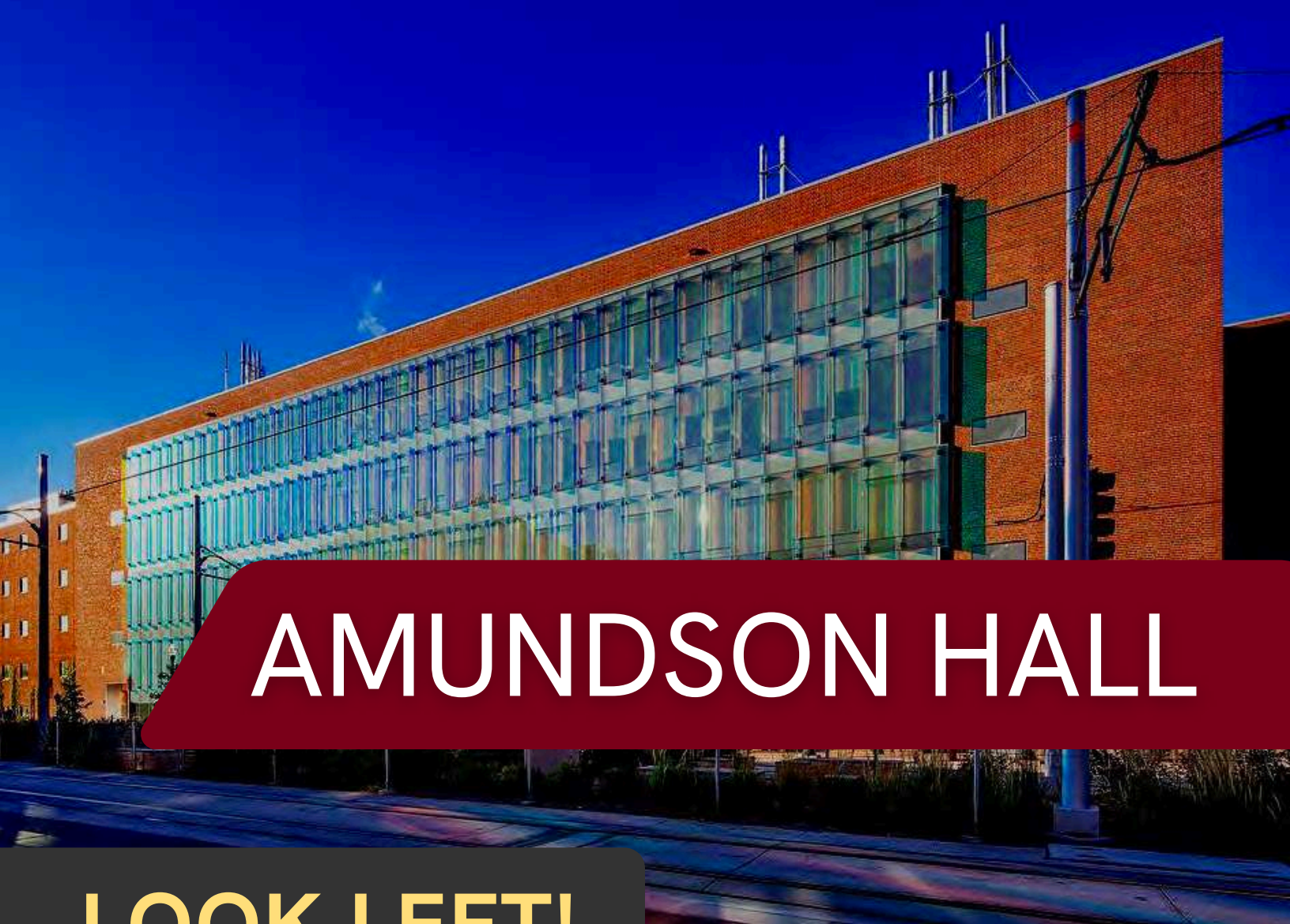


JACKSON HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Jackson Hall houses labs and research spaces in pharmacology, physiology, neuroscience, genetics, and cell biology, including cadaver labs.

Fun Fact: A 1911 time capsule found during renovations was reopened in 2005, revealing newspapers, University materials, and early plans from architect Cass Gilbert.

A photograph of Amundson Hall, a large brick building with a prominent glass facade. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a street with a tram and some greenery. A dark red banner is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'AMUNDSON HALL' in white.

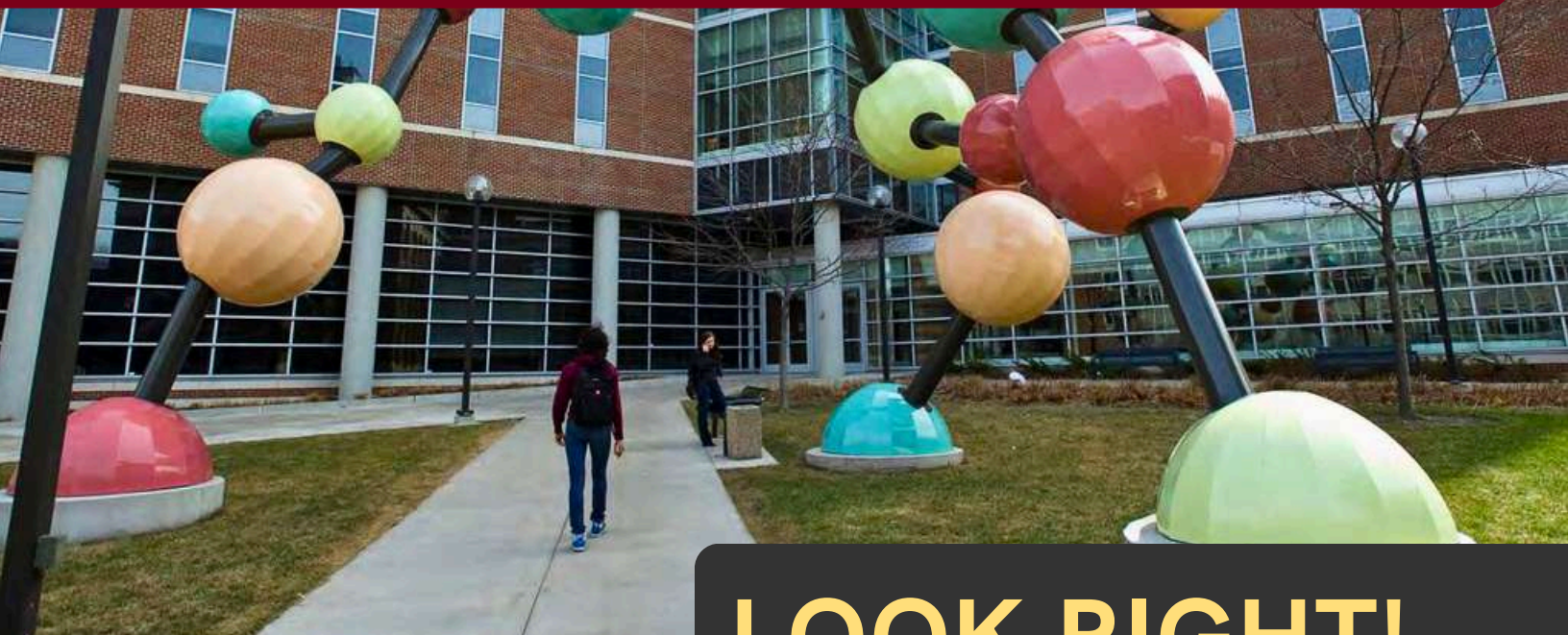
AMUNDSON HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Amundson Hall is home to the Chemical Engineering and Materials Science program, which is consistently ranked among the top in the nation.

