



## ***U of M Crookston Campus E-Update***

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### **From the Chancellor**

There is incredible support for our campus in the community and region. I was reflecting on this recently while preparing for the upcoming meeting of the City Council that we will host on February 9. As we discussed various possible topics, I was struck by the great “town-gown” relationships we have with the Crookston community. Could it be better? Of course, we can always improve on our continuous improvement journey. However, we don’t experience many of the challenges other campuses and their surrounding community often face. There is a realization both on-campus and in the community that we are all better when we work well together, and we know strong campus-community relations can positively impact our students in so many ways. I look forward to the upcoming meeting as an important step in our efforts to continue to engage the community so we can strengthen these ties and help create even stronger relationships for our mutual benefit.

The support for UMC also is seen throughout the region. As I travel the state meeting with regional legislators, I have the opportunity to experience this support first-hand. Our state legislators are so remarkable in their commitment to Minnesota and their service to the region. They are very interested in learning more about our campus and about our ongoing advances, and they are very supportive of our efforts. They understand the real value the University of Minnesota Crookston brings to our region. They are impressed by our willingness to adjust to the market forces through our curricular changes and through the use of technology. They value our nimbleness and responsiveness. And they see us as great partners in meeting the workforce needs of both the state and region. I am confident they will continue to do what they can to help us succeed in UMC’s mission.

Our alumni also express considerable support for us on an almost daily basis. I see this when I attend alumni and athletic events. Some connect to the campus through a specific event, like the annual Ag Arama, which will take place on campus this coming Saturday, January 31, or the Justin Knebel Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, February 7. Alumni support may be seen through a specific major, like when I meet with graduates who have become teachers and who may return to campus during the upcoming Science Fair, which will be held on campus on Friday, February 6. Our alumni articulate their understanding of the importance of this campus to the region. They understand that it makes a difference to have a University of Minnesota campus in the northwest region of Minnesota. They are equally proud of our efforts to serve the entire state through our now 14 majors offered online as a modern extension of our land-grant mission as they are of our 31 majors offered on campus.

Whether it comes from our local community and its leaders, our regional legislators, or our alumni, we are truly fortunate to have such deep understanding and strong support for the critically important role we play at the University of Minnesota Crookston for the community, region, and state.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood

Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

## Featured Events & Activities

**Piano Recital by Stephen Carlson, D.M.A., Professor and Chair of the Music Department at Bemidji State University, Tuesday, January 27** – 7 p.m., Evergreen Hall main lobby, free and open to the public

**UMC Career Development and Counseling Services Hosts the 13th Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair, Wednesday, January 28** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**What's on Wednesday (W.O.W.): Comedian and Juggler Ivan Pecel, Wednesday, January 28** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

**Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Faculty and Student Research Day Featuring Two Fulbright Scholars, Thursday, January 29** – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**Animal Science Association's Ag Arama Chili Feed, Friday, January 30** – 5 to 8 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC), open to the public, \$5 per person

**40th Annual Ag Arama, Saturday, January 31** – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Coronation of Royalty at 2:30 p.m., Awards at 3 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC), free and open to the public

**Ag Arama Social and Dance, Saturday, January 31** – Social 5:30 to 7 p.m., Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Crookston Eagles Club, 105 South Broadway, Crookston, open to the public, \$10 admission

**Music on Monday Featuring Levi Stephens, Monday, February 2** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

**What's on Wednesday (W.O.W.): Comedian Chloe Hilliard, Wednesday, February 4** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

**Thursday Commons: Campus Showdown, Thursday, February 5** – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**66th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, Friday, February 6** – 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**Annual Spring Thaw Social for Faculty and Staff, Friday, February 6** – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**5th Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament, Saturday, February 7** – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Zippel Bay Resort on Lake of the Woods, Williams, Minn., \$20 entry fee

**Community and Law Enforcement Dialogue, Tuesday, February 10** – Noon to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

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For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) or review our news page at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news>.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via *Brief*: <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

## Around Campus

### Administrative Affairs –

**All UMC faculty and staff are invited to attend the annual Spring Thaw Social on Friday, February 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** This year's theme is "We Are Family," in reference to UMC's tight-knit campus community. This casual event is strictly for fun—an opportunity to socialize with friends and colleagues and to energize everyone for the push through winter. Appetizers and beverages will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. Guests and spouses are welcome.

