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**President Hostetter
takes the helm**

Greener Pastures

Retiree **Ken Dehkes'** name is etched on pavers near Robbins Science Center and Drew Science Center, set apart from those along the main campus path. They're a fitting nod to Dehkes, who worked his way from land care supervisor to associate vice president of facilities, overseeing campus horticulture and landscape design, construction projects and building maintenance. Dehkes was part of the Hamline community for more than 35 years, incorporating a holistic, ecologically-minded approach to urban land management.



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FAREWELLS

Congratulations and best wishes to these Hamline University colleagues who retired during the 2025–2026 academic year.

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September 2002 to August 2026

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Facilities Services
September 1989 to September 2025

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September 2013 to March 2026

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« **COVER:** President Mayme Hostetter stands before Old Main. Photo by Tori Kosel



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MAYME HOSTETTER
President

“ALONE,
WE CAN DO
SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER,
WE CAN DO
SO MUCH.”

HELEN KELLER

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

A year like no other

» On a sunny Saturday in May, Hamline University awarded diplomas to 362 undergraduate and 168 graduate students. It was a thrill to preside over my first Commencement and share in the joy (and relief, perhaps?) of our 530 graduates and 4,000 guests.

Commencement seemed extra joyful after the long, dark winter that will be remembered here in the Twin Cities for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement action known as **Operation Metro Surge**. It disrupted the rhythm of life in countless ways, stirred up passionate responses from all perspectives and viewpoints, and focused the world's attention on our town. Many people lived in fear, two lost their lives, and multitudes did all the good they could, by all the means they could, for all the people they could.

On campus, we used all our means to maximize safety and minimize disruption so students could advance their studies despite the difficult circumstances. We tightened security, raised awareness of safety resources and procedures, and gave extra support to students and staff who needed it. So many Pipers pitched in to help! (Special shout-out to **Hamline Unidos** students for their food drive to support our Midway neighbors.) Together, we got through it.

Here's to brighter times ahead. 

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» ABOVE: A distress signal on Bde Maka Ska in Minneapolis, captured on Jan. 30, 2026.

Bright spot

The historic Carnegie Library gets a refresh

BY MALAAK KHATTAB | PHOTO BY TORI KOSEL

The **Office of Undergraduate Admission** has relocated to Giddens/Alumni Learning Center on central campus from its longtime home in the Admission House on Snelling Avenue.

Previously home to faculty offices and classrooms, the “new” space was reimagined to create a more accessible and welcoming environment for future Pipers.

Visitors enter through the **Carnegie Library** entrance, where historic architectural features and modern design elements reflect Hamline’s past and present. The hearth room, once a faculty lounge, serves as a hospitality space featuring the original fireplace, stained-glass windows and a photo wall documenting its history. 



Isaiah Watson, All-American

At the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in March, sophomore **Isaiah Watson** entered the triple jump competition ranked No. 20. He surpassed his previous lifetime best on three separate attempts, ultimately reaching a mark of 14.84 meters. That leap secured a fifth-place finish and earned Watson his first First-Team All-American honor. At the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May, he recorded a mark of 15.05 meters on his first attempt. It was Watson's second-best lifetime jump, securing an eighth place and his second First Team All-American honor. He was also named 2026 MIAC Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year.





Women's Hockey: Cool as ice

Under first-year head coach **Jake Bobrowski**, the Pipers made it to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals against No. 2 ranked Norwich University. The Pipers had been nationally ranked in the U.S. College Hockey Online poll all season, rising as high as fifth in January. The team finished second in the MIAC just one point behind Augsburg University. The Pipers received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and a hosting bid in the first round, where they shut out No. 15 Endicott College.

Junior **Abigail Chamernick** earned All-American honors for her performance during the season. She led the Pipers in assists and points, collecting a total of 22 assists and 33 total points, both of which led the MIAC stats for the season. Chamernick also led the team in shots with 118 and was the top of the +/- list for her team and in the MIAC with a +30 rating on the ice.