The building includes the Gore Annex, a 40,000-square-foot expansion that features modern research and teaching spaces, including a materials science lab supported by Valspar.

MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY



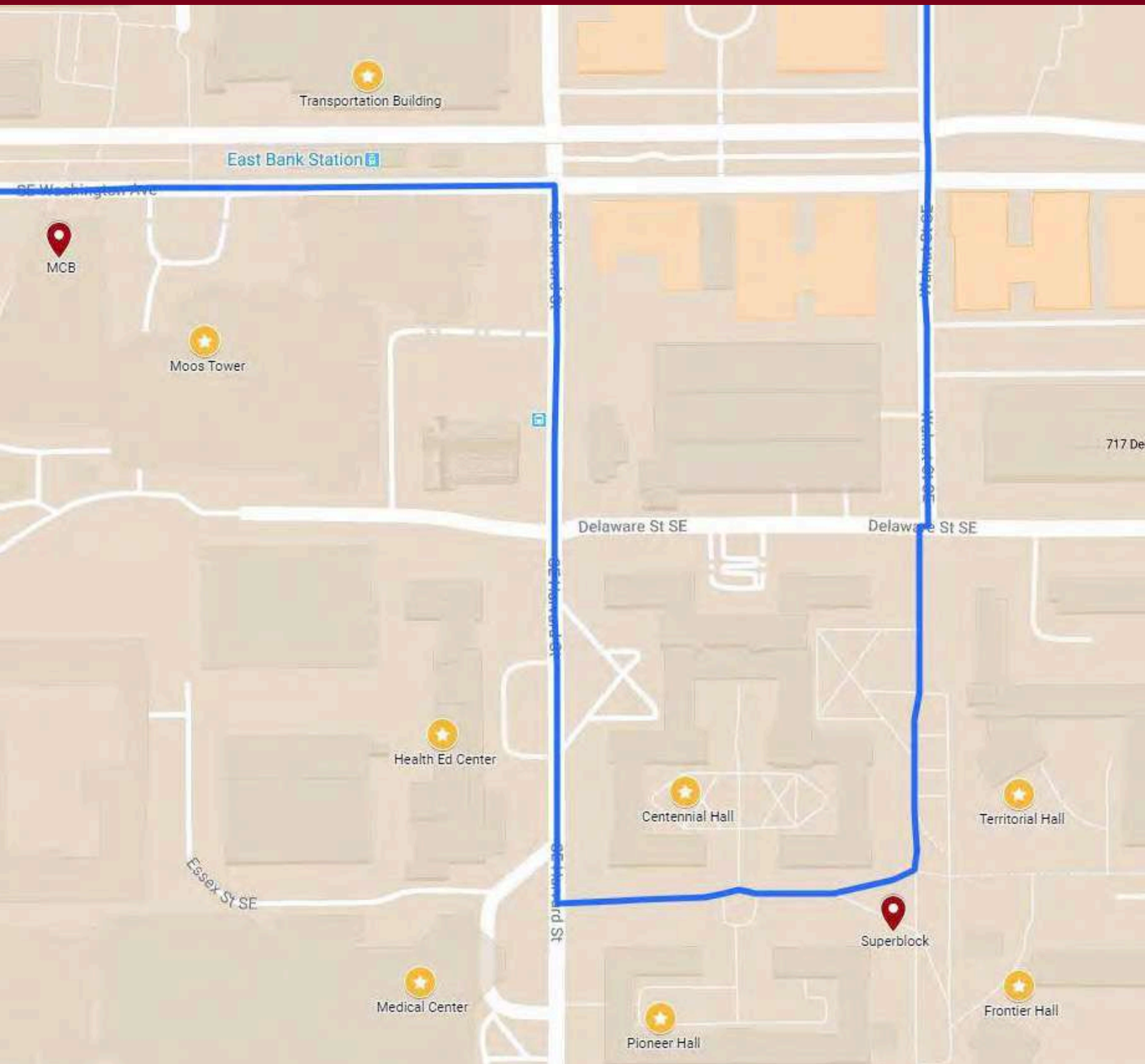
LOOK RIGHT!

The Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB) Building houses College of Biological Sciences student services, classrooms, and teaching labs.

Faculty in areas such as biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics are recognized for their research and teaching.

Fun Fact: The structure outside resembles a molecule, but it's actually a random arrangement of atoms with no real chemical meaning.

Walk to Superblock



Continue east on Washington Ave until you reach Harvard St. Walk south along the east sidewalk and turn left between Centennial Hall and Pioneer Hall. Walk towards the heart of Superblock!



You will see 8 view points on your way.

A photograph of Moos Tower, a large, multi-story concrete building with many windows. In the foreground, there are wide concrete stairs with metal railings leading up to the building's entrance. The sky is clear and blue. A dark red banner is overlaid on the top left of the image.

MOOS TOWER

LOOK RIGHT!

Moos Tower is home to several of the University's health professional programs including dentistry. Nearby buildings house our medicine, pharmacy, and nursing programs.

We are the only University in the country with a National Center for Interprofessional Practice, emphasizing collaboration across health fields. Undergraduate students can access the Health Careers Center here to explore career paths and prepare for admission to health programs.

TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY BUILDING



LOOK LEFT!

The Transportation & Safety Building houses the University of Minnesota Police Department and Parking & Transportation Services, both of which support campus safety and mobility.

These departments provide free services "624-WALK" and "Gopher Chauffeur" to escort students from anywhere on campus to reach their destinations safely.



HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION CENTER

LOOK RIGHT!

The Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC)

is a modern facility that brings together the University's interprofessional health programs.

Students learn in state-of-the-art active learning classrooms and the M Simulation Labs, along with access to a range of study spaces like the 7th floor student lounge and the Health Sciences Library on the lower level.



UMN MEDICAL CENTER

LOOK RIGHT!

M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center - operates on both the East and West Bank campuses and serves as the University's primary teaching hospital.

It's a fully- functioning hospital system and is the main hospital for the University's professional health programs.

Fun Fact: The world's first open-heart surgery and the first successful bone marrow transplant took place here!



SUPERBLOCK RESIDENCE HALLS

Superblock is a residential area on East Bank made up of four residence halls, three of which are only open to first-year students.

