



## UMN Crookston Campus Weekly

Internal administrative news digest providing the pulse of the campus

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### **Tuesday Motivation:**

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

For Fall 2018, 47 percent of our incoming freshman class were students who are the first in their families to attend college. Happy Tuesday!



Good Morning Golden Eagles,

This past week several of us have been visiting with the snowbird alumni and friends in Arizona and California. Through a series of events, luncheons, and one-on-one meetings, Brandy Chaffee and I have had excellent conversations

with existing and potential donors. Many of these alumni are Northwest School of Agriculture alums who are at that stage in their life where they have financial resources and want to support their alma mater. Philanthropic contributions provide us resources that are often times less restrictive than state and tuition dollars. Many of our students are the recipients of scholarship monies from these generous donors. But philanthropy isn't just money. It is the generosity of people giving their time and networks to help our students be successful. Some of the alums have agreed to help open a door for our students to get internships and others have agreed to serve as mentors and come in and share their expertise in the classroom or serve on our PIACs. Please let us know if you have an interest in learning more about our alumni and friends to come into your classroom and we will connect you. Thanks to Rose Ulseth, Brandy Chaffee, and Intern Lauren Wallace for arranging so many details for the trip.

Dr. Hoffman and Sue Erickson have been doing some deep data dives to understand our students better. Within the entire system, UMN Crookston serves the largest numbers of students from rural communities, student-athletes, students who receive Pell-grants, students who are the first in their families to go to college, and adult students studying online. Over the past five years, we've grown the number of Asian students by 18 percent, the number of Latinx students by 46 percent, and we have the second highest per capita of African American students among the five system campuses.

And as you know, we also offer a number of programs that are unique, innovative, and high quality. For example, the pre-veterinary program has a placement rate for veterinary school that is nearly four times the national average, our finance and accounting programs have been ranked in the top 5-10 percent by CollegeFactual, our education and criminal justice programs are unique in how they embed licensure and certification so that students can go directly from graduation to the workforce. We offer the only aviation program in the country with emphases in agriculture, natural resources, and law enforcement.

Stay warm and good luck to our athletic teams in the coming week. Go Golden Eagles!

Sincerely,

Chancellor Holz-Clause

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

**Animal Science Exploration Days:** High school juniors and seniors will get the chance to explore the animal science industry and career opportunities, while getting firsthand experiences in labs, and much more! For more information, click [here](#).

**Class Schedules:** Class schedules will be available for Summer and Fall 2018 today (Tuesday, February 19, 2019). For more information, click [here](#).

### **Important Announcements:**

#### **New resources for Multilingual Students and Faculty/Staff Who Support Them:**

The Minnesota English Language Program (MELP), has created a resource website for multilingual students and faculty who support and work with multilingual students ([esl.umn.edu](http://esl.umn.edu)). Some of the material is TC campus specific, but, there are many great resources and tips that are relevant across the system.

**Commencement Procession:** Faculty and Staff participating in the Commencement Procession who need regalia (cap/gown/hood) will need to personally purchase or rent this from the UMN Crookston bookstore by March 15. There are no longer campus funds to pay for this. There is a sale going on for these items, so now is a good time for this. Leanne or Kim in the bookstore can help you with this.

**Campus Assembly:** The next UMN Crookston Campus Assembly will be held on (Wednesday, March 13) from 12 - 1 p.m. or slightly longer in Bede Ballroom. We had to change the date as the originally scheduled date had a conflict arise that would not allow the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor to attend. Please mark your calendars and attend if you are able.

### **Community Highlights**

**Coffee Exploration:** Jerry Snow, owner/proprietor of Cofé Bistro (Chickadee Coffee Roasters), will host an introduction to coffee in the Prairie Lounge, Sargeant

Student Center at the University of Minnesota Crookston from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

### **The Buzz Around Campus**

**Job Fair:** Sign up for the job fair in the Twin Cities (2/22/19) at Eagle's Nest.

**Faculty Highlight:** Dr. Sameer Abufardeh, associate professor, Department of Math, Science and Technology at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Dr. Abufardeh's expertise is in the fields of software engineering and information technology management, and his research area is cybersecurity. Dr. Abufardeh's research focuses on understanding the phishing victim profile and how to use this information to keep people and systems safe from cyber attacks. Dr. Abufardeh explains that the first line of defense in protecting people from phishing attacks is understanding the dynamics of phishing and the psychology of both the attacker and the victim, and analyzing users' decision-making strategies in reaction to phishing attacks. His work is unique because it does not focus on cybersecurity tools, but rather the profiles of cyber attack victims given perpetrators of cyber attacks use psychological vulnerabilities to trick people into providing information - crimes that lead to several billion dollars of lost revenue each year. Dr. Abufardeh and his multi-disciplinary team develop and test new data mining-based tools and techniques that can be used to protect against phishing attacks. Dr. Abufardeh also has undergraduate students on his research team, which enhances the educational experience of the University of Minnesota Crookston students lucky enough to get to contribute to this important work. Dr. Abufardeh's work is helping to keep the people and systems of Minnesota and the nation safer from phishing attacks and is providing valuable research experiences to the future software engineers and IT professionals of our state.