Nina Thorson led all MIAC first-years in scoring. She is the first Piper in program history to be named MIAC Women's Hockey Rookie of the Year. Thorson tallied 16 goals and 10 assists on the season. 🏒



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Coming

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Mayme Hostetter was chosen from among 90 candidates to lead Hamline University

BY RHODA MADSON | PHOTO BY CT RYAN PHOTOGRAPHY

IN FIRST GRADE, MAYME HOSTETTER sat near a boy who was good at art. One winter day, she noticed that he had no gloves and this troubled her. She worried that if his hands got cold, he couldn't draw or paint. She told her mother later.

"What do you think we should do?" her mother asked.

Young Mayme's response: Get him more paints from the art store and some mittens.

What are your talents? What do you need? How can I help you succeed? Decades later, these questions still ring true for Hostetter — except now she's looking across an entire campus community as Hamline University's 22nd president.

WELCOME TO HAMLINE

Hostetter believes every student has talents and deserves opportunities.

This has been a core view no matter her role: Middle and high school English teacher, athlete and coach, researcher of reading development, president of a graduate school and now, Hamline's leader.

Hamline is committed and clear-eyed, she said. She points to its strong connections to the civic, social and business communities of the Twin Cities, its role in the socioeconomic mobility and professional success of students and alumni, and its dedication to inclusion.

She also sees opportunities for Hamline to improve and grow its impact by increasing retention and enrollment, ensuring its students are graduating into great careers, and achieving financial sustainability.

"I deeply believe that Hamline can do all these things, and in relatively short order," she said. "I am glad to be working with all of you to build on Hamline's strengths together."

AMBITION WITHOUT HUBRIS

Public service runs in her family. Her parents are physician-scientists; her father, a nephrologist, her mother, a pediatrician and specialist in pediatric infectious diseases; her stepmother, a specialist in sickle cell anemia.

A native of the Twin Cities, Hostetter attended Kenwood Elementary School and St. Paul Academy and Summit School (SPA). She spent many hours at lab benches and nurses' stations while her parents worked, but knew early on that she didn't have the stomach for medicine.

At SPA, she served on the discipline committee and got to know Dean of Students James McVeety. He said that they spent a lot of time discussing academics, ethics and basketball, her favorite sport.

"She is genuine," McVeety said at Hostetter's installation in November. "There was never a false note. She was ambitious without hubris — and that ambition was all focused on service."

After graduation, she headed to Harvard University as a National Merit Scholar. She hoped to walk on the women's basketball team. Team captain Laela Sturdy remembers her first impressions.

"What struck me immediately was both her discipline and her joy — the pure enthusiasm she brought to practice, her willingness to work harder than anyone, and her genuine desire to be part of something larger than herself," Sturdy said at the installation.

But the crew team wanted her. Hostetter put down the basketball and learned how to row, rising to co-captain her senior year. When she wasn't on the water, Hostetter also found time to hold down part-time jobs and edit a literary arts journal. She graduated magna cum laude

with a bachelor's degree in English and American literature.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Her first teaching job was at Deerfield Academy, a boarding school in Massachusetts. She taught English, coached basketball and crew, and lived on campus.

She hoped to move to New York City eventually. One of her Deerfield students suggested she consider applying to her former school, KIPP Academy, a charter school in the Bronx. That student even called KIPP to give Hostetter a glowing recommendation.

neural pathways of reading development. The brain is not hardwired to read; the brain must be taught to connect sounds to letters. She believes that cognitive research is a bridge between educational theory and classroom practice.

"It influences how teachers are trained and how students learn," she said. "It goes back to the question: 'How can we help every student succeed?'"

She returned to New York in 2008 to serve as a founding Director of Teaching and Learning at Teacher U at Hunter College. In 2011, she helped to found the Relay Graduate School of Education in New York City and was

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MAYME HOSTETTER

Hostetter got an offer from KIPP and took the job. To build connections, she started eating lunch with students. In time, students learned that Hostetter loved basketball and running. KIPP later established girls' basketball and co-ed cross-country teams, both of which she coached.

RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

After classroom teaching, she moved into research and leadership roles. She earned her EdM from Harvard Graduate School of Education and her EdD from Columbia University's Teachers College.

At the Gabrieli Laboratory at the MIT Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, she studied the

named president of Relay in 2018. Relay is built on the idea that teachers, like pilots and doctors, learn best with practice and feedback.