The area includes an outdoor fitness center, spaces for basketball and volleyball, hammocking, grilling and gathering. It's a popular, central place for students to relax, connect and build community during their first year.



CENTENNIAL HALL

Centennial Hall is one of four residence halls located in the Superblock area of campus. Built in 1950, Centennial houses approximately 700 students.

This residence hall is unique because it is composed primarily of single rooms, with some additional double rooms and three-person suites.



PIONEER HALL

Pioneer Hall is one of four residence halls in the Superblock area on East Bank.

Originally built in 1930, and since renovated, Pioneer Hall houses approximately 750 students. It is the only hall in Superblock open to both first-year and returning students. The building offers a mix of single, double, and triple rooms.

Pioneer is also home to the Superblock dining hall.

FRONTIER HALL



Frontier Hall is one of four residence halls in the Superblock area on East Bank, housing approximately 735 first-year students in a co-ed environment.

Built in 1959, it offers double rooms and two-person suites. It also has the Taylor House Living Learning Community for students in the College of Science and Engineering. We have over 30 Living Learning Communities for students who share similar personal or academic interests.

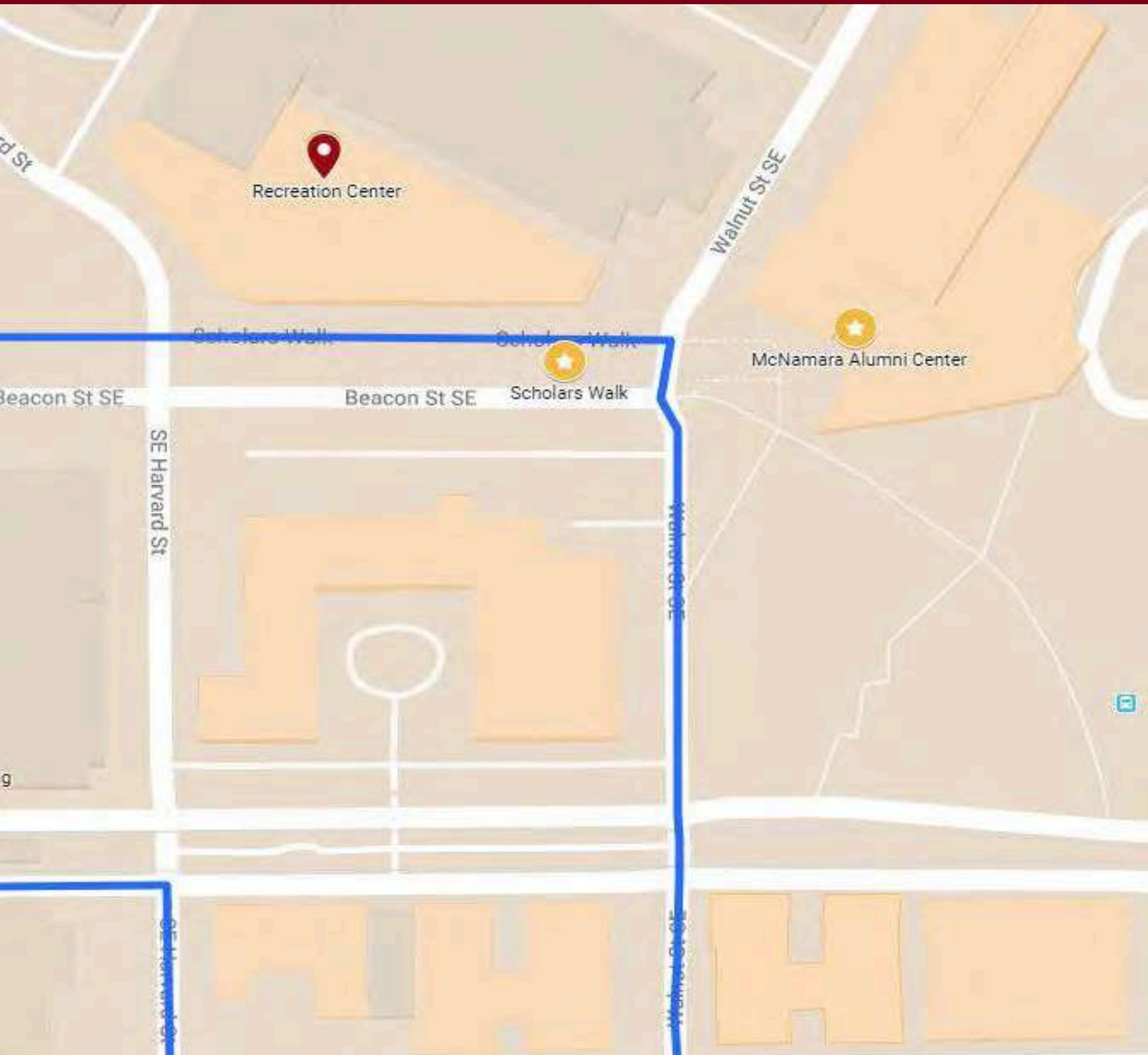


TERRITORIAL HALL

Territorial Hall is one of four residence halls in the Superblock area on East Bank.

Built in 1958 and expanded in 1999, it houses nearly 700 first-year students. Room types are primarily double rooms.

