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# Recognizing Professor Krueger's contributions to economics Professor Anne Krueger- An economist, a mentor and a teacher For the love of economics- Honoring renowned economist Anne Krueger

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During the course of her exemplary career Professor Anne Krueger has shattered many expectations. Whether it was being the first female faculty member in the economics department here at the University of Minnesota, serving as the chief economist at the World Bank or becoming the first Deputy Managing Director for the International

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Monetary Fund- Professor Krueger's journey stands testament to the saying that if one is determined to then no obstacle is too big!

The University of Minnesota was honored to host Professor Krueger who came back to receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree. An honorary Doctor of Science degree is the highest honor that the University can bestow upon an individual and anyone who has ever had the privilege of being in her presence can vouch for the fact that if anybody is worthy of this award it is Professor Krueger.

On November 8th, scores of undergraduates pooled into the room to listen to Krueger talk about her love for economics and share advice and anecdotes. Krueger's highly engaging talk covered a broad range of topics ranging from short but hilarious narrations of defining incidents in her life to advice for aspiring PhD students. She told students to learn the application of concepts taught in class and not just focus on the techniques asserting that "good math is important but good analysis is even more important!" She also spoke about the recent changes in economic and trade policy under the Trump administration and the implications of a possible trade war with China. Krueger concluded the talk by stating "The unpredictability of thing is a part of the economic problem now."

Professor Krueger's warmth and earnest desire to help and guide the undergraduates was a clear indication of a lifetime spent mentoring and educating students. Perhaps this is the reason why so many of her former students flew in from not only all over the United States but also from countries as far away as Spain and .. to be a part of the ceremony which was conducted later that afternoon. In the moments before the start of the ceremony, as her students and colleagues mingled with each other, the one thing that really shined through was the sheer happiness that everyone in attendance radiated because they were a part of this moment in Professor Krueger's life.

Before she was presented with an honorary degree, Krueger took centre stage to talk in more detail about President Trump's trade policy and the considerable consequences the trade reforms would have for the world at large. She quoted numbers and statistics with an ease that one can only have after years of research. However, many of her students humorously recalled that this was a habit she had perfected very early in her career. Her unwavering commitment to her students and dedication to ensuring their personal growth stimulated many of them to give speeches about the enormous contribution that she has had in their lives both as a mentor and a friend.

After the talk which was followed by a brief round of questions, Dean Coleman presented Krueger with an honorary degree to mark her immense contributions to the field of economics. Professor Krueger thanked the economics department at the University of Minnesota for being supportive and helpful for her own growth when she initially started her career as an assistant professor here and noted the valuable opportunities that the University provides for research and development.

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## TEASER TEXT

<b>WEBSITE TEASER</b> <i>This will appear in both the department newsletter and on the website.</i>	"When I started out most data was in people's drawers and you had to find the right person at the right desk to get your hands on that data!" The University of Minnesota was proud to present Professor Anne Krueger, a former Chief Economist at the World Bank, with an honorary degree for her invaluable contribution to economics which includes coining the term "rent-seeking"!
<b>CLA FACEBOOK TEASER</b>	The University of Minnesota had the chance to host and bestow upon Professor Anne Krueger, a former professor of international trade who has also served as the chief economist for the World Bank and has given economic advice to over 30 countries, an honorary degree, the universities highest honor!
<b>CLA TWITTER TEASER</b> <i>280 characters or fewer--URL and @/# count as characters</i>	"I took one step to the next and somewhere along the line I fell into place," stated Professor Anne Krueger when she returned to campus to accept an honorary degree, the highest honor the University can bestow upon an individual.