As she had with students, she made connections with faculty and staff. She officiated at the wedding of a friend and Relay colleague that made the New York Times' society page.

During Hostetter's time at Relay, the school sustained or improved many key graduate student factors, including significantly increasing the percentage of graduate students who are people of color, while increasing students' satisfaction and sense of belonging. And, Relay earned recognition for preparing the highest-performing teachers in Colorado, Tennessee,

Texas and other states. She had not looked at another job in 17 years until the Hamline opportunity arose.

She was among more than 90 candidates from across the country.

"We have to adapt without losing the core of what makes us unique," said **Cindy Gregorson '81**, chair of the search committee. "President Hostetter has done entrepreneurial, innovative work that has shifted to meet higher education needs. She has a track record of seeing what that need is. She has higher education experience but in a different lane, so she comes with ideas and perspectives we may not have seen in the past."

LOOKING AHEAD

At her first Hamline convocation in September 2025, Hostetter reiterated the university's mission: "To create a diverse and collaborative community of learners dedicated to the development of knowledge, values and skills for successful lives of leadership, scholarship and service."

Ever the teacher, she broke this "big, noble mission" into achievable pieces, and gave students a deadline. She asked them to lead, study and serve during the fall semester, and offered concrete suggestions on how to work toward those goals.

"I love seeing people at their best," she said. "I love watching people succeed when they thought they couldn't, when they write their first 'A' paper, when they score the winning basket when they aren't a starter. I love watching people see excellence in themselves." 🍀

Go get 'em, Pipers!

On Nov. 6, 2025, Hamline University installed its 22nd president

BY RHODA MADSON | PHOTOS BY CT RYAN PHOTOGRAPHY



▲ **ABOVE:** Hostetter is the fourth woman in a row to serve as president of Hamline. Before the ceremony, she gathered with her predecessors (L to R): Linda Hanson, Kathleen Murray and Fayneese Miller.



▲ **ABOVE:** After the ceremony, Hostetter and her family were all smiles (L to R): Son George, daughter Vivian, and wife Crista Samaras.

▲ **ABOVE:** President Mayme Hostetter delivers her first official remarks as Hamline's newly installed president. Looking on are (L to R): Rev. Carol Zaagsma, assistant to the bishop for connectional ministries, Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Doron Clark '00, chair of the Hamline University Board of Trustees, 2024–2026.

President Mayme Hostetter waited backstage in historic **Hutton Arena**, her installation ceremony about to begin. She stood quietly, hands clasped behind her back, a bank of metal lockers for student-athletes lining the wall.

It was a fitting symbol in a fitting place for Hostetter — a teacher, athlete, coach, leader and now, 22nd president of Hamline University. She is the fourth woman in a row to be Hamline president.

She brought joy to the occasion, and promised a “pep talk” about Hamline’s “firsts” from the past, present and, hopefully, the future.

She remembered Hamline’s first graduates, the Sorin sisters, class of 1859. She gave props to Hamline for hosting the nation’s first intercollegiate basketball game in 1895. She lauded Hamline’s tradition of welcoming students who are the first in their families to attend college.

“Just as nothing was guaranteed in pursuit of the firsts that have come before, so too is nothing guaranteed in pursuit of our next first,” she said. “And yet, in order to be first, you have to start thinking, talking, and training for the race, the game, the match, the test, the challenge, the performance that’s ahead.

“What first is in Hamline’s near future? What first should we start training for next?

“I am so grateful to be joining this community and our long legacy of firsts,” she said. “I cannot wait to get after our future firsts together. Thank you, Pipers. Let’s go get ‘em!” 🍷

Visit hamline.edu/president for more coverage of the installation.

STUDYING AWAY

Faculty-led programs took students to Thailand, Belize

BY MALAAK KHATTAB

While travel is often seen as leisure, a group of Hamline students used it as an opportunity for education. From snorkeling Belize's coral reefs for field research to witnessing the impact of mass tourism in Thailand, students returned to campus from winter break with a deeper understanding of the world.

