



Chair Cowles and Board of Trustees,

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Penny Golf Scramble on June 2nd and helped us to celebrate 35 years of the Penny Program. We were able to raise more than \$8,000 dollars for the Penny Program, which will support students who have public-facing internships in Minnesota or Washington, D.C., and students who demonstrate a commitment to public service. The Scholarship and Alumni Advisory Board also wrapped up fundraising for the Friend's Scholarship, in which they raised nearly \$1,000 for additional emergency financial aid. The advisory board also awarded scholarships in May. This year we allocated \$52,000 to 32 students.

We're excited to announce that we will have a new Director of Government Relations who will be starting with us in early July. We're excited to continue our work fighting for funding for funding for Minnesota State and our other higher education priorities with them on board.

We're also excited to introduce our newly elected State Chair: Kaileigh Weber! Kaileigh is a senior at Winona State University where she is studying political science and public administration with a minor in public relations. After an enjoyable two years of working with student senate and Students United, Kaileigh decided to run for state chair to continue her advocacy for students. She is looking forward to building relationships with you all in the coming year.

Over the last two years, it has been a joy working with you as one of the many student leaders at Students United. We have worked to support students through a pandemic by expanding basic needs resources, increased the opportunities for students to give feedback on critical programs and initiatives, created channels for student engagement both in-person and digitally, and worked collaboratively to secure funding for higher education and student support. I look forward to seeing Students United move forward with Kaileigh's leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Zellmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emma Zellmer, 2021-2022 State Chair