



UMN Crookston Campus Weekly

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Monday Motivation:

“Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.” – Malala Yousafzai. Happy Monday!

From the Vice Chancellor



Welcome back! I hope that your Thanksgiving was meaningful and a time for gratitude. As Chancellor Holz-Clause is travelling abroad this week, I am covering with a weekly update.

For points of pride, I thought I’d share how U of MN Crookston’s incoming New High School (NHS) class compared to NHS students across the University of Minnesota system.

- For the system as a whole, 21% of incoming NHS students were Pell-eligible—at U of MN Crookston, it was 40%—highest in the system.
- 25% of this fall NHS system wide were first-generation college students; our number was 43%, again the highest in the system.
- 50% of U of MN Crookston NHS students came from “Greater Minnesota” (all of Minnesota excluding the Twin Cities)—the highest percentage in the system.
- In terms of percentage, U of MN Crookston also brought in the highest proportion of international students in the system!
- 20% of our incoming NHS were students of color, which compares to 22% for the entire system. I would not necessarily call this a point of pride as we need to do better to catch up with the numbers at area schools such as Crookston High School (25% students of color; 18% Latinx) and Highland Elementary (36% students of color; 25% Latinx).

As we all return to campus, I know that this can be an intense time of year with holiday events and end-of-semester requirements. While we are all busy, this can also be a great time to invite friends and neighbors to visit campus and join in the various sets of festivities—it is a great opportunity to meet our engagement goal “threes” for reaching out to others in the community.

Lastly, I know that many of you have questions about the changes we’re making with enrollment management. I will share more about this in the next update, but for now, let me say thank you to everyone who is working to see possibilities and to think about how the U of MN Crookston of the future will provide more seamless experience for students. I’m excited to hear many of you describe for me your ideas and vision of how our work starts with students’ aspirations, extends through application, admission, and matriculation, and then continues on to graduation and beyond!

Sincerely,

John L. Hoffman

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

“A Year with Frog and Toad”: The University of Minnesota Crookston’s department of music and theatre presents this family-friendly musical starting Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. For more show times and prices, check out the calendar posting [here](#).

Around Campus

A BIG THANK YOU: Congratulations! The donations to the 2019 [United Way of Crookston](#) totaled \$13,773. THANK YOU to the 109 employees from UMN Crookston, Extension Regional Office, and NW Research & Outreach Center. The goal of \$12,000 was surpassed!

DUO Security: A reminder that the University of Minnesota now requires DUO Security (two-factor authentication) at the sign-in page. If you have not updated your password or are not enrolled in the DUO Security program please make sure to do so.

Setting Out-of-Office Messages: When away from the office and setting your out-of-office replies, the following messages are suggested for use for both consistency and professionalism:

[Your Greeting]

Thank you for your email. I’m currently out of the office (**for work or on vacation**) and will be back on (**Date of Return**). During this period, I will be checking my email but will have limited access while I am away.

If the matter is urgent or needs immediate attention, contact me on my cell phone at (**your cell phone number** or contact(**your designate with title**). Otherwise, I will respond to your email as soon as I have the opportunity.

Regards,
[Your Name]

Sample of additional note, if needed:

If you have questions regarding admissions and/or financial aid, contact (**your designate with title**).

[Your Greeting]

Thank you for your email. I’m currently out of the office (**or on extended leave**). Your message is important to me and I will respond as soon as possible; however, my response may be delayed, as I will have intermittent access to my email while I am away.

Thank You,
[Your Name]

These messages are suggested for use when you will be away from the office for a longer period of time or will not have access to your email. When you are away but will continue to check your email, there is no need to set your out of office reply.

Note: Messages may vary by individual and department need.

University of Minnesota System

Save the Date: University of Minnesota Legislative Kickoff Events. Join to find out how you can urge lawmakers to be champions for the University of Minnesota! The event date for the Crookston campus is Wednesday, January 9, 2019, from 9 – 10 a.m. in Bede Ballroom. To register click [here](#). Feel free to bring someone with you. To find out more about the University of Minnesota Advocates please visit the UMN Advocates [homepage](#).

Save the Dates 2019

- * Temple Grandin – January 14, 2019
- * MinnTucky Derby – May 4, 2019
- * Farm to Table – August 9, 2019

Weekly Activities

Monday, November 26, 2018

[Meditation Monday](#)

[Knitting Monday](#)

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

[Color Yourself Calm](#)

[CRU Bible Study](#)

Thursday, November 29, 2018

[CSA Full Board Meeting](#)

[“A Year with Frog and Toad”](#)

Friday, November 30, 2018

[“A Year with Frog and Toad”](#)

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