"This experience made me want to keep putting myself in situations that feel uncomfortable, because that's where learning happens," said **Hanan Abdi '26**, who studied cross-cultural communication in Bangkok and Phuket with **Suda Ishida**, professor of English and communication studies.

Students visited the Grand Palace in Thailand's former capital of Ayutthaya, taught English to schoolchildren, and met with members of the Chao Lay fishing community about land-right disputes. Ishida, a Thailand native and former investigative journalist, challenged students to critically examine issues in the tourism industry.

More than 10,000 miles away, another group of students traveled to Belize with **Leif Hembre**, professor of biology, to study tropical ecology and conservation biology. There, they explored diverse ecosystems including Tobacco Caye in the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System, the world's second-largest coral reef.

"I learned so much about Belize, my classmates, and myself," said sophomore **Lauren Moorhouse**. "Being with new people is a great opportunity to get out of comfort zones and meet fellow Hamline Pipers." 🍷

"Being immersed in a foreign country is life-changing."

LAUREN MOORHOUSE, WHO STUDIED IN BELIZE

» **RIGHT: 1.** Students visited Phuket Old Town and the Thai Hua Museum, formerly a Chinese school. The museum was built in 1934 and was a Sino-Portuguese colonial house. **2.** Hanan Abdi '26 (right), and a Muslim community leader (left) at a learning session on the rights of Indigenous people in Phuket. **3.** Hamline students taught English to elementary students at a public school in Phuket. **4.** Students ride a boat as part of a Gales Point Manatee excursion. **5.** Hamline students at Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary in Belize.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LEIF HEMBRE AND SUDA ISHIDA

Listening and learning

President Hostetter welcomes feedback from all corners of the Hamline community

BY RHODA MADSON | PHOTOS BY CT RYAN PHOTOGRAPHY



“You matter.
You belong.
You have
something
to say.”

PRESIDENT MAYME HOSTETTER



Mayme Hostetter is good at remembering names, even if she's only met you once. Add to that ace eye-contact skills and a relational leadership style and this is the message she conveys:

You matter.
You belong.
You have something to say.

She's met hundreds of people on and off campus since becoming the 22nd president of Hamline University in July 2025. Their insights and feedback have been invaluable as Hostetter is learning what the community considers important to Hamline's long-term strategic direction.

"I've learned from all of you what you love about Hamline, and what you think that together, as a full community, we could do to make Hamline's future even brighter," she said. "I can't wait."

LISTENING TOUR

The day she was introduced as the next president — Jan. 8, 2025 — she told the Hamline community that she wanted to hear from them. Ever the teacher and athlete, she set goals for herself and developed a concrete plan to meet with students, staff, faculty, alumni, trustees and other Hamline friends.

Hostetter is a big fan of feedback whether you're a teacher-in-training or a new college president. She's welcomed input at every turn, from scheduled small-group sessions to spur-of-the-moment lunches in the dining hall to the pool deck with the swimming and diving team. When she felt she needed more insights from a certain group, such as students, she headed for the residence halls.

Today, 340 people later, the formal listening tour is over. Hostetter has already notched some "quick wins" by delivering what people had asked for — from new washers and dryers in residence halls to improved vacation and holiday benefits for employees.

She heard more about what people see as the core strengths of the university, as well as aspects that could be improved.

LEARNING ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS

Hostetter has found other ways to listen and learn. For example, she held 30 learning sessions with Hamline's internal departments and work groups to understand more about what they do.

She also instituted regular **Coffee with Colleagues** events during the school year for faculty and staff to connect and learn more about notable buildings and spaces on campus. From **Hutton Arena** to the **Violence Prevention Project Research Center**, employees could count on coffee, tea, sweets and President Hostetter at each gathering.