**UMC will host a special meet and greet session, discussion, and campus tour with the members of the Crookston City Council on the evening of Monday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.** UMC officials and the City Council, along with campus and city department heads, will discuss ways the campus and community can work well together. After that, starting at 7:30 p.m., the Crookston City Council will hold a regular business meeting in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by a ways and means meeting.

### Academic Affairs –

**Eight members of the UMC community are preparing for participation in the Higher Learning Commission's Strategy Forum, scheduled for February 18-20 in St. Charles, Illinois.** UMC's team consists of Chancellor Fred Wood, Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath, Director of Institutional Effectiveness Sue Erickson, CIO Jeff Sperling, Student Activities Director Lisa Samuelson, Interim Business Department Head Kevin Thompson, and faculty members Rob Proulx and Jitendra Singh. An essential element of the AQIP accreditation pathway, the Strategy Forum follows on the heels of the Systems Portfolio and the Systems Appraisal Feedback Report. The group will focus on turning the feedback from the Systems Appraisal Feedback Report into actionable strategies. Knowledge management and campus culture for continuous improvement have been identified as top priorities.

**A revitalization of the AQIP Steering Committee is underway with an updated charge to “provide broad-based campus leadership for AQIP participation, accreditation, and continuous improvement.”** As in previous years, the Steering Committee will be instrumental in the selection and monitoring of AQIP Action Projects. Members will also be asked to participate in analyzing the feedback from the Systems Appraisal Feedback Report received in Fall 2014, to assemble the next Systems Portfolio in a few years, and to sponsor and lead continuous improvement activities in their institutional units. Appointed by Chancellor Wood, members include Les Johnson, Marcella Melby, Lisa Samuelson, Jitendra Singh, Jeff Sperling, Kevin Thompson, Carola Thorson, and Stacie Varnson. Vice Chancellor Keinath and Director of Institutional Effectiveness Sue Erickson will serve as ex officio members.

In keeping with the University of Minnesota system initiative of internationalizing the campus and curriculum, **two visiting Fulbright scholars will present their research at the Spring Semester Faculty and Student Research Day on Thursday, January 29, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, from noon to 2 p.m.** All are welcome. A Fulbright Fellowship is one of the most prestigious fellowships in the world. **Kennedy D. Nyongbela**, Ph.D, a chemist from Cameroon, will present "The Bali Nyonga people of Cameroon: History and Culture." **Tatjana Ruskovska**, Ph.D., a biologist from Macedonia, will present

"Fulbright International Education Exchange: Fostering Science and Mutual Understanding between Nations and Culture." The two scholars will present additional lectures and take part in other activities on January 30. [Learn more.](#)

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2015/01/two-international-fulbright-sc.html>.

**Jacoba de Boer has been hired as a teaching specialist/online and on-campus student advisor in the Liberal Arts and Education Department.** Her main responsibilities will be to advise online students in the communication and applied studies programs as well as undecided online and on-campus students, and to evaluate transcripts and provide pre-evaluations for prospective online students. She has worked as a teaching specialist/online student support service specialist in UMC's Math, Science, and Technology (MST) Department since 2012, and prior to that she served as an executive office and administrative specialist for that department. She holds a Master of Arts in business administration from Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands. She began her new responsibilities on January 26.

**Stephen Carlson, D.M.A., professor and chair of the Music Department at Bemidji State University, will perform a piano recital at UMC on Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in the main lobby of Evergreen Hall.** Featuring works by Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, and Stravinsky, the performance is free and open to the public. Carlson completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance and pedagogy at the University of Iowa, where he studied with Uriel Tsachor. He is also a graduate of the University of Illinois and Gustavus Adolphus College, where he studied with Ian Hobson and John McKay, respectively.

