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University of Minnesota Crookston

## Leadership Letter

### From Chancellor Holz-Clause

Good morning Golden Eagles,

These are exciting times at the University of Minnesota Crookston. More than 300 students were awarded diplomas from the University of Minnesota earlier this month. Our graduating seniors are getting exciting positions or going on to graduate and professional school. In fact our students who wish to become veterinarians are accepted into veterinary school at a rate four times the national average.



This year we have graduates who are going to professional schools to become attorneys and some will study to become veterinarians, medical doctors, optometrists, physical therapists, dentists, anesthesiologists, and other health professionals. Others are going to graduate school to study microbiology, bioinformatics, economics, finance and agronomy.

The workplaces at Cargill, Syngenta, Digi-Key, CHS and many of our local farm cooperatives will have new University of Minnesota Crookston alums. Some of our students will manage golf courses while others will keep your streets, roads, forests, rivers, and parks safe and managed through their public service employment. Alumni

will be on farms through Minnesota, and North and South Dakota growing your food, while others will be filling your prescriptions or taking care of your pets. Others will be writing code to keep your lights on, reservations made or records current. The opportunities and job opportunities for our graduates are incredibly varied and interesting. We wish them all well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Many local high schools are celebrating commencement too. While many of these students will be choosing to continue their education, a few may be asking is the investment of time and money to attain a post-secondary education worth it?

According to the Association of Public and Land -grant Universities (APLU), while just 48 percent of working age Americans (<https://z.umn.edu/4cc2>) have some postsecondary credential, projections suggest 65 percent of all the jobs in the American economy will require postsecondary education by next year. (<https://z.umn.edu/4cc3>) And forecasts suggest the share of jobs requiring a college education will only rise further in decades to come.

The typical bachelor's degree holder earns \$24,336 more annually than the typical high school graduate with no college education. Over a lifetime, this premium translates into an additional \$1 million in earnings. Investing in stocks has yielded an annual return of 7 percent since 1950. The return for a college degree today is about 15 percent (<https://z.umn.edu/4cc4>).

But it isn't all about money.

Peter McPerson CEO of APLU summarizes that compared with individuals whose highest degree is a high school diploma, college graduates are 3 times less likely to be impoverished, 4.9 times less likely to be imprisoned and 3.9 times less likely to be a regular smoker. Those with bachelor's degrees are also more than twice as likely to volunteer, 44 percent more likely to report being in good or excellent health and they donate 3.4 times as much to charity. What's more, graduates are considerably more likely to vote and hold leadership positions in civic organizations. Life expectancy is an astonishing decade longer (<https://z.umn.edu/4cc5>) for college graduates at age 25. To be sure, it's hard to draw a direct causal link between a college education and some of these benefits. College graduates may live longer, for instance, in part because they have access to better health care.

But even so, it's safe to conclude that a college education and its attendant benefits play an important role in lifting a graduate's economic fortunes—creating far-reaching effects that improve many other aspects of their lives.

Higher education helps students unlock their latent potential as they discover new

knowledge and build skills they previously lacked. Education transforms lives.

Sincerely,  
Chancellor Holz-Clause



**In terms of percentage, UMN Crookston also brought the highest proportion of international students into the system.**

## Campus Announcement

### From Vice Chancellor Hoffman

It is with sadness I share that the University of Minnesota Crookston will suspend admission of new students to the B.S. in Aviation program and initiate a process of teaching out classes for its current aviation students.



Aviation at UMN Crookston dates back to our founding as a two-year technical college in 1967 when several of our first college students formed "The Flying Trojans" club. Over the more than 50 years since then, aviation education evolved into an academic degree program that has produced nearly 150 alumni specializing in aviation for agriculture, natural resources, and law enforcement. The program has been bolstered through its partnership with UND Aerospace and through strong support from dedicated alumni, Kyle Tucker and other faculty, and students. We are grateful for their leadership and contributions. However, with changing Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements and increasing equipment and technology costs, the program has become unsustainable at the small scale provided at UMN Crookston.

As a part of our commitment to our students and their success, UMN Crookston will provide additional scholarships to eligible aviation students for 2019-2020 to provide further support as they complete academic and flight requirements for their degrees.

Additionally, UND Aerospace has agreed to continue as a partner with UMN Crookston in the coming year to help current students complete all remaining flight training requirements.



## UMN CROOKSTON JUNIOR CHRIS CALL

Building Leaders: UMN Crookston Junior Chris Call Attends Five-day Workshop Focused on Conservation Profession

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### Highlights

#### Registrar Appointment

Jason Tangquist has agreed to serve as the Registrar on a one-year interim appointment in 2019-2020.

#### Department Chairs Announced

After reviewing feedback from faculty in each of our four departments, the following four individuals been appointed to one-year terms as “department chairs.”

- Agriculture & Natural Resources – John Loegering
- Business – Kara Bowen
- Math, Science, & Technology – Venu Mukku
- Liberal Arts & Education – Mark Huglen

### **Thank you to our ground crew!**

The grounds crew transforms the grounds at the University of Minnesota Crookston every spring. Staff and student workers plant flowers and care for the grounds making the campus a grounds crew 2019summer stop for many. Thank you to the grounds team for their hard work making the campus beautiful! To read more click [here](#)



### **New Art Committee**

Members of the Art Committee:

George French, Jim Schaar, Gail Myers, Jeff Knack, Leah Stroot, Cassandra Morthera, Rae French, Gary Stegman, Trey Everett, Katya Obisakin, and Janica Stewart

The committee plans to get started on a few projects this summer like cataloging our existing art and compiling a list of art funding sources.

### **Crookston Pickleball Association**

The Crookston Pickleball Association presented Kamille Meyer, director of the Wellness Center at UMN Crookston, with a check. To read more click [here](#)



### **Farm to Table**

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Crookston!  
The Farm to Table Dinner 2019 is slated for August 9, 2019.  
Please mark your calendars and purchase your tickets today, seating is limited.  
Get tickets [here](#)



## PoP Club

The Power of Produce (PoP) Club will be back at the Crookston Farmers market this summer starting on Thursday, June 27. Last year was a huge success and we need the help of volunteers again this summer!

Please consider volunteering an hour of your time and be apart of a fun event for youth and seniors this summer at the Crookston Farmers Market.

Click [here](#) to see times/dates.

## Google Team Drives

Google Team Drives will become Shared Drives:

Google recently announced that the [Team Drives](#) feature of Google Drive will be renamed Shared Drives. All features and permissions will stay the same. The change will begin starting May 21. [Learn more about the name change.](#)

## Faculty and Staff Announcements

### Welcome

- Kylie Solheim, UMN Crookston Facilities and Operations
- Austin Sommerfeld, UMN Crookston Development and Alumni Relations
- Harshavardhan Praveen, UMN Crookston Math, Science, and Technology
- Sydney Anderson, UMN Crookston Facilities and Operations
- Christy Doyea, UMN Crookston Agriculture and Natural Resources

### Farewell

- Richard Johnson, Ph. D., Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Stacie Varnson, Academic Success Center
- Thad Jackson, Business Department

## Events



### Summer Orientation

Summer Orientation sessions (formerly Registration Days) will be: June 10, 2019 June 17, 2019 June 21, 2019 July 29, 2019 Learn more at: <https://z.umn.edu/UMCFYE>

Mon, Jun 10 •  
University of Minnesota Crookston



### Mark Olsonawksi Scholarship Golf Tournament

The University of Minnesota Crookston Teambackers promotes this golf tournament in Hallock to benefit the Mark Olsonawski Endowed Scholarship and recognizes...

Thu, Jun 13 9am •  
Two Rivers Golf Club

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