Off campus, she's been building bridges and getting more feedback. She's met with alumni in the Twin Cities and across the country at small gatherings in Naples, Fla., Tucson and Scottsdale, Ariz., Madison and Milwaukee, Wis., and Chicago, Ill.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

President Hostetter's efforts to connect with, listen to, and learn from as many members of the Hamline community as possible during her first year directly informed the work of a strategic planning committee that met throughout the spring semester. The resulting plan will guide Hamline's growth and impact during the next four years. 📖

What the President learned

TOP THINGS PEOPLE LOVE ABOUT HAMLINE AND WANT TO PRESERVE OR AMPLIFY:

- 1 Our people: faculty, staff, students, human warmth
- 2 Faculty excellence, teaching, mentorship
- 3 Community, belonging, connection
- 4 Mission, values, commitment to social justice
- 5 Twin Cities location, community engagement

TOP AREAS PEOPLE WOULD LIKE HAMLINE TO STRENGTHEN:

- 1 Trust and transparency
- 2 Facilities, physical spaces
- 3 Affordability, financial clarity
- 4 Student support services
- 5 Campus experience

Talking Points

When you run into President Hostetter, she WILL have questions for you. Here are some **fun facts** to ask HER about:

- Her brother is a New York City police detective.
- She designed an AI-driven teaching simulator to give practice and feedback to teachers-in-training.
- She has rowed for former First Lady Barbara Bush at Harvard — wearing pearls, an homage to Bush's trademark jewelry.
- She officiated at a friend's wedding that made the society pages of the New York Times.
- Her LinkedIn bio includes this nugget about her first teaching job: "worked hard and was nice."
- She greets every student she passes on campus.

Hamline names basketball court after alumnus Win Folkers '57

University community gathers to celebrate longtime supporter

BY RHODA MADSON | PHOTOS BY TORI KOSEL



« LEFT:

Inset photo: The guest of honor, Winston Folkers.

Group photo: University leaders, trustees, coaches, supporters and student-athletes from Hamline's basketball and volleyball teams joined Folkers to cut the ribbon at the court dedication.



« LEFT:

Folkers was an All-Conference forward on Hamline's 1957 MIAC championship men's basketball team and was named honorable mention All-American.

NEARLY 70 YEARS AFTER GRADUATING, Winston "Win" Folkers was on the Hamline University basketball court again. This time, he was the guest of honor for the dedication of the **Win Folkers '57 Court** in **Hutton Arena**.

It's a fitting tribute to Folkers, whose commitment to Hamline began when he was a student-athlete in the 1950s and continues to this day as a life trustee.

Playing for legendary coach **Joe Hutton Sr.**, Folkers was an All-Conference forward on Hamline's 1957 MIAC championship basketball team and was named honorable mention All-American. He also played tennis and was actively involved across campus.

He majored in political science and economics and moved on to earn a master's degree in public administration from the University of Minnesota in 1964. Folkers also served as a Hamline trustee from 1996 to 2022, when he became a life trustee. In 2022, Hamline awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

"Beyond the accolades, what stands out is that Win cares," said **Athletic Director Alex Focke**.

In 2023, donors created the **Winston Folkers '57 Alumni Room and Team Rooms** in his honor. The rooms are adjacent to the court, enabling teams to hold meetings, film sessions, leadership development and team-building activities.

"This is a wonderful facility. I always enjoyed playing here," Folkers said. "It has a wonderful future, just like Hamline itself has a wonderful future...I wish to do my part." 🏀

Homecoming and Alumni Week

Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, 2026

BY MOLLY GLEWWE MFA '09

PHOTOS BY CT RYAN PHOTOGRAPHY

PIPERS PAST AND PRESENT will soon gather for one of Hamline University's most beloved traditions — **Homecoming and Alumni Week**.

More than a celebration, it's a chance to reconnect, reflect and revel in the spirit that makes Hamline a lifelong community.

The festivities begin for students with favorite events including the Homecoming Kickoff Carnival, Golden Egg Hunt and Sand Volleyball Tournament. The annual Lip-Sync Competition will once again feature the crowning of the Homecoming Royal Court.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, **Professor Brian Hoffman** will present a live-streamed Leo Lecture exploring Hamline's history and archaeological digs on campus. Alumni are then welcomed back to campus throughout Friday and Saturday for a full slate of festivities.

The **Homecoming Fall Fest** on Saturday is a highlight of the weekend. Featuring games, music, Hamline swag, food trucks and a beer garden, the Fall Fest serves as a meeting and gathering spot for alumni celebrating class and group reunions.

