

WRAPPING UP THE 2020 ELECTION

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With the 2020 election a month behind us now, both the country and its local communities are pivoting to enter a new stage of leadership. Here is a brief wrap up of all the races The Script covered in the weeks leading up to the election. Winners of each election are bolded.

County Commissioner District 3

Ashley Grimm defeated Joe Macor for the St. Louis County seat representing the western half of Duluth. In a public statement, she said, "I'm so proud of what we've accomplished as a community, and I'm honored to get to work for west-siders on the county board. There is so much critical work for the county to tackle, and I can't wait to join our other commissioners in taking it on."

County Commissioner District 2

Incumbent **Patrick Boyle** was unopposed. He won another term serving eastern Duluth.

Duluth School Board At-Large

In a special election, **Kelly Durick-Eder** won to fill the seat of former board member Josh Gorham. Durick-Eder said in a public statement, "I look forward to serving all of our amazing students, families, staff, and teachers of (Duluth Public Schools). I am honored to work with my dedicated colleagues on the School Board and Superintendent John Magas in providing our kids with the best education possible during these tumultuous times."

Minnesota State Senate District 7B

Jen McEwen defeated Donna Bergstrom for Duluth's Senate seat, which is currently held by Erik Simonson. McEwen said she looks forward to serving the diverse needs of Duluthians. She said, "I think people are done tinkering around the edges, when it comes to basic issues like our health care, like housing, like the climate crisis."

Minnesota House Districts 7A & 7B

Incumbent District 7A representative **Jennifer Schultz** retained her seat in a win against Tom Sullivan. Schultz said she believes her constituents voted for experience because "they want to make sure that we have strong leaders to get us through the pandemic and through the economic crisis that has followed the pandemic." Schultz will represent the eastern part of Duluth.

Incumbent District 7B representative **Liz Olson** retained her seat in a win against Art Johnston. Olson expressed her gratitude in a public statement, "I feel incredibly grateful to have the resounding support of my district for a third term, and I don't take that lightly...What was on the ballot this year was about making sure that we listen to science, that we get COVID under control, that we support our schools, that we make sure that everyone can come out of this economic crisis better off. And those are the kinds of things we're going to get to work on in St. Paul."



Senator Kamala Harris (pictured above) made history last month when she was elected as the country's first woman and person of color to serve as Vice President. Web Photo.

United States Senate

Incumbent **Tina Smith** defeated Jason Lewis to become Minnesota's senator for a six year term. Smith promised Minnesotans, "...every week I will go to work thinking about you, and working for you. [T]o all the Minnesotans who voted for Mr. Lewis, I want you to know that I am your Senator also. We may not always agree, but I will always listen, and look for common ground and I'll work just as hard for you as for those who voted for me."

United States House of Representatives District 8

Incumbent **Pete Stauber** defeated Quinn Nystrom to win a second term as representative for Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District. In a speech, Stauber said, "I just want to thank everybody that supported me and those that didn't, I want to earn your trust as we move into the 117th Congress."

United States President

Former **Vice President Joseph Biden** defeated President Donald Trump's pursuit of a second term. Alongside Mr. Biden is California Senator Kamala Harris, who made history as the first woman and first Asian American and African American person to be elected as United States vice president. In the month following the election, Mr. Trump has refused to concede while alleging voter fraud and pursuing various lawsuits in key states such as Georgia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan. Mr Biden won 306 electoral votes to Mr. Trump's 232. These votes will be verified by the electoral college on Dec. 14, 2020. Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris are expected to take office on Jan. 20, 2021.

Candidate statements are from the Duluth News Tribune's election coverage.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Across the bridge in Superior, the Fairlawn Mansion is hosting a safe and festive Twinkling Holiday Evening on December 12th. Built in 1890, the Fairlawn Mansion has served as an important historic monument to Superior. Once a private residence and a children's home, the mansion is now a museum. This year, they will be holding socially distanced tours of the festively decorated mansion, with trees in every room. There is a group limit of eight people and limited spaces will be offered in one-hour time blocks. Hosts will be spaced throughout the mansion, sharing Victorian customs and stories. Each guest will receive pre-packaged treats to eat after the tour. Events will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can reserve tickets online at the mansion's website. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for college students, seniors, kids 13-17 years old, and free for kids 12 and under.

Although the holidays look different this year, there are still many ways to safely enjoy them. Whether it's driving through Bentleyville, hiking through the snowy woods, or supporting local businesses and gift shopping for loved ones, you can still make the most of December here in the Christmas City of the North.