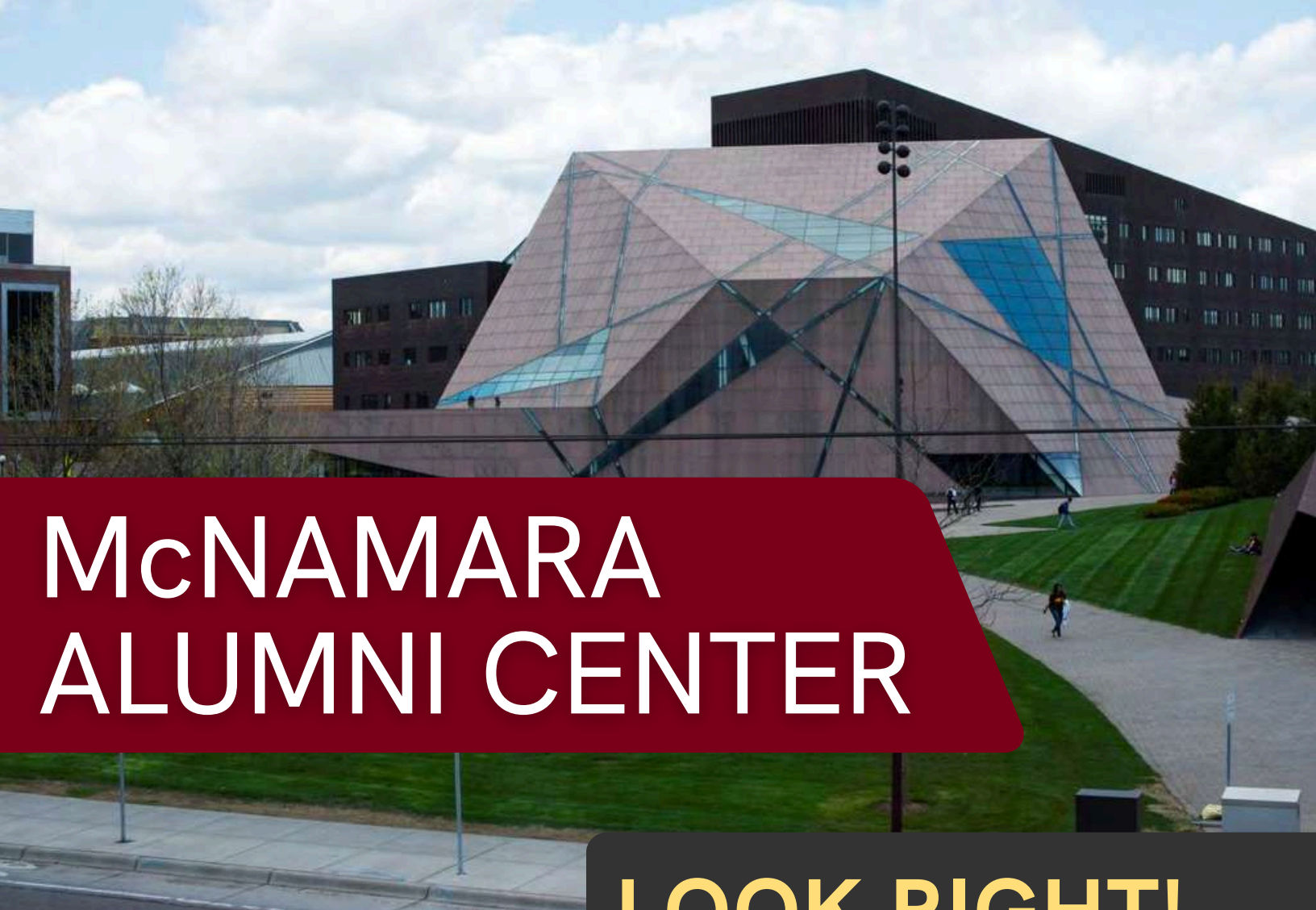
Walk to the Rec Center



Walk north from
Superblock on Walnut St.
until you reach the
**Recreation and Wellness
Center.**



You will see two View Points
on your way.



McNAMARA ALUMNI CENTER

LOOK RIGHT!

McNamara Alumni Center

houses the Alumni Association, the University of Minnesota Foundation, and the Disability Resource Center.

The Alumni Honor Wall features the night sky from the University's founding.

Fun Fact: Incubus filmed the music video for "Drive" here, which was nominated at the 2001 MTV Video Music Awards.



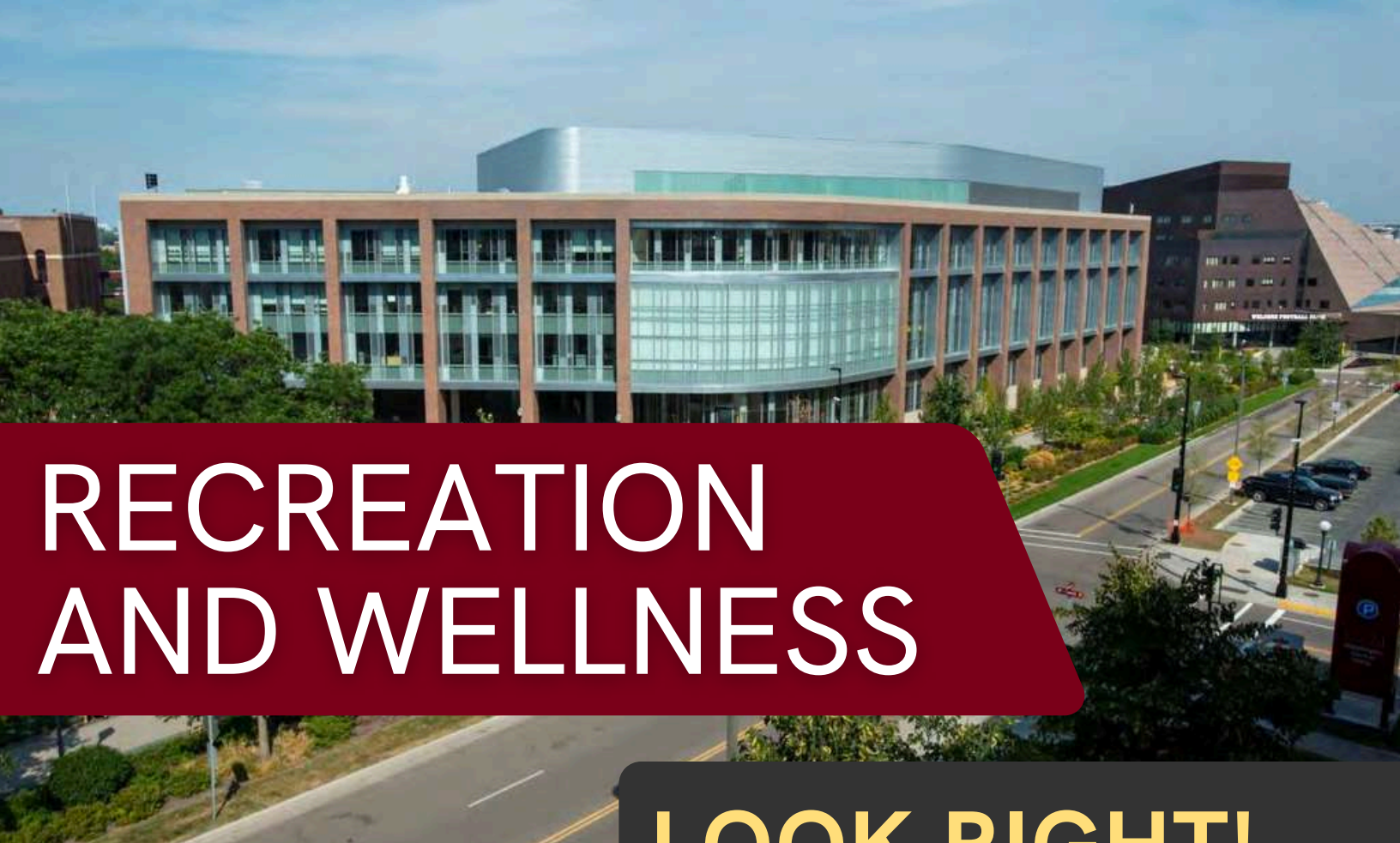
SCHOLARS WALK

TURN LEFT!

Scholars Walk stretches from McNamara Alumni Center to Walter Library, spanning much of the East Bank campus.

As its name suggests, it reflects the journey of a University of Minnesota student, from first year to alumni.

Along the path, you'll pass many of the University's iconic buildings, and plaques that highlight key moments and figures in University history.



RECREATION AND WELLNESS

LOOK RIGHT!