We can't wait to welcome you home! Registration opened on July 1. 🍷



Check out the Homecoming and Alumni Week schedule and register today!



🏡 Homecoming & Alumni Week is a time to enjoy good friends and great memories. 🍷



FEATURED EVENTS:

- The Golden Anniversary Luncheon, which serves as a reunion for alumni who are currently or have previously celebrated their 50-year reunion
- Pieces of Hamline: Postmarked and Preserved, a lecture hosted by **University Archivist Shandi Burrows** highlighting the university's rich history through a curated collection of archival correspondence
- Milestone year gatherings for the classes of 1976, 2001, 2016 and 2026
- The Alumni Awards Brunch hosted by the Alumni Board of Directors
- The Piper Alumni Association Get-Together during the Homecoming Football Game
- The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet



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ALUMNUS MAKES OLYMPIC HISTORY

Rich Ruohonen '93 JD '96 sweeps the ice at the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Games

BY RHODA MADSON



« Ruohonen on Olympic ice.

DAVID BERDING, GETTY IMAGES

Rich Ruohonen '93 JD '96 says two moments stand out from his curling experiences at the **2026 Winter Olympics** in Cortina, Italy. One was on the ice; the other, off the ice.

At 54, he became the oldest American in history to compete in a Winter Olympics when he was subbed into a match against Switzerland on Feb. 12. A two-time national champion who started curling around age 12, Ruohonen was at his first Olympics, serving as an alternate on the U.S. team.

Sweeter yet, his wife, Sherry, and their children, Hannah and Nick, a current Hamline student, were watching from the stands.

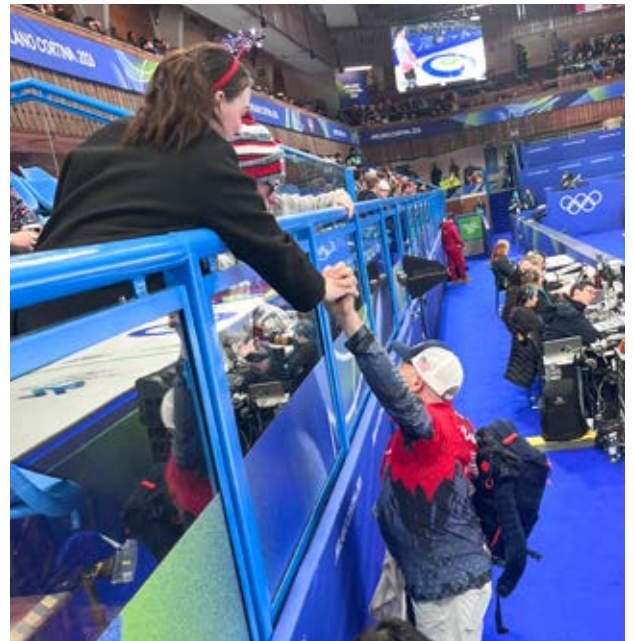
As Ruohonen built a career as a personal-injury lawyer and competed in curling tournaments, his wife had kept the household humming. Hannah and Nick grew up around curling, as their father had done with his own father. This was a family moment.

"Hearing my wife and kids screaming, 'Go Rich!' or 'Go, Dad!' was phenomenal," Ruohonen said. "Just getting in the match meant everything — not only to me, but to my family."

Ruohonen's second memorable moment came off the ice. At a press conference before the Swiss match, Ruohonen spoke out against the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement crackdown



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE RUOHONEN FAMILY



➤ **ABOVE** Ruohonen's biggest fans — his family — were in Cortina to cheer him on (L to R): son Nick, a Hamline student, daughter Hannah, and wife Sherry.

➤ **ABOVE** Ruohonen reaches for a good luck handshake from his daughter, Hannah, before competition. ♡



ANDREW MILLIGAN - PA IMAGES, GETTY IMAGES

in Minnesota. The killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti were fresh. As a lawyer and the team alternate, he was willing to speak for the group and call out what was happening.

"It needed to be said," Ruohonen recalled. "I needed to do it in a public platform. And I'm proud of it."

Ruohonen received both support and pushback for his remarks, but stands by his words. Hannah and Nick Ruohonen said they could not be prouder of him — on the ice and behind the microphone.

