



## UMN Crookston Campus Weekly

Internal administrative news digest providing the pulse of the campus

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### **Tuesday Motivation:**

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt. Happy Tuesday!



Good Morning,

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered to be part of the Red River Valley Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., yesterday. I wanted to share with you today some of the comments I made yesterday because I feel they

highlight some of the underlying tenets that guide our University.

Each one of us brings our unique story and ways to look at things. Yet, when we open our eyes to seeing and listen to understand, the richness and wisdom of others can enlighten our own thinking and it helps us to make better and more informed decisions in our lives, our communities, and our nation.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was a great man, who worked through civil ways to ensure that voices that hadn't been heard had a place at the table. We honor his legacy at the University of Minnesota and although we have much more to do – we try live what he spoke about. The University of Minnesota continues to be a leader in recruiting and retaining students from under-represented backgrounds. In Fall 2018, the undergraduate student body of the entire University of Minnesota System comprised 22 percent students of color; at two institutions, it was more than 30 percent, and here at Crookston, it was more than 17 percent. Among our total incoming class of new high school and transfer students this fall, over 22 percent were students of color.

The University of Minnesota Crookston continues to emphasize and grow the number of students who are first-generation, from low- and middle-income families, and from Greater Minnesota's rural communities. For Fall 2018, 47 percent of our incoming freshman class were students who are the first in their families to attend college. We provide access to students, and we are proud how our work here transforms lives through education.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Holz-Clause

### **UMN Crookston Point of Pride**

- The UMN Crookston campus awarded 92 percent more degrees compared to 10 years ago (excerpt from President Kaler's remarks for the House of Higher Ed. Committee)



### **Looking Forward to this Week**

**We Are Water Exhibit:** "We Are Water MN," a Minnesota traveling exhibit, will be on display from January 21 to March 4 in the Kiehle Building on the UMN Crookston campus. It features an array of informational and interactive displays such as how groundwater is used in Minnesota. For more information, click [here](#).

**Golden Eagle Admit Day:** This Friday, January 25, 2019, prospective students will be coming to the UMN Crookston campus to see what life here would be like. Some may also be staying overnight for a full UMN Crookston experience! For more information, click [here](#).

### **Making the UMN Crookston Community Proud**

**Award:** Rutherford Johnson was recently awarded the U.S. President's Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteer service.

### **The Buzz Around Campus**

**Wellness Center Director:** In October, the director of UMN Crookston's Wellness Center resigned to pursue other opportunities. The Athletic Department, under the leadership of Kamille Meyer, agreed to take over operations of the Wellness Center on an interim basis. This arrangement has worked well. Under Kamille's guidance, coordination and communication of wellness activities with the campus was enhanced, and overall salary savings were realized. Due to these improvements and efficiencies, we have decided to make these changes to the

Wellness Center permanent.

**Trapper Education Course:** Do you have an interest in trapping? Sign up and learn everything from ethics to getting started with trapping. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Comings and Goings**

**Personnel Changes:** As you have likely noticed, there have been several personnel changes at UMN Crookston over the past several months. We are now adding an occasional “Comings and Goings” section to the weekly e-update as a means of keeping the campus up to date when we have departures and arrivals. This week’s comings and goings is a bit longer as we address a number of recent changes.

- In October, former Wellness Center Director **Katy Johnson** resigned to pursue other opportunities. The Athletic Department, under the leadership of **Kamille Meyer**, agreed to take over operations of the Wellness Center on an interim basis. As this arrangement has worked well, we have decided to make these changes permanent.
  - Given **Kamille Meyer**’s expanded job duties with the Wellness Center, the Athletic Department hired **Hunter Plante** as assistant marketing and communications director. These changes in leadership for the Wellness Center and Athletics have resulted in net salary savings for UMN Crookston as well as improved delivery of important services.
  - **Dr. Bushan Aryal** began at UMN Crookston in January as a new assistant professor of composition in the Department of Liberal Arts and Education.
  - **Aaron Meyer** has announced that he will be stepping down from his role as the Career Center Director after the upcoming career fairs. He is making a career change and will begin working for the local State Farm office.
  - **Cynthia Prom** will step down at the end of this week from her role as Financial Aid Director to work at an accounting firm in Grand Forks.
  - **Amanda Peters** has left her role in admissions to serve as an Academic Core Advisor overseeing one of UND’s seven colleges.
  - After conducting a competitive national search, **Keri Youngstrand** has been named the permanent Director of the Library at UMN Crookston.
  - **Dr. Venugopal Mukku** has assumed the role of Research Labs Director
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- To help manage a number of the changes going on around campus, **Donna Hartel** will temporarily shift her responsibilities, effective February 8, from the Registrar's Office to a split of 1/3 time in Alumni Affairs and 2/3 in Admissions.

### **Scholarships for UMN Crookston Employee's Children**

**Scholarships and Grants:** The UMC Employee Grant provides up to a \$2500 per year scholarship for immediate family members of UMC employees. To find the UMC Employee Grant application, click [here](#). If you have any questions or would like more information contact the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

### **Summer 2019**

- Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp
  - June 12, 2019
  - July 15, 2019
  - August 5, 2019
    - Ages 8-17 years old
    - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
    - UMN Crookston Stables
- Adult Riding Clinic
  - May 29, 2019
  - June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019
    - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
    - UMN Crookston Stables
- Youth Intermediate Riding Clinic
  - May 30, 2019
  - June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019
    - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
    - UMN Crookston Stables

### **Save the Dates**

- Ag Arama – January 26, 2019

- Job and Internship Fair – January 30, 2019
- Equine Exploration Days – February 1 and 2, 2019
- Justin Knebel Ice Fishing Tournament – February 2, 2019
- Western Regional Science Fair – February 9, 2019
- Alumni Recognition at the BB game followed by a post-game social – February 9, 2019
- Arizona Alumni Social – February 15 and 16, 2019
- Professional Development Day – February 18, 2019
- Animal Explorations Days – February 22 and 23, 2019
- MSHSL Tournament – February 28, 2019
- MSHSL Tournament – March 7, 2019
- Natural Resources Exploration Days – March 8 and 9, 2019
- Admit Day – March 15, 2019
- Business Challenge Day – March 27, 2019
- Athletic Banquet and President Kaler's last visit – April 25, 2019
- Teambacker Fun Nite – April 26, 2019
- MinnTucky Derby – May 4, 2019
- Farm to Table – August 9, 2019

### **Weekly Activities**

#### **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

[Polk County Public Health Family Planning & STI Testing](#)

[Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

[Trapper Education Course Begins \(Limit to 20 participants, all ages, open to the public\)](#)

#### **Thursday, January 24, 2019**

[Crookston Student Association Full Board Meeting](#)

[Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

#### **Friday, January 25, 2019**

[Golden Eagle Admit Day](#)

[We Are Water - Visual Art Reception \(free and open to the public\)](#)

[Prize-A-Palooza Game Night](#)



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