#### **Student Affairs –**

**The 13th Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom.** Approximately 40 employers are expected to attend, as are representatives from eight graduate schools. All are welcome. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by UMC Career Development and Counseling Services. Learn more at <http://www1.crk.umn.edu/services/career/fairs/umcfair> (includes listing of employers and grad schools scheduled to attend).

**UMC will host a Community and Law Enforcement Dialogue on Tuesday, February 10, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The campus and local community members are invited to join in on a discussion of national and local law enforcement issues with a panel of local and regional law enforcement personnel. Bring your lunch and questions. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

#### **Financial Aid & Scholarships –**

**Faculty and staff members are asked to encourage students to apply for UMC's specialty scholarships. The application deadline is February 15,** and the online application will remain open through that date. There are numerous scholarships available to both new students and returning students, who must be enrolled full time to receive these scholarships. The online application form is linked from [www.umcrookston.edu/financialaid](http://www.umcrookston.edu/financialaid).

## Technology Support Services –

**UMConnect will be retired soon, and it will be replaced by WebEx as an online meeting tool for the U of M system. An online training session, Getting Started with WebEx (WBX001), will be held on Tuesday, February 3, from 1 to 2 p.m.** To register for the session, go to <http://it.umn.edu/list-courses#WebEx> . Debi Race from the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology has reserved 105 Kiehle for anyone who would like to watch the session with others as a group. The session can also be viewed individually at one's own computer.

**Members of the campus community are reminded to be cautious of online scams.** The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has issued an alert addressing a phishing scam targeting university employees and their payroll accounts. Scam operators use fraudulent e-mails and websites to entice employees to reveal login credentials. Read more about this particular scam at [www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-2.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-2.aspx). A blog discussing specific scams targeting the U of M is also available at <http://phishing.it.umn.edu>. Typical phishing attempts ask individuals to update or verify user account information or to click on a link within an e-mail. Some of these requests appear very authentic, but it is best to just delete the message. The University of Minnesota and most legitimate organizations will never ask individuals to validate personal information in this manner. Contact the UMC Computer Help Desk with questions at 218-281-8000.

### **Tips to Protect Yourself from Online Phishing Scams:**

- Look for poor use of the English language in e-mails (such as incorrect grammar, capitalization, and tenses).
- Roll your cursor over the links received via e-mail and look for inconsistencies. If it is not the website to which the e-mail claims to be directing you, then the link is to a fraudulent site.
- Never provide credentials of any sort via e-mail. This includes after clicking on links sent via e-mail.
- Always go to an official website rather than from a link sent to you via e-mail.

## Development & Alumni Relations –

**Saturday, February 7, is the Fifth Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament at Zipple Bay Resort, Williams, Minn., on Lake of the Woods.** Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with fishing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Alysa Tulibaski, [hauge450@umn.edu](mailto:hauge450@umn.edu) or 701-215-4300, or Zipple Bay Resort, 800-222-2537. The Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament corporate sponsors are Big Bite Manufacturing, Zippel Bay Resort, and Streiff Sporting Goods in Warroad, Minn. A number of other businesses in Northwest Minnesota support the tournament through the donations of prizes and monetary support. Learn more at [www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel](http://www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel).

## Athletics –

**Golden Eagle Women's Basketball player Alexa Thielman, a junior from Buffalo, Minn., majoring in health sciences, was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) North Division Player of the Week** on Monday, January 19, for her outstanding performance in UMC's sweep of Minnesota State University Mankato and Concordia University, St. Paul, the previous weekend. Thielman averaged

22 points and was 13-of-26 from the field for 50 percent and 7-of-11 from beyond the arc for 63.6 percent. In addition, she was 11-of-12 from the charity stripe. Thielman has now tallied 20 or more points in five of UMC's last six games, and she is the second player to earn NSIC North Division Player of the Week, joining fellow junior Katrina Moenkedick, who earned the honor December 1, 2014.