"His dream was our dream as well," Hannah Ruohonen said. ♡



**"JUST GETTING IN THE MATCH
MEANT EVERYTHING—
NOT ONLY TO ME,
BUT TO MY FAMILY."**

RICH RUOHONEN '93 JD '96

In Memoriam

We learned of the passing of the following alumni and friends between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. Hamline University extends our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

UNDERGRADUATE

Marilyn Nordstrom
Rollwagen-Dahl '44
Laura Elsen Bihl '46
Michiko Jinguji Kiyokawa '47
Harriet Markland Erickson '48
Mary Jenkinson McConville '48
Donna Christianson Parker '48
Joseph Grittner '49
Maxine Johnson Nelson '49
Archibald Haller '50
Frank Reckin '50
Marjorie Sargent Wiese '50
Joseph Capetz '51
Betty Sagness Flora '51
Bruce Kortke '51
Polly Hendrick Smith '51
Florence Beck Young '51
Jewell Willford Arnquist '52
Doris Fehr Engelhart '52
Nancy Van Stone MacNamara '52
Shirley Shisler '52
Lois Hayes Anderson '53
Mildred Bettis Beggs '53
Mary Bittner Bowker '53
Carol Faber Bredberg '53
Lorna Ebert Grohman '53
Joan Hanson '53
Roger Arhelger '54
Ruth Huber Baxter '54
Wayne Campbell '54
Leona Haering-Toussaint '54
Lillian Kuniyuki '54
Janet Jensen Presley '54
James Tanner '54
Patricia Turner Tanner '54
Lois Affeldt '55
Lenore Christianson
Fitzsimmons '55
Margaret Kreis Johnson-Barr '55
Janet Larson Nold '55
Murray Olsen '55

Del Renneke '55
Ann Kaun Uecker '55
Ron Beauchane '56
Janyce Lewerenz Buchelt '56
Jerry Burtis '56
Rhoda Tuttle Hooper '56
Betty Jacobsen Kuelbs '56
Richard Miller '56
Joyce Dale Nelson '56
Margaret Moore Sackrider '56
Donald Wing '56
Maureen Gloege Anderson '57
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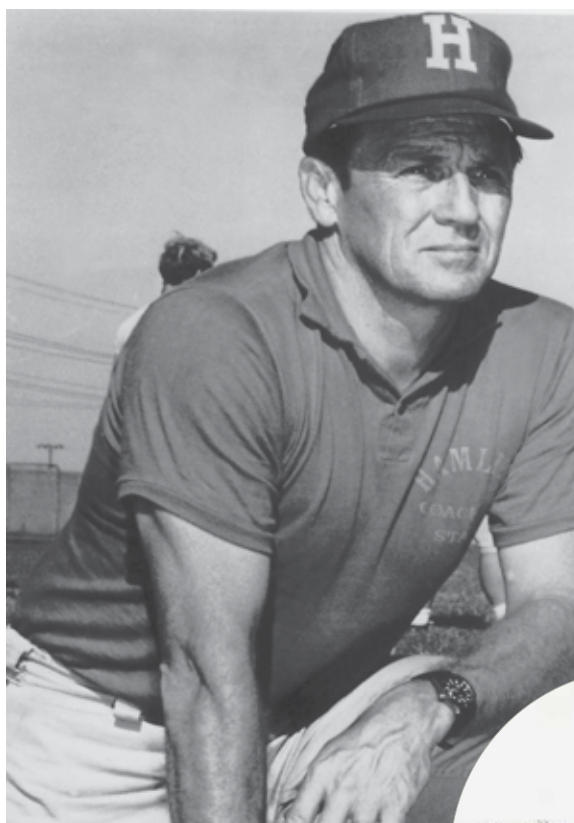
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✓ 1966 MIAC championship victory



A Lasting Legacy

Remembering longtime coach, athletic director Dick Mulkern

RICHARD "DICK" RAYMOND MULKERN, legendary Hamline University football coach, died on April 27, 2025. He was 100.

He was appointed head football coach in 1962. He led the program for 29 seasons, finishing with a 57-50-1 record. He also served as head coach for wrestling and track, and as athletic director.