The Recreation and Wellness Center (RecWell) offers a variety of programs that support student health, wellness, and community.

Students can join group classes such as cycling or yoga, or join intramural sports and physical education courses, which are great ways to stay active and meet other students. After a workout, students can stop by ShakeSmart in the lobby for a refreshing smoothie.

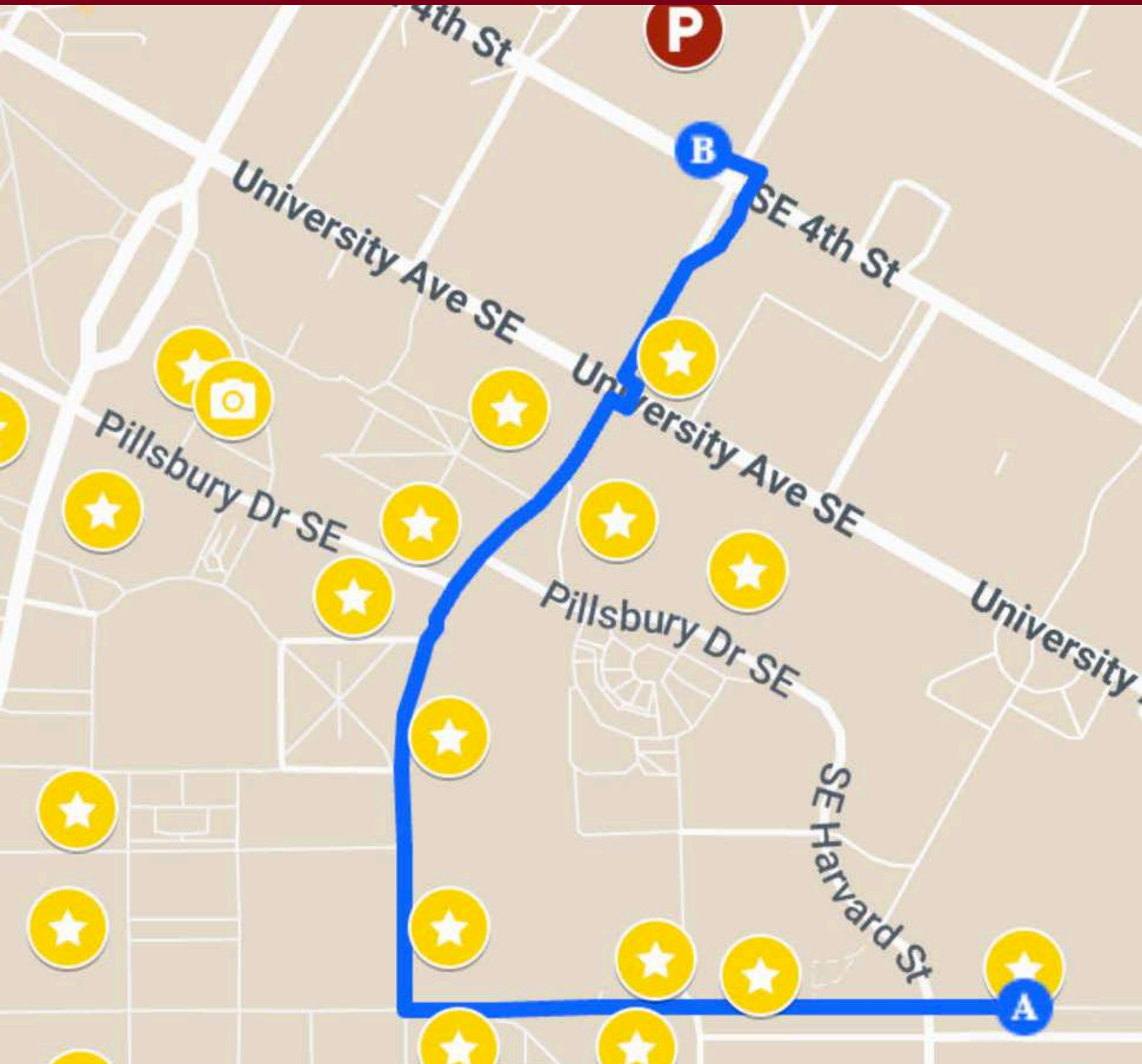


RECREATION AND WELLNESS

RecWell is one of the University's premier student spaces. Located on East Bank, the 400,000-square-foot facility serves thousands of students each day and features two wings with four floors of exercise and recreation space. Inside, students have access to weight rooms, cardio equipment, basketball courts, dance studios, an indoor track, a swimming pool, and a rock climbing wall.

RecWell access is included in student services fees, so membership is automatic for students!

Walk to the 4th Street Parking Garage



Walk from the **Recreation Center** on Scholars Walk until you reach Church Street SE and turn right



You will see 12 View Points on your way.



PHYSICS & NANOTECH

LOOK RIGHT!

The Physics and Nanotechnology Building is home to 40 modern, flexible lab spaces designed to support advanced research.

Designed with large windows for “science on display,” the building showcases research in action. In its clean labs, researchers wear protective suits to maintain dust-free environments because nanotechnology operates at a scale where even small particles can interfere with experiments.



AKERMAN HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Akerman Hall houses administrative offices for Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, along with general classrooms.

Originally built in the 1940s, much of the building has been renovated including the lobby which was once an airplane hanger. The lobby features authentic space shuttle machinery alongside student engineering projects, rocketry hardware and historical exhibits.



KELLER HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Keller Hall is one of the University's largest academic buildings, housing Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Computer Engineering.

It features lecture halls, computer labs, and a renovated atrium with study space.

Fun Fact: From above, the building looks like a floppy disk being inserted into a hard drive. A QR code near the base of the building shares more about the history of the floppy disk.