**Nine University of Minnesota Crookston student-athletes have been recognized as recipients of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award.**

The honor, named for the late NCAA President Myles Brand, is bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility, and are on track to graduate. Awardees include **Cayla Bendel**, a senior women's soccer player from Lakeville, Minn., majoring in natural resources; **Matt Bjorgo**, a senior men's golfer from Crookston, Minn., majoring in natural resources; **Matt Borowicz**, a senior football player from Stephen, Minn., majoring in health sciences; **Kenzie Church**, a senior women's basketball player from Fairmount, N.D., majoring in management; **Jesse Jennings**, a senior baseball player from Robbinsdale, Minn., majoring in criminal justice; **Brittany Looker**, a senior volleyball player from Rochester, Minn., majoring in health sciences; **Travis Magdzas**, a senior baseball player from Duluth, Minn., majoring in criminal justice; **Ashley Martell**, a senior women's basketball player from Somerset, Wis., majoring in health sciences; and **Richie Navratil**, a senior baseball player from Blansko, Czech Republic, majoring in management.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagle Soccer Team was among 125 collegiate soccer teams awarded the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award for the 2014 season.** The award recognizes teams that exhibit fair play, sporting behavior, and adherence to the laws of the game, as reflected by the number of yellow caution cards or red ejection cards they are shown by referees throughout the season. The Golden Eagles were among 35 teams that earned the Bronze Award, presented to teams that receive no reds and a maximum of 10 yellow cards.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston Baseball Program will hold a pair of high school camps on Sunday, February 8, at the UMC Sports Center.** A hitting and defense camp will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will focus on proper hitting mechanics and fundamentals of defense by position. From 2 to 6 p.m. a second camp will focus on aspects of pitching and catching, and it will include receiving, blocking, throwing, footwork, and other basic fundamentals. The cost for each camp is \$75 per student. All camps are staffed by coaches and current players at UMC under the direction of Head Baseball Coach Steve Gust. Students should bring indoor shoes, glove, bat, and pants or shorts. For more information or to register, contact Coach Gust at 218-281-8445.

To view all game scores and upcoming athletic events, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

**“The Upgrade” a.k.a. The Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP)**

**Faculty and staff who reconcile purchasing card or “Pcard” accounts should have already received an e-mail from the U of M Controller's Office regarding upcoming changes to the Pcard reconciliation process as part of the new ESUP upgrade.** The e-mail from the Controller's Office includes a link to the My Wallet training, along with two job aids (Attachments & Comments and Justification Standards). Faculty and staff are encouraged to review them. When reviewing the Justification Standards, locate the Pcard row that indicates the 5W requirements. Sometime this spring, Pcard transactions will be available to these individuals via My Wallet. My Wallet will be available through the University's PeopleSoft system that will post Pcard transactions. The exact process that will be used when My

Wallet becomes available has not yet been finalized. The Business Office will send out e-mails throughout the next few weeks to discuss the best process for UMC and its cardholders. Questions about this part of the Upgrade should be directed to Bridget Steffes or Donna Larson in the UMC Business Office.

## University of Minnesota System

**Faculty members across the U of M system are reminded of the February 2 deadline for the 2015-17 Imagine Fund Chair of Arts, Design and Humanities.** The goal of the Imagine Fund program is to incite cross-departmental, multi-campus, and collaborative work. This is one of two such chairs established by Provost Hanson and launched with a University-wide call for applications. Each recipient becomes a Chair of Arts, Design, and Humanities for a two-year period and receives up to \$70,000 to work with a team of faculty, staff, and students to create a program of activities for the University community and the community at large. It is anticipated that the first award year typically will support a more generative phase with less expectation for public visibility; the second and culminating year will visibly engage the campuses and external communities. All tenured/tenure-track arts, humanities, and design faculty across the University of Minnesota system are eligible. The 2015-17 Imagine Fund Chair of Arts, Design and Humanities will begin July 1, 2015 and conclude June 30, 2017. Full application details are available at the Imagine Fund website: [www.artsandhumanities.umn.edu/program-info](http://www.artsandhumanities.umn.edu/program-info).