**Professor Features:** Professor Rutherford Cd. Johnson was featured in WalletHub's piece about cash back credit cards. To read the article, click [here.](#)

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:** It's tax time. The UMN Crookston Business Department is providing the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program to low-income households in Crookston and the region. The program is also open to college students. The tax preparation service, provided by students enrolled in

the ACCT 4420 *Income Tax Preparation* course, **begins Tuesday, February 19, and goes through April 5.**

**VITA Office Location:** Dowell Hall 117

**Vita Office Phone Number:** 218-281-8595

- Clients can use this number to call for appointments
- The number has voice mail for clients to leave a message
- Students will check voice mail messages daily

**VITA Hours of Operation:**

- Monday - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Excludes Spring Break Week (March 18 - 22)

If you have any additional programs about the VITA program, you can call Jana Brekken at 8176.

**College T-Shirts:**

- An elementary school teacher noticed her students didn't have college t-shirts to wear on Wednesdays when the district encourages kids to wear them as a way to keep them dreaming big. To read the full story, click [here](#). **(Excerpt from article in kaxn news).**
- Armando Serrano, 2002 UMN Crookston graduate who majored in Applied studies, read the story and e-mailed the teacher who was featured:

*Hello,*

*I watched the KXAN news story on your university shirt project which I think is so inspiring because when I was that age, I knew that a university level education was my way out of poverty.*

*I was 4 years old when my family moved from Mexico to North Dakota to work in the sugar beet fields. I worked in the fields from about 6 years old until I was 15. I started working at Hardee's at 15 and immediately got a raise working at \$4.50/hr.*

*Throughout my journey, I had teachers that believed in me and guided me through my career path. I wasn't the brightest student, but I did OK. I graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Respiratory Care from the University of Minnesota-Crookston campus. Four years of college which I completed in 3 years while working full time at Hardee's.*

*I want to send you t-shirts from my alma mater. I'm unsure of what size to get for 3rd graders. Adult small or youth Large? Is 5T too small? We don't have any kids so I'm unsure of the sizes that 3rd graders wear.*

*Thank you for what you do, and the great impact and influence you have in today's youth.*

*Sincerely,*

*Armando*

- After receiving this e-mail, the elementary school teacher, reached out to Eric Morgan (2012 UMN Crookstn graduate), in the UMN Crookston admissions department, and he send over six UMN Crookston t-shirts for the kids.
- The elementary school teacher was very grateful and sent over the photo of the kids wearing the shirts (shown below).



### **In the Coming Weeks...**

**The Mousetrap:** A theatrical performance of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" will make its debut in Kiehle Auditorium at the University of Minnesota Crookston in early March. The play will run from Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. On Saturday, March 9, audiences are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m. to enjoy the musical stylings of the five-piece brass and woodwind quartet, "Windblown," who will also entertain during intermission at Saturday's performance. Admission for "The Mousetrap" is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for UMN Crookston students.

### **Cast:**

#### **Standing left to right:**

Harsha Praveen, Navjot Singh, Mathias Braun, Austin Holweger and Anthony Kampa

#### **Sitting left to right:**

Caroline Colbert, Emma Howey and Hannah Colbert



## Comings and Goings

- **Kimberly Jenkins**, Environmental Health & Safety Specialist, UMN Crookston Facilities and Operations
- **Lisa Samuelson** has agreed to extend her interim appointment as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. She will continue as the Associate Vice Chancellor through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

## 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**

- Animal Explorations Days – February 22 and 23, 2019
- Job and Internship Fair at the University of Minnesota from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. – February 22, 2019
- Emerging Student Leadership Experience (Heritage Hall, 3 - 8 p.m.) – February 24, 2019
- Open Ride night with the Horseman's Club and Rodeo Club and fundraiser for the Study Abroad Club for the trip to Ireland from 5 - 7 p.m. in UTOC – February 25, 2019
- We Are Water Agriculture Water Forum – February 25
- We Are Water Family Night – February 26
- Leslie Janecka, KEMI Internship Coordinator, will present at UMN Crookston in UTOC (6:30 p.m.) – February 26
- Master of Nursing Information Session (Admissions Conference Room in Owen Hall, 2 - 3 p.m.) – February 26
- MSHSL Tournament – February 28, 2019
- IHSA Regionals in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) – March 1-3, 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

- Basic/beginner riding clinic with Polk County 4-H at UTOC Arena from 6 - 8 p.m. – April 2, 2019
- Athletic Banquet and President Kaler's last visit – April 25, 2019
- Teambacker Fun Nite – April 26, 2019
- MinnTucky Derby – May 4, 2019
- Northern Great Plains Youth Institute – May 6, 2019
- Farm to Table – August 9, 2019

### **Weekly Activities**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

[Class Schedules Available for Summer and Fall 2019](#)

[Color Yourself to Calm](#)

[NACTA Car Wash Fundraiser Appointments](#)

[Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

[Coffee Exploration](#)

**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

[Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

**Friday, February 22, 2019**

[Animal Science Exploration Days](#)

[The Writing Hour \(faculty & staff\)](#)



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