

## Fall Grades

This reminds me of the old SNL skit. Fall grades are neither in the Fall, nor grades, discuss. Franklin has always recognized the challenges that come with grades for our neurodiverse population: the emphasis on deficits instead of strengths, the struggle to account for the complexity of each individual, and the potential stress and anxiety that they can create. Capstone is no different.

However, in an on-going effort to provide appropriate feedback, assessment, and recognition of effort and accomplishment, teachers do provide learning objectives and a 5-point scale each semester for their classes that focuses more on independent ability, which is of course always the long-term goal. I will be sharing these from first semester (ending on February 27th). For full-year classes (which is every College Flex course, for example), we are providing the scale and the learning objectives so that you are aware, but not the scores, as the class is not yet complete. Please let me know if you have questions or want to discuss.

## Informational Webinar

If you would like to view the Capstone webinar for this year, you may do so [here](#). Much of it should hopefully look familiar.

## Minnesota's Best

Once again Franklin Capstone is locked into a battle with the snooty chefs of Cooks of Bellecour for the title of 'Best Adult Education Program'. Are they aware that we are in this battle? No. Does that matter? Not to me!

We have previously won Silver and Bronze. By my calculations that leaves only one option. Last year we were given two tickets to the Annual Gala where I definitely didn't stand out like a sore thumb. This year, I would like to offer those tickets to a participant and a parent as it was actually kind of a blast with lots of free snacks and events.

If you'd like to support our efforts you can vote at



<https://www.votedminnesotasbest.com/> and we are under 'Education' and 'Adult Learning'. You can vote more than once on multiple devices. Literally nothing is on the line.

#SpatulasAtDawn

## Minds Of All Kinds

On Thursday, May 9th from 8:30-9:30 am, Franklin Center is hosting our Minds of All Kinds fundraiser at the [Golden Valley Country Club](#). It is a free, one-hour breakfast event featuring stories from our students, young adults, families, and staff about their transformative experiences at Franklin Center. [Click here](#) to learn more about this year's event.

We are looking for six volunteers (just like last year) who could help greet and sit attendees. We will start programming at 10:00am regardless, so if you were already planning on dropping off at 9am that would be appreciated. We can provide transportation from the Country Club back to Franklin. They would like participants dropped off around 7:30 am so they have time to have an orientation before the event begins.

Please let me know (or have your participant let me know) if they would be willing and able to help out. Or if you have questions.

**With Sincere Appreciation,**  
**Michael Faeth**  
**Director of Adult Education**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>No Programming</b> <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Science Museum of Minnesota/ Snake Discover*
<b>8</b> PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Museum of Russian Art/ Sky Zone*
<b>No Programming - Spring Break</b>				
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b> PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel <i>Evening Conferences</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Evening Conferences</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Evening Conferences</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Day Conferences</i> <b>No Programming</b>	<b>26</b> Blue Sun Soda/ Richardson Nature Center*
<b>29</b> PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	<b>30</b>			

*Please note: This calendar is subject to change.*

\*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