**The 2015 Minnesota Legislative Session has begun, and the focus of the U of M's Government Relations team at the State Capitol this year will be the University's 2016-17 Biennial Budget Request.** The U's request represents important steps forward in reforming how higher education, research, and innovation are funded. Policymakers have made it clear that staff, faculty, alumni, and student voices are critical to the U's success. The Legislative Action Kickoff for the University community will be held on Tuesday, February 3, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McNamara Alumni Center on the Twin Cities campus. Attendees will learn specific ways they can advocate on behalf of the request in a forum with their peers. More information and a registration link are available online at [www.minnesotalumni.org/ActionKickoff15](http://www.minnesotalumni.org/ActionKickoff15). The U's 2016-17 Biennial Budget Request is online at [www.govrelations.umn.edu/biennial-budget.html](http://www.govrelations.umn.edu/biennial-budget.html).

## Campus and Community

**A campus legacy continues with the 40th annual Ag Arama at the University of Minnesota Crookston.** The weekend of events, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, is hosted by the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department and includes activities for the entire family. The theme is "I Go Back," and this year's event is dedicated to all past royalty, roughly 95 individuals. Contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, agricultural business, and natural resources highlight Ag Arama weekend. These events serve as an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and skills while interacting with alumni, faculty members, and others. Ag Arama is planned and operated by a committee of students advised by Terrill Bradford and Brenda Miller, both faculty members in the department. Most of the activities open to the public take place on Saturday, January 31, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). [View the full schedule of events.](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2015/01/forty-years-of-fun-celebrated.html)  
<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2015/01/forty-years-of-fun-celebrated.html>.

**The U of M Crookston will host the 66th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair on Friday, February 6, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The event, intended for student competitors

in grades 6 through 12 (including public, private, and homeschooled students), begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. and concludes with an awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Public viewing of the exhibits is open from 2 to 3 p.m. The Western Minnesota Region is one of the eight regions in the state and includes the counties of Big Stone, Becker, Clay, Grant, Mahnomen, Norman, Ottertail, Polk, Traverse, and Wilkin. Learn more, including the full schedule for the day, at [www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair](http://www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair).

## Accolades

**USA TODAY College lists the University of Minnesota Crookston among the ten “safest college campuses in the U.S.”** The U of M Crookston came in at number five. The ranking, which is from College Factual, an online college comparison resource, considers crime reports on-campus, in the surrounding town or city, as well as the surrounding region and utilizes data from the Office of Postsecondary Education and the FBI. View the rankings at <http://college.usatoday.com/2015/01/18/10-of-the-safest-college-campuses-in-the-u-s/>.

**The U of M Crookston’s online bachelor’s degree in communication has been ranked at number one among the “Top Online Communications Degrees for 2015” by Affordable Colleges Online (AC Online).** AC Online is an online resource that examines cost and quality of online degree programs across the nation. The organization collects and analyzes data from government sources and hundreds of colleges and universities to identify top online degree programs in various major fields. Among the scoring metrics used were tuition rates, student-faculty ratio, graduation rates, and financial aid, among others. The full list is available online at [www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/communications-programs](http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/communications-programs).

**The U of M Crookston’s online bachelor’s degree in accounting has been ranked among the 50 best online bachelor’s program in accounting and has received the 2014-15 “Students Before Profits Award” from Nonprofit Colleges Online.** According to the organization, the award “was created to promote nonprofit colleges and universities offering online degree programs that put students before profits and education before the bottom line.” The online programs were ranked according to their affordability and were selected from accredited, nonprofit colleges and universities with objectively lower than average tuition costs. UMC’s online accounting degree came in at #27 out of 50 ranked colleges and universities. The full list is available online at [www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/rankings/best-online-bachelors-in-accounting](http://www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/rankings/best-online-bachelors-in-accounting).

An article by **William Christopher Brown**, lecturer in the Liberal Arts & Education Department, was recently published. “Interviewing for Teaching Jobs: Succeeding Through Rejection and Reflection,” appears in the 2014 issue of the online journal *In Progress*. The article is available online at <http://inprogressjournal.net/current-issue-2014/>.

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