

Newly Renovated Minnesota State Mankato President's Suite at Civic Center Open at Maverick Men's Hockey Games

Members of Student Senate are president's first invited guests.

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Mankato, Minn. – Minnesota State University, Mankato has renovated the president's suite at the Mankato Civic Center, and President Richard Davenport announced that making the space available to student groups for select Maverick men's hockey games – to include two of the team's first four home games – is a point of emphasis for the space.

"I'm pleased to make the president's suite at the Mankato Civic Center available to our students at select games," said Davenport. "It's important that we place students at the forefront of all our activities."

For most games, the president's suite is used for cultivating relationships with corporate partners, financial donors of the University and those who are prospective donors, as financial gifts to Minnesota State Mankato are central to the continued success and growth of the University.

Davenport's first invited student guests are a group of Student Senate leaders, who will join Davenport in the new space at the Saturday, Oct. 19 Maverick men's hockey game against North Dakota.

To celebrate the start of this season, Davenport also announced that the president's office has partnered with Pizza Ranch to provide complimentary pizza for students at the end of the first period during Saturday's men's hockey game against North Dakota. Student Senate leaders will assist in distributing the pizza on the first floor of the Mankato Civic Center to students who show their student IDs. Davenport said he was appreciative of Pizza Ranch Manager Randy Halloran for partnering in providing the pizza as well as the support of student leaders.

"I look forward to celebrating the start of another Maverick hockey season with our students," said Davenport. "We appreciate the tremendous student support we receive for all our athletic teams, and this is just a small way to say thank you."

Last weekend, Davenport made the president's suite available to student groups for the Oct. 11 game against Arizona State, when the suite was used by students who work in the Multicultural Center, tutor in the Maverick Success Program and are involved in the University's Teachers of Tomorrow Program.

Renovations to the president's suite have been discussed for a number of years. The suite accommodates 16 people, and it was renovated in cooperation with the Mankato Civic Center. The approximately \$171,000 overall project cost, which included roughly \$113,000 in construction costs and removal of 24 arena seats, was paid for by the University. The contractor for the project was R.W. Carlstrom Co. Inc.

Minnesota State Mankato, a comprehensive university with 14,297 students, is part of the Minnesota State system, which includes 30 colleges and seven universities.