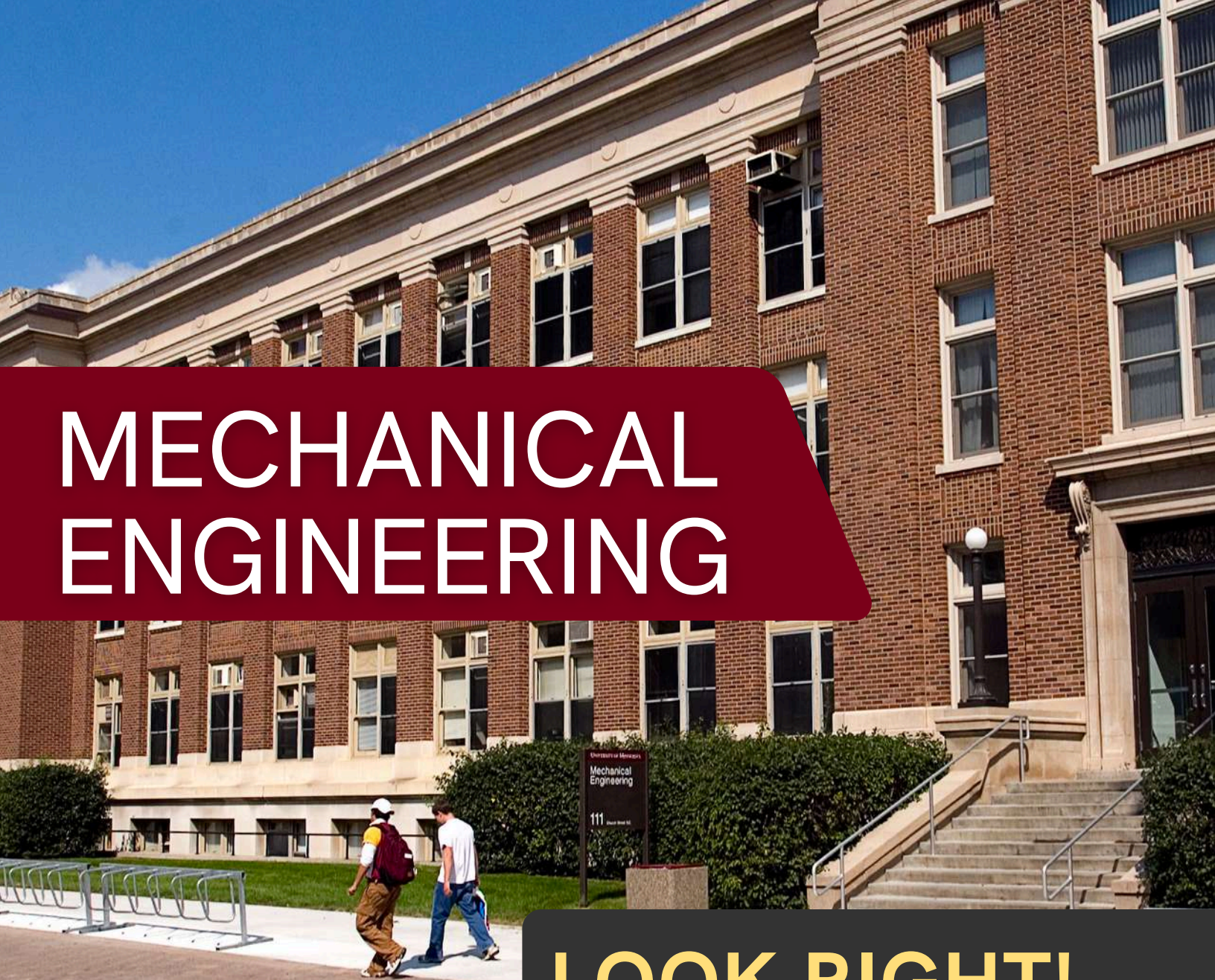


LIND HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Lind Hall is over 100 years old and serves as a hub for the College of Science and Engineering, offering advising and student support.

It includes the Taylor Center study space and hosts student organizations such as the CSE Ambassadors, the Science and Engineering Student Board and the Society of Women Engineers.



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

LOOK RIGHT!

The Mechanical Engineering Building (MechE) is home to the Department of Mechanical Engineering, a program consistently ranked among the best in the nation.

The building includes lecture halls and computer labs that support student learning, including one lab that is open 24/7.



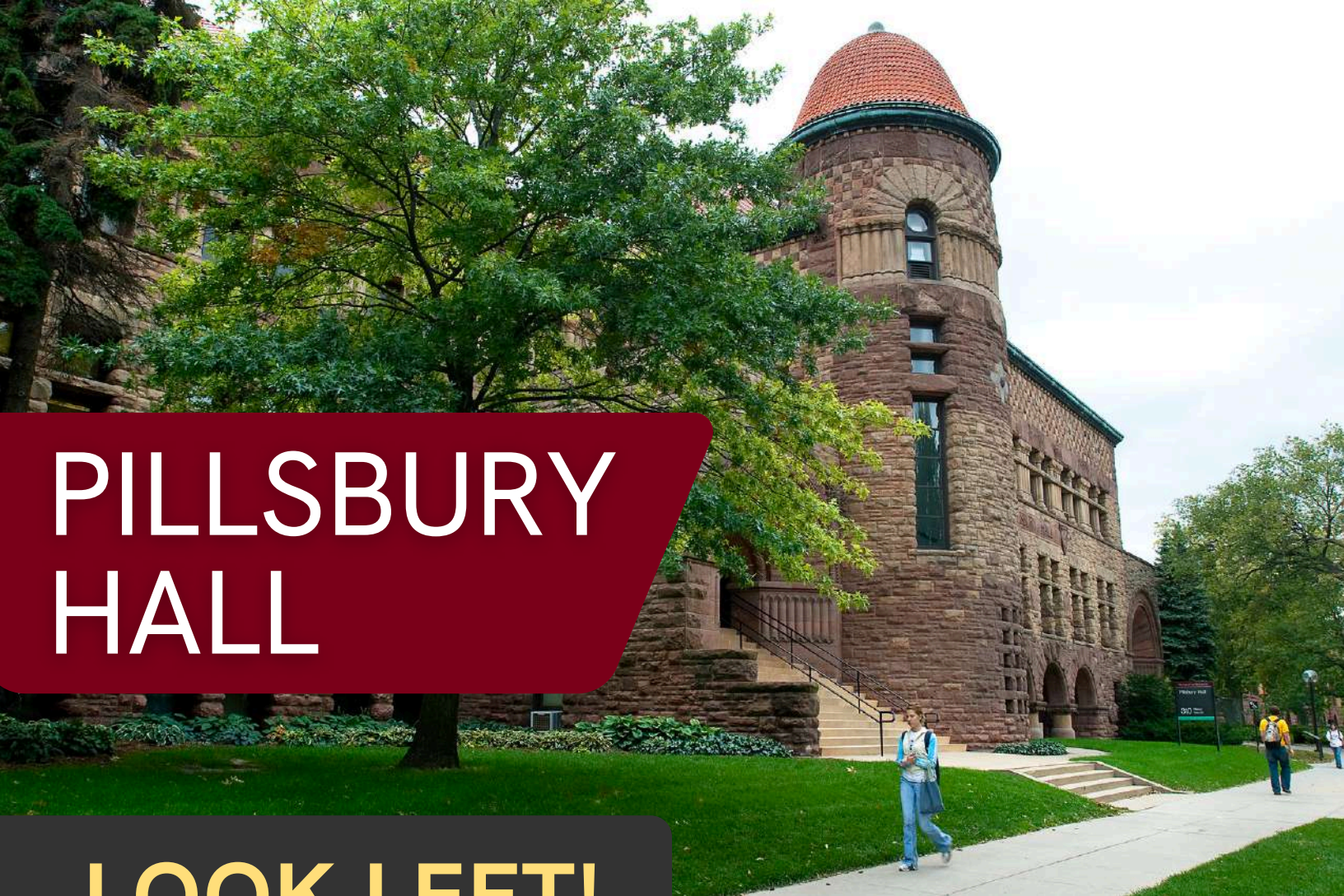
RAPSON HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

Rapson Hall houses architecture, landscape architecture, and product design, with facilities such as 3D printers and a woodshop.