When he took the helm, the football program had won only one game in the previous seven years. Four seasons later, in 1966, the team won the MIAC championship, its first title in 45 years.

"Coach Mulkern was the definition of a transformative coach and made an incredible impact on so many student-athletes," said **Alex Focke**, assistant vice president and athletic director. "He lives on through the people he inspired throughout his life."

Mulkern was a two-time NAIA Coach of the Year and was inducted into six halls of fame, including the Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Hamline Hall of Fame, and the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame. His track and field teams produced 34 All-Americans and 12 national champions. He also taught physical and health education. Mulkern retired in 1991.

In 2014, Hamline named its new outdoor multipurpose athletics court the **Dick Mulkern Court**. 🏀



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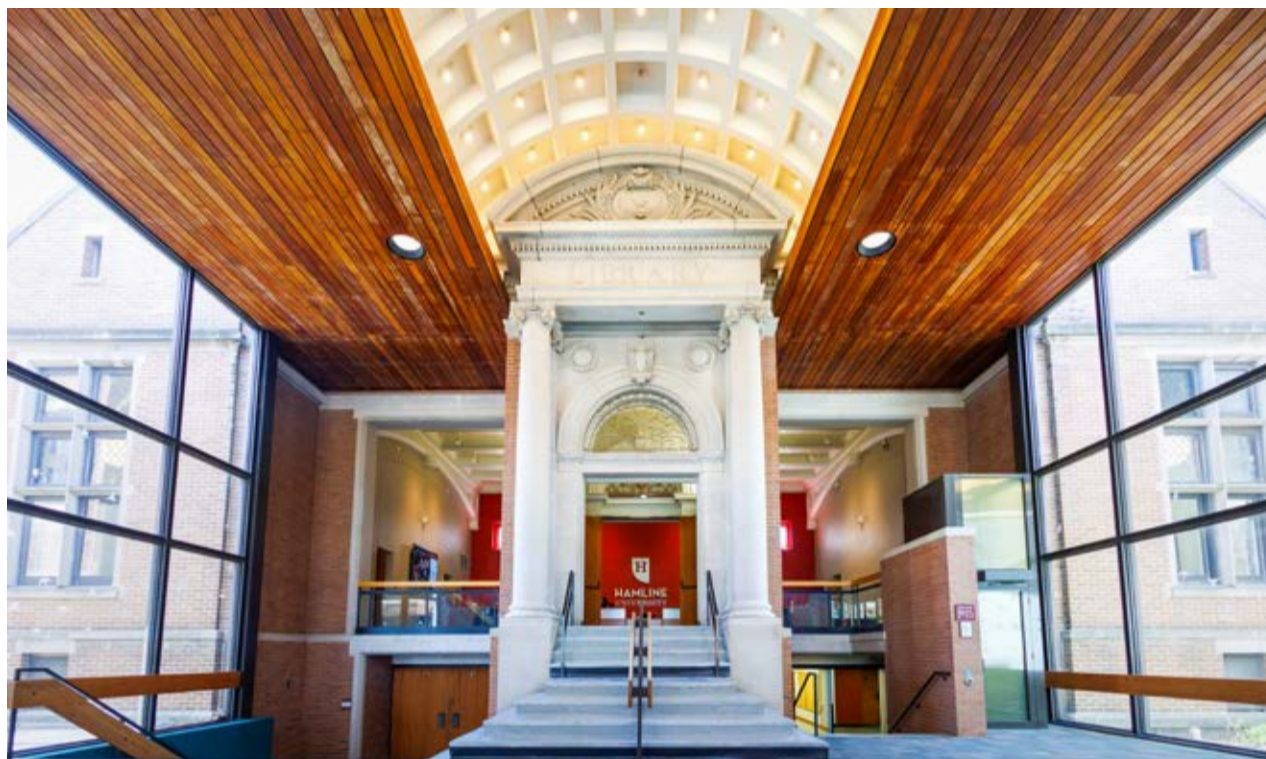


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🏡 The new home of Hamline University's Office of Admission dates back to the early 1900s. It was known as the historic Carnegie Library.