Throughout the year, student models and projects line the halls, offering a glimpse into the design process and creative work happening inside.

Fun Fact: Its copper exterior will gradually oxidize to a turquoise color, like the Statue of Liberty.



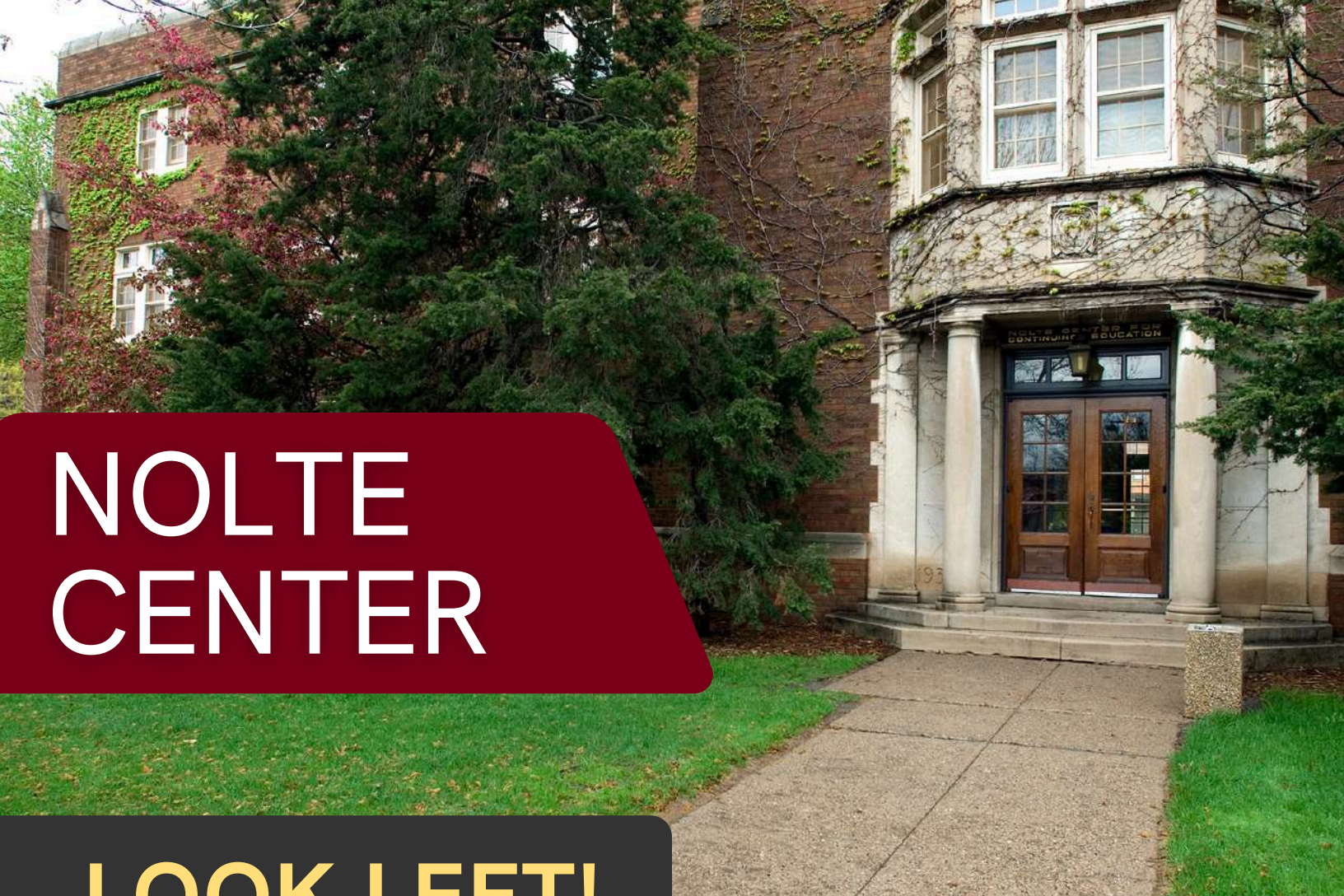
PILLSBURY HALL

LOOK LEFT!

Pillsbury Hall is the second-oldest building on campus, built in 1889. Its exterior features a distinctive mix of Minnesota stone.

Today, it houses the Department of English, the Creative Writing Program, and the Liberal Arts Engagement Hub, with renovated learning spaces inside.

Fun Fact: The building was funded by Governor John S. Pillsbury, known as the “Father of the University.”

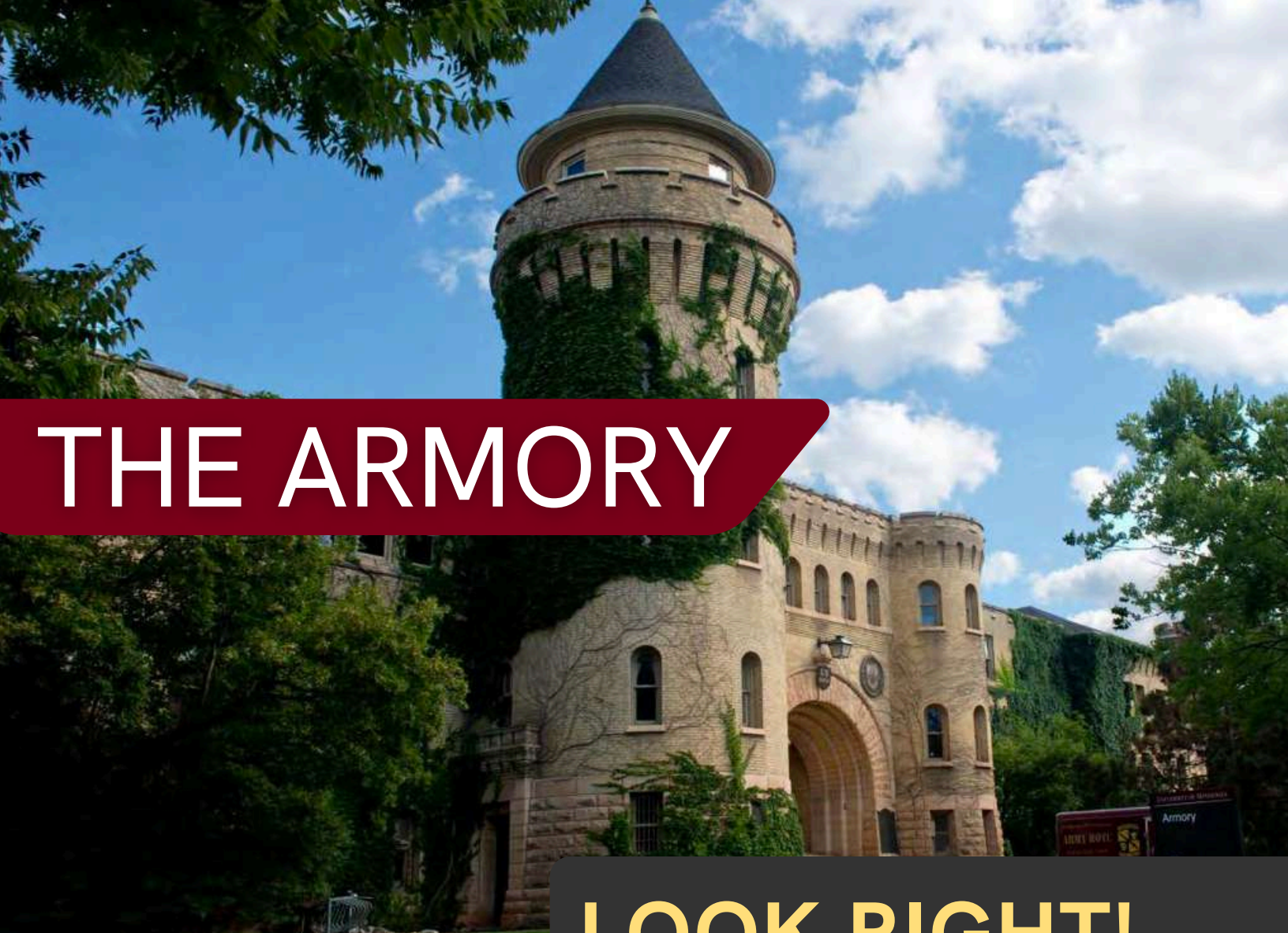


NOLTE CENTER

LOOK LEFT!

The Nolte Center for Continuing Education is home to the Writing Studies Department, where students can study Rhetoric, Composition, and Technical Communication.

The building is also connected to nearby campus spaces, including Williamson Hall and Northrop, through the Gopher Way tunnel system.



THE ARMORY

LOOK RIGHT!

The Armory is home to the University's Army ROTC program, and was built in 1896 after a fire destroyed the previous Army building.

Students in ROTC train while completing their degrees and, upon graduation, are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

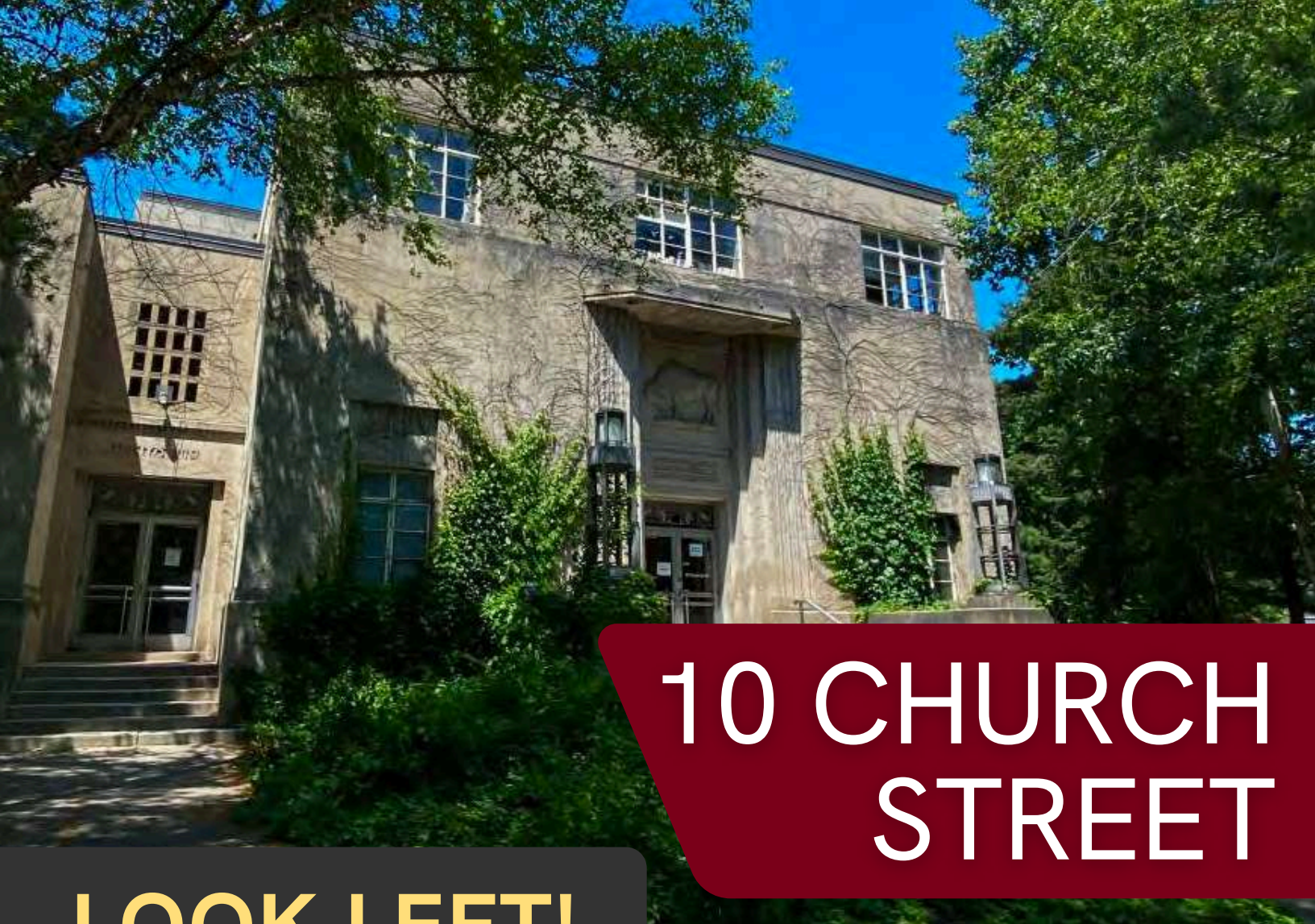
FIELD HOUSE



BEHIND THE ARMORY!

The University Field House is one of the largest recreation facilities on campus.

Renovated in 2019, it features a 200-meter indoor track, four basketball courts, and indoor turf fields for soccer and other activities. The space is used by Gopher Track & Field, hosts many PE courses, and offers open recreation hours for students throughout the week.



**10 CHURCH
STREET**

LOOK LEFT!

10 Church Street was the home of the Bell Museum of Natural History until the museum's 2018 move to the St. Paul Campus.

Build in 1939, the Art Deco structure is known for the numerous limestone relief carvings along its facade that depict Minnesota wildlife and nature.



17th AVENUE RES HALL

LOOK RIGHT!

17th Avenue Residence Hall is located at the corner of 17th Avenue and SE 4th Street, near Dinkytown and the University's athletic facilities.

It houses about 600 students in double rooms and is a popular option for student-athletes. Its dining hall is known for nutritious, high-energy meal options designed to support active lifestyles.



